

**Question for written answer E-013759/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Support for the World Food Programme

In 2014, UN World Food Programme projects helped approximately 80 million people throughout the world. The Programme does vital work providing for refugees and victims of natural disasters, and enabling them to get back on their feet again. Its contribution to sustainable development aid and to coping with emergencies, such as mass flight from crisis situations, is absolutely essential. In recent years, however, countries including many EU Member States have cut back or simply stopped their financial support for the World Food Programme, making it very difficult for it to carry on.

1. What practical steps is the Commission taking to secure the continued existence of the World Food Programme?
2. How, specifically, does the Commission intend to get the Member States to contribute to the World Food Programme?
3. What cuts in support for the Programme is the Commission aware of, and why were they made?