Wars, droughts, economic collapse and other disasters disrupt access to basic necessities. This map shows sources of international financial donations intended to provide food for people whose normal way of getting food has failed.

In 2005 governments contributed about US$ 2.5 billion to food aid programmes. Half of this came from the United States; a third was from territories in Western Europe. These are some of the richest territories. A further US$ 0.5 billion was contributed by international organisations, individuals and charities. Food aid is a temporary measure dealing only with the immediate problem.

Territory size shows the proportion of all contributions to international food aid programmes that come from governments there.

**Technical notes**

- Data are from the World Food Programme Annual Report, 2005.
- No contribution recorded for 131 territories.
- Contributions from the following sources cannot be simply assigned a territory, so are not mapped: United Nations, African Development Bank, European Union, Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, and others.
- See website for further information.

“When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor are poor, they call me a communist.”

Dom Helder Camara, 2004