



WFP ACTION PLEDGES TO THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME
**Pledge #2: Scaling up local and community-based projects to
reduce vulnerability**

Background

WFP fights hunger on the front lines of complex humanitarian crises. Some of these crises—such as droughts and floods, crop failures, degradation of natural resources, and conflicts over access to natural resources—will increasingly be linked to or exacerbated by climate change. As the world’s largest humanitarian agency, WFP’s experience and capacity as an implementing partner for governments across the world are critical contributions to the global response to climate change.

WFP has the capacity to implement community-based projects that help reduce social and environmental vulnerabilities of food insecure households and communities and help them adapt to climate change through extensive network of 76 country offices, 270 sub-offices and 9,000 staff in the field, often in high-risk settings.

Overall objectives

- Respond to NWP Call for Action 5 and Call for Action 6: *“Promoting the development and dissemination of methods and tools for assessment and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions, and integration with sustainable development;”* and *“collecting, analysing and disseminating information on past and current practical adaptation actions and measures, including adaptation projects, short- and long-term adaptation strategies, and local and indigenous knowledge,”* corresponding to the **adaptation planning and practices** work area of the NWP.
- Scale up local and community-based adaptation to increase socio-economic resilience to climate change by deploying targeted employment and training programmes that help food insecure groups adapt to climate change.

Project purpose

- Prepare for the increased risk of hunger associated with climate change by augmenting WFP’s adaptation- and mitigation-related targeted employment and training programmes.
- Help local communities in developing countries take an active role in building their own resilience to climate change.

Activities

- Gear targeted employment and training initiatives toward increasing reliance and adaptive capacity to climate change.
- Undertake specific climate change adaptation and mitigation oriented public work programmes, including: pond construction and rehabilitation; well construction and rehabilitation; dam construction and rehabilitation; water conservation infrastructure completion and rehabilitation; irrigation systems construction and maintenance; drainage system construction and rehabilitation; flood defence infrastructure development; land rehabilitation; afforestation and reforestation; dune fixation and maintenance; terracing and crop diversification.
- Consult experts in climate change science, vulnerability, adaptation, agricultural production, food supply networks, etc., and adjust WFP’s existing field operations accordingly.

Expected outcomes

- Continued contribution to reducing vulnerabilities to disasters associated with climate change through a nuanced toolbox of responses.

