

USDA \$452 million agreement with WFP. By Anna Gawel, *Devex Newswire*, 29 Jan 2026

Peaceful transfer of power

The transfer of Food for Peace — America’s flagship global hunger program — from the State Department to the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) had been talked about for months but not officially announced.

Now we know for sure that [USDA is taking over the program](#), Elissa writes, and in addition, it has **entered into a \$452 million agreement** with the [World Food Programme](#), according to emails obtained by Devex.

“The [World Food Programme] funding will help U.S. producers move American-grown food to people in need around the world, sending nearly 211,000 tons of U.S. agricultural goods to people in need in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, and Rwanda,” states a press release attached to the email.

Food for Peace will follow an “America First” approach, according to the release — one that requires WFP and all of USDA’s other foreign assistance partners to institute “strict accountability measures to prevent waste, fraud and abuse,” reduce long-term dependency on foreign aid, and procure commodities of “100% U.S. origin.”

“I am thrilled USDA can make that happen through America First international food assistance programs,” says **Luke Lindberg**, the undersecretary of agriculture for trade and foreign agricultural affairs, in a related statement. “Under USDA, the Food for Peace program will benefit American farmers and producers and help people in need around the world in a way that respects hardworking American taxpayers.”

According to the press release, the initial Food for Peace award to WFP will lead to **bulk purchase of U.S.-grown agricultural commodities by March**. Additional awards will be posted publicly “as funds become available.”

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