



WORLD FOOD DAY 2021

WORLD FOOD DAY (WFD) 2021 THEME:

“Our actions are our future. Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life”.



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OBJECTIVES OF WORLD FOOD DAY (WFD)

- To heighten public awareness on the recently developed SDGs & the way in which they would address issues of poverty, hunger & malnutrition in the world & in the country.
- To further raise awareness on the different types of produce that constitute a balanced diet.
- To share with the public and the agricultural sector, information on issues of climate change and its effects on the sector, create awareness regarding climate smart agriculture, climate change adaptation & disaster risk reduction.
- To engage all stakeholders on the impact of migration on agriculture, food supply, water supply, smallholder and subsistence farmers and food security in general.
- To enhance the participation of rural people, particularly women and the underprivileged in decisions and events affecting their living conditions.
- Encourage diversified agricultural production to improve food nutrition and safety nets.
- And to stimulate agricultural production and trade in poorer areas, through cooperation and collaborations with other stakeholders.



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BACKGROUND OF WORLD FOOD DAY (WFD)

The World Food Day (WFD) was first observed by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in 1980. The year 2021 therefore marks the 41st anniversary of the WFD and 76th anniversary of the FAO. WFD is commemorated annually to promote global awareness and advocate for collective action to assist those who suffer from hunger and highlights the need to ensure healthy diets for all.

Since its return as a member of the United Nations, The Republic of South Africa (RSA) through the former Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), now known as Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) has been commemorating the WFD.

The FAO of the United Nations (UN) chose the 16th October as WFD in 1979.



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WORLD FOOD DAY (WFD) IN SOUTH AFRICA (SA)

The leadership of the DALRRD has since used the opportunity of the WFD to engage with communities to address issues of poverty, hunger and malnutrition.

The development agenda of SA continues to place food security high on the country's developmental agenda with DALRRD prioritising food security, job creation and contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The SA government plays a major role in eradicating poverty and hunger in attempts to meet the requirements of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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ACTIVITIES OF WORLD FOOD DAY (WFD)

Provision of support to indigent households and agricultural projects

Minister Didiza, of the DALRRD, has emphasised a three-year support plan to the hosting District as part of the District Development Plan approach. The District beneficiaries will receive support together with production inputs.

Virtual WFD commemoration

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the minister and various stakeholders will host virtual presentations, which members of the public can join.

Local beneficiation

The procurement of goods and services for the WFD should benefit rural and peri-urban communities to boost local economies in the identified local municipalities.



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