Who we are

Welthungerhilfe (WHH) is one of the largest non-profit aid organisations in Germany with no political or religious affiliation. It was founded in 1962 under the umbrella of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Since it was founded, more than 9,331 overseas projects in 70 countries have been supported with 3.71 billion euros.

Welthungerhilfe (WHH) works on the principle of help for self-help: from fast disaster relief to reconstruction and long-term development cooperation projects with national and international partner organisations.

Welthungerhilfe in the Region

In Turkey | Welthungerhilfe (WHH) coordinates its assistance with the Ministry of Interior Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) and the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD), the Turkish Red Crescent, the United Nations as well as local and international humanitarian organisations. Our activities aim to improve the living conditions of Syrian and non-Syrian refugees as well as vulnerable host communities. In addition, we foster social cohesion between different cultures.

In Syria | Welthungerhilfe (WHH) works with local implementing partners inside Idlib and rural Aleppo Governorates to provide humanitarian assistance to internally displaced people and vulnerable host communities. In Northern Syria we carry out projects activities in various IDP camps inside A’zaz in coordination with the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD).

In Lebanon | Welthungerhilfe (WHH) promotes agricultural and economic development activities together with its Alliance2015 partner Concern Worldwide and its national partner the Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training (LOST). We carry out various activities inside Akkar and Baalbek-Hermel Governorate to strengthen resilience and improve livelihoods of Syrian refugees and host communities affected by the Syrian crisis.

Our Vision

A world in which everyone has the chance to claim the right to an independent life with dignity and justice, free from hunger and poverty. We fight against global hunger and for sustainable food security. This includes promoting site-oriented agriculture, access to clean water, environmentally friendly energy supplies and improving health and education. In this regard, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and its partners within the framework of our Syrian Crisis Response Program are committed to being competent, efficient and effective actors, of delivering humanitarian aid to most vulnerable war effected Syrians and of strengthening integration and self-reliance of beneficiaries in urban, rural and camp settings.

Our Principles

Our aim is to improve people’s lives sustainably in the long term. We work using the principle of “help for self-help”.

Our actions are guided by the conviction that all people are equal in value, they have inalienable rights, and they should be able to control their own lives.

Our actions are intended to improve the prospects of present and future generations, in a healthy environment and a fair society.
We ensure survival
In emergency situations, we fight the immediate hunger, but also set the foundation for long-term improvements of people’s living conditions. Whenever possible, we cooperate with local partner organisations.

We fight hunger
We want all people to be able to feed themselves with enough food at all times. Sustainable cultivation methods, improved seed, storage opportunities and the protection of natural resources help us to accomplish our goals.

We supply water and hygiene
Poor hygiene and inadequate water supply cause life-threatening diseases, which in turn aggravate hunger and poverty. We improve these conditions by supplying clean drinking water and better hygiene standards.

We ensure healthy nutrition
Consultations on balanced food, as well as seminars on breastfeeding and nutrition contributes to people being able to have a healthy diet.

We overcome poverty
We build up people’s capacity to improve their economic future and the quality of life. It is a process by which local government, the private and non-profit sectors and local communities work collectively to create better conditions for economic growth and employment generation.

We build capacities
We are strengthening the capacity of local partner organisations. Our activities build up the competences of various actors in relation to joint programme work, dialogues, knowledge exchange, networking and alliance building as well as resource mobilisation.