

WFP Procurement Beyond Food

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The World Food Programme (WFP) buys food, but its operations also depend on a wide range of non-food goods and services. WFP describes its purchasing as extending “from food to fuel, trucks to tech” and identifies vehicles and spare parts, technical equipment and services, infrastructure, storage and insurance among its needs. For manufacturers and service providers, the useful starting point is to understand where their offering fits within a specific operational requirement.

A broad procurement market

Food commodities and specialized nutritious foods remain central to WFP’s work. Delivering assistance also requires transport, equipment, facilities and supporting services. WFP sources from international, regional and local suppliers according to operational needs. The products, delivery locations and contract conditions of a particular tender determine whether an opportunity is a sound fit for a business.

How prospective suppliers engage

WFP encourages prospective suppliers to register through the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM). Registration does not guarantee an invitation to tender. WFP says it considers a company’s experience, ability to perform and financial soundness when deciding whether to invite it.

WFP is gradually moving procurement activity to SmartSourcing, a platform based on Coupa. Its public supplier page offers current guides and frequently asked questions. Suppliers should follow the instructions attached to each opportunity during this transition.

Supplier guidance and contacts

- **Registration criteria:** [Doing Business with the United Nations World Food Programme](#)
- **International food suppliers and other goods or services:** Contact WFP’s supplier team at wfp_suppliers.srm@wfp.org
- **Transport and associated logistics services:** Contact the nearest WFP office <https://www.wfp.org/countries>
- **Evaluation of a new food:** Send technical questions to hq.newfoodscommittee@wfp.org

What to assess before pursuing an opportunity

A prospective supplier should assess whether its product or service matches the stated requirement, whether it can meet the delivery and performance conditions, and whether it has the evidence and capacity to support a credible bid. UNGM registration is only a starting point; the tender documents govern the response.

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WFP’s purchasing breadth creates entry points beyond food procurement. The commercial decision requires category-specific research into demand, operational requirements and supplier competition. **IPSC Global can help businesses develop a tailored assessment of relevant WFP categories, demand patterns and supplier fit.**

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