

World Food Programme wins Nobel Peace Prize

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The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is the winner of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize. It was awarded the prize by the Nobel Committee in Norway on Friday. The Nobel judges spoke about why they gave the award to the WFP. They

said the WFP got the award, "for its efforts to combat hunger" and "for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas". They said another reason was that the WFP acted, "as a driving force to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict". The WFP tweeted: "We are deeply humbled to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. This is an incredible recognition of the dedication of the WFP family, working to end hunger every day in 80-plus countries."

The World Food Programme is the largest humanitarian organization in the world. Last year, it gave help to more than 97 million people in 88 countries. Its workers and volunteers often work in extremely dangerous conditions. These can be in remote, hard-to-access areas of the world. Over two-thirds of its work is in conflict-affected countries. People in war zones are three times more likely to be undernourished than those in countries without conflict. The COVID-19 pandemic has added to global food insecurity. The WFP said: "There will likely be 265 million starving people within a year." The UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, called the WFP "the world's first responder on the frontlines of food insecurity".

Sources: un.org / thehill.com / apnews.com / youtube.com

Writing

All governments should give more money to the World Food Programme. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

United Nations / food / programme / award / combat / peace / hunger / weapon / humanitarian / organization / volunteers / remote / undernourished / insecurity

True / False

- a) The Nobel Committee in Sweden awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize. T / F
- b) The Nobel judges did not comment on why the WFP got the award. T / F
- c) The WFP got the award for encouraging peace in conflict areas. T / F
- d) The WFP tries to end hunger daily in over 80 countries. T / F
- e) The WFP helped 88 million people last year. T / F
- f) More than two-thirds of the WFP's work is in war zones. T / F
- g) People in war zones are twice as likely to be undernourished. T / F
- h) The WFP said 265 million people will be starving in the next year. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. prize | a. hungry |
| 2. combat | b. greatly |
| 3. prevent | c. great |
| 4. deeply | d. fight |
| 5. incredible | e. faraway |
| 6. organization | f. inside |
| 7. remote | g. award |
| 8. undernourished | h. probably |
| 9. likely | i. stop |
| 10. within | j. group |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about the Nobel Peace Prize?
- b) How do you feel about the WFP getting the Nobel Peace Prize?
- c) Do you think all Nobel Prize winners deserve the prize?
- d) How can we reduce world hunger?
- e) How much good does the United Nations do?
- f) Should we all give money to the World Food Programme?
- g) Would you like to work for the World Food Programme?
- h) What advice do you have for the World Food Programme?

Phrase Match

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| 1. its efforts to combat | a. to be undernourished |
| 2. a driving | b. the WFP family |
| 3. We are deeply | c. organization in the world |
| 4. recognition of the dedication of | d. volunteers |
| 5. working to end hunger every day | e. force |
| 6. the largest humanitarian | f. humbled |
| 7. Its workers and | g. areas of the world |
| 8. remote, hard-to-access | h. in 80-plus countries |
| 9. three times more likely | i. the frontlines |
| 10. the world's first responder on | j. hunger |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about the World Food Programme?
- What would it be like to work for the World Food Programme?
- Why are there so many hungry people in the world?
- Why are there so many conflict zones in the world?
- How will COVID-19 affect world hunger?
- What would it be like to have no food?
- What questions would you like to ask the World Food Programme?

Spelling

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- the world's first ndperorse

Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. a	9. h	10. f

Role Play

Role A – Food

You think food is the most important humanitarian cause. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their causes aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): clean water, education or vaccines.

Role B – Clean Water

You think clean water is the most important humanitarian cause. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their causes aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): food, education or vaccines.

Role C – Education

You think education is the most important humanitarian cause. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their causes aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): clean water, food or vaccines.

Role D – Vaccines

You think vaccines are the most important humanitarian cause. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their causes aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): clean water, education or food.

Speaking – Humanitarian

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important causes at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Mine clearing | • Food |
| • Shelter | • Clean water |
| • Vaccines | • Toilets |
| • Small loans | • Education |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.