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An overview of WFP Haiti's activities, achievements and targets



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Executive summary

WFP has been in Haiti since 1969, providing **humanitarian assistance** during emergencies, and **supporting development** through long-term solutions to end hunger, address undernutrition and strengthen national social protection, education and food systems. To reach its goal of Zero Hunger, WFP implemented some of its flagship programmes such as home-grown school feeding, and has supported the Government of Haiti through policy development and capacity building.

In addition, WFP's robust **logistics** and **supply chain capacities**, including the **United Nations Humanitarian Air Service**, allows it to reach people in need in hard-to-reach areas and to support other UN agencies and NGOs present in Haiti.

The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) covering September 2022 to February 2023, highlights that almost half the population in Haiti, or **4.7 million people**, are **acutely food insecure** (IPC 3+). Close to 1.8 million are now in Emergency phase (IPC 4), an increase of nearly half a million since the previous analysis, and **19,200 people** are facing **catastrophic hunger** (IPC 5), a first in Haiti and in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. Food security trends show a **steady deterioration** of the food security situation **since 2016**.

In **2022**, WFP supported **1.8 million people** in Haiti, and aims to support **2.5 million people in 2023**. The country office needs **USD 155.2 million** to be able to implement its operations in the next **six months** (February 2023 – July 2023).



WFP's emergency response in Haiti

Through its emergency programmes, WFP provides **unconditional food** and **cash assistance** to vulnerable households and ensures contingency stocks and preparedness measures are put in place to respond to shocks.

In **2022**, WFP supported **722,665** people with **5,381 mt** of food, 325,378 hot meals, and **USD 22.9 million** of cash-based transfers. WFP's goal in **2023** is to reach **1.47 million people**, representing 80% of people facing emergency level of food insecurity, with 15,198 mt of food and USD 86,7 million.

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In urban areas, WFP assists beneficiaries with cash transfers, and in semi-urban and rural areas with in-kind and cash-based transfers. Cash-based transfers aim to cover around **70 percent** of the improved food basket, while the food rations are calculated to **meet a household's needs for one month**.

The **security situation** in Haiti has worsened throughout the year, especially after the beginning of the complex crisis in September 2022, and accessing beneficiaries has become more challenging. WFP Haiti created an Access unit to **enable access to populations** affected

by violence, and safeguard logistics routes. Additionally, on 27 October, a Corporate Scale-Up Emergency was activated for Haiti.

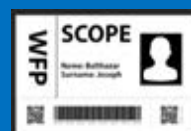
As part of WFP's **rapid responses**, 325,378 hot meals were distributed across four departments in 2022, to assist with:

- **Armed-group violence**, leading to urban displacement and month-long internally-displaced people crisis in the Metropolitan area of Port au Prince;
- **Mass repatriations** requiring a hot meal response in the North-East, Center and West departments;
- **Cholera response** in the Artibonite and West departments, including the Metropolitan Area of Port au Prince. Additionally, a second helicopter was contracted in 2022 and most of its flying time was dedicated to supporting the cholera response.

WFP's emergency activities were **underfunded** in 2022, and WFP could only reach 60 percent of its initial target of 1.2 million people due to the funding shortfalls and complex emergency.

Beneficiaries without IDs can still access WFP programmes by registering on **SCOPE**, WFP's proprietary beneficiary management platform.

They **retrieve assistance** with a **SCOPE card**, which is used to verify the recipient's identity.





WFP as the main implementer of policy and social protection activities in Haiti

Social protection programmes are the set of policies and programmes aimed at preventing or protecting all people against poverty, vulnerability, and social exclusion throughout their lifecycles, with a particular emphasis towards vulnerable groups.

WFP supported the Government in the development of the **National Social Protection and Promotion Policy** (NSPPP), adopted in June 2020. This policy provides the institutional framework for all future social protection initiatives. Since its adoption, WFP has been working with the Government on a roadmap for its gradual implementation. WFP also supported the development of the National School Feeding Policy.

WFP is equally supporting the **SIMAST** (Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour's Information System), a **social registry** developed in 2013 used to assess vulnerability and target social assistance programmes. It covers **74 communes and 550,000 households** (of which 100,000 registered in 2022), amounting to 2.5 million people, or **28% of the total population**. WFP is supporting its continued geographical expansion, and the Government's goal in 2023 is to increase that figure to **37%** of the total population registered in the SIMAST.

Both the NSPPP and the SIMAST support the **ASPIRE** (Adaptive Social Protection for Increased Resilience), programme, a **nationally led social protection programme**. **USD 75 million** was awarded by the World Bank to the Haitian Government, with WFP as a key implementing

partner, to carry out the social safety net included in the NSPPP. The program will also **improve health and nutrition outcomes** for the households and promote financial inclusion.

WFP is tasked with designing and operationalizing the ASPIRE safety net while **building government capacity to take over the programme in 2024**.

So far, WFP has successfully supported the Ministry of Social Affairs in delivering the ASPIRE programme, resulting in the enrollment of more than **23,000 households** and delivery of transfers to approximately **25,000 people** in 2022, contributing to families meeting their food needs and healthy diets.

Since 2017 WFP Haiti has invested **USD 16.3 million** in capacity strengthening, policy formulation, design of safety nets, and development of information systems.

ASPIRE project coverage as of February 15, 2023





WFP's school feeding programme in Haiti and its transition to home-grown school feeding

School meals are a priority in Haiti: in a country where close to 45% of the population needs urgent food assistance, a daily meal at school is a simple way to **ensure that children receive at least one nutritious meal every day**. School meals help keep children in school, and improve their completion rate, so that they become healthy, productive adults, contributing to their country's development, and breaking the intergenerational cycle of hunger, malnutrition and poverty. WFP aims to reach **460,000 school children in 2023**.

WFP's goal is to switch from a traditional school feeding programme (SF), through which most goods are imported, to a **home-grown school feeding programme (HGSF)**, through which all the goods (except oil) are locally sourced.

Through the HGSF WFP supports (i) the Haitian economy through local purchases; (ii) the diversification of schoolchildren's diet; and (iii) local farming by strengthening the access of smallholder farmers to markets.

As of **December 2022, 96,500 of the school children benefitting from WFP's assistance** (or 28%) were eating food bought via the HGSF programme in **5 departments**: Artibonite, Grand'Anse, Nippes, Ouest, and Sud.

WFP's objective is to increase that number to **182,000 school children fed through the HGSF programme in 2023**, and to reach **100% by 2030**, in line with the national policy for school feeding (PNAS).

WFP works with over 70 OPAs (*Organisations de Producteurs Agricoles*) to **source food from smallholder farmers**. In 2022, over **2000 mt of local products were bought** (or USD 2.3 million). WFP also provides capacity-building to the OPAs, and helps them improve the quality of their products, subsidizes the set-up of processing facilities and provides them with control equipment. **In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture**, WFP also provides technical trainings on storage and grain conservation, quality control and reduction of post-harvest losses. Finally, WFP provides training on response to calls for tenders, negotiation and contracting to improve access to markets.

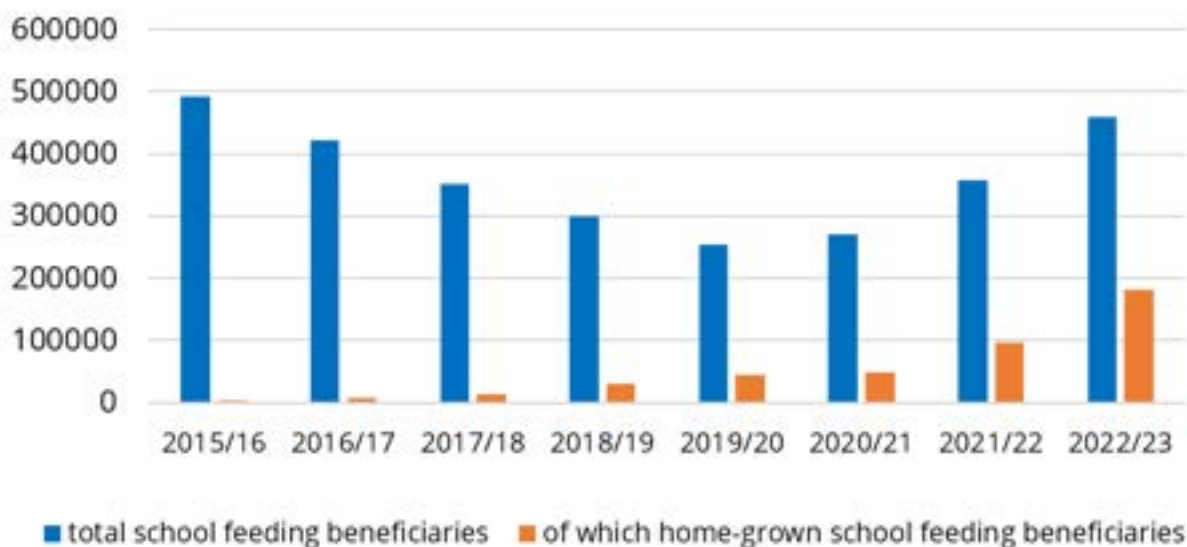
Standard meal ration

38-42 % of the recommended **daily food intake** for children 5 to 10 years old:

- 120g of cereals (enriched rice or bulgur)
- 30g of pulses (peas, lentils or black beans)
- 10g of vegetable oil
- 3g of salt



Total school children benefiting from the SF programme compared to HGSF beneficiaries, per school year



Additionally, WFP uses schools as a **platform to improve gender norms** and promote the equality of women and men and girls and boys.

Other complementary activities include training on **literacy**, and on **water, sanitation and hygiene practices**, the set-up of hand-washing stations and the construction and rehabilitation of latrines in the Grand'Anse, Nord and Nord-Est departments.

WFP is also sensitive to the **environmental impact** of its programmes, and in 2022, the **Clean Cooking project** introduced heat retention bags (HRB), gas stoves and clean cooking training to school cooks. The HRB are produced entirely locally and create livelihood opportunities; 2,800 HRB were ordered and will be distributed to 1,400 cooks and 400 schools in 8 regions in 2023.





WFP's resilience activities in Haiti

Due to Haiti's exposure to rapid-onset shocks and stressors resulting from natural hazards, as well as the socio-political and economic instability, **WFP is reinforcing the resilience of Haitians** through **Asset creation and Livelihood programmes**. These programmes aim to support communities in some of the most vulnerable areas of Haiti by mitigating, adapting, and recovering from seasonal shocks and recurring hazards, while also working to improve their long-term food security, livelihoods and community resilience.

In 2022, WFP directly **supported around 112,950 people** through its resilience activities and aims to increase its **assistance to 250,000 in 2023**.

Participants receive **conditional cash** while they build, rehabilitate or improve productive or protective community assets, as well as **tools, inputs and technical assistance**. In 2022, they participated in 80-day cycles and received a cash-based transfer of around USD 100 per month to cover their food gap and meet basic needs. WFP delivers **complementary activities** in the same zones, prioritising a gender and nutrition sensitive approach with a social behavioral communication change lens.

WFP invests in **three main pillars**. The **local ecosystem** is strengthened through disaster risk reduction environmental-related solutions, while reinforcing **local agriculture and livestock** through

community-led soil and water conservation activities, including providing agricultural inputs, technical and financial assistance to actors, and animals throughout the food value chain. Yet, **WFP's resilience projects enable access to basic social services, stimulate market dynamics and contribute to conflict-reduction turmoil** through the rehabilitation of rural roads, installation of potable water abduction points and shock-related solutions such as **micro-insurance assistance and creation of temporary jobs** based on conditional-cash remuneration to programmes' participation.

Throughout the definition, design, delivery and documentation for scale-up of its resilience programming, WFP adopts the Three-Pronged approach to guarantee that programmes are planned to bring together a plethora of actors through a **participatory process and respond to local needs**, therefore boosting community ownership and acceptance of climate adaptation and risk management measures.

Assets created or rehabilitated in 2022



97 km of rural roads rehabilitated



53 km of irrigation canals rehabilitated to enhance 2,250 hectares of agricultural land



28 mt of seeds distributed and 4 mills for food transformation established



75,000 trees' cutting planted



24,950 smallholder farmers supported through micro-insurance coverage



WFP's micro-insurance activities in Haiti

The **objectives of introducing risk financing actions in Haiti** are to: (i) design microinsurance products that are **integrated in resilience building strategies** promoting productivity that are easily scalable; (ii) introduce insurance components that can be **linked to other financial services** and tools (formal and informal); (iii) guarantee a **critical mass** through a smart subsidy approach, aggregation and distribution schemes; (iv) **complement other WFP Haiti interventions** aiming at reinforcing smallholder farmers' capacities at the home-grown school feeding level; and (v) explore **integration with macro level solutions** - such as the coverage of The Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility - and Forecast Based Financing (FbF).

In **October 2022**, WFP Haiti in partnership with local companies, the Alternative Insurance Company (AIC), weather risk management systems (WRMS) (technical provider) and Scor Re (reinsurer), launched an **index micro-insurance pilot**, covering beneficiaries for one year, from October 2022 to September 2023. A total of **4,990 smallholder farmers households (24,950 beneficiaries)**, of which **51% are women**, are protected against two major climate risks, excess rain and rain deficit, in the departments of Grand Anse and Sud. Over 1,000 farmers are existing asset creation beneficiaries based in the Sud, whereas the remaining 3,900 in Grand'Anse are part of the largest smallholder farmers' network, and a Federation of Agriculture Cooperative. The pilot scale up target is to **cover up to 10,000 smallholder farmer households (50,000 beneficiaries) by 2024**.

The cover aims to **improve the resilience of farmer households and their cropping activity**

through a risk transfer mechanism, allowing participants to protect their productive investments, better reduce their vulnerability when faced with risks such as excess rain and rain deficit, while understanding and adopting the use of new and well designed financial risk mitigation tools within their communities.

To help build **farmers' adaptive capacity and reduce their exposure to climate-related risks** in department of Grand Anse, the selected cooperatives provided agricultural insurance participants with technical assistance and knowledge risk mitigation and financial education. In the Sud department, support includes the implementation of environmental protection activities, such as soil and water conservation works and reforestation activities.

KEY MICROINSURANCE INFORMATION		
	2022 (Pilot)	2023-24 (Scale up)
	24,950 insured people (4,990 smallholder farmers households) (51% women)	50,000 insured people (10,000 smallholder farmers households) (55% women)
	2 departments / 11 communes Grand Anse & Sud	4 departments / 20 communes Grand Anse, Sud, Artibonite and Nippes
	USD 90 Average value of premiums	USD 90 Average value of premiums
	USD 900 Average value of sum insured	USD 900 Average value of sum insured
	Excess Rain and Rain Deficit	Excess Rain and Rain Deficit/ Wind Speed
	Pay out set at 4 triggers of a maximum of USD 450 per risk	Pay out set at 4 triggers of a maximum of USD 300 per risk



WFP's contingency stock in Haiti

The contingency stock is a key tool that WFP uses to ensure that crisis-affected populations in Haiti can **meet their basic food needs in times of crisis**. Having pre-positioned commodities available in country allows WFP to respond to sudden-onset disasters and crises to meet the needs of affected populations quickly, while additional assistance is planned and prepared for in later weeks, if needed.

Fully stocked, the contingency stock allows WFP to feed up to **300,000 people** with unconditional food assistance, including 50 kg of rice, 12.5 kg of beans, and 3.68 kg of oil per household for **one month**. This represents 81% (1,693 Kcals per person/day) of daily caloric needs.

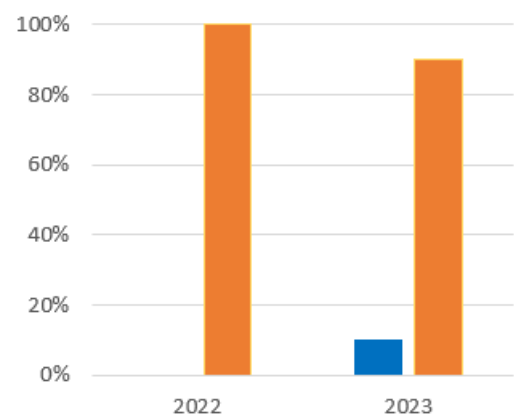
To distribute the emergency rations, WFP utilizes its own fleet of trucks (25 all-terrain 4x4 trucks) to access the most difficult secondary and tertiary roads, its cooperating partners, and commercial transporters for main road routes.

In 2022 the contingency stock was fully funded by USAID/BHA with in-kind commodities stored across Haiti.

WFP's goal is to **increase local purchases**. As a first step in 2023, while 82% of in-kind commodities will be funded by USAID/BHA, WFP aims to locally purchase the rest of its contingency stock with other donor funds. The local purchases will be contracted through local suppliers and WFP is putting in place Food Supplier Agreements to be able to fast-track the purchasing process. WFP will solely trigger the local option if and when needed. This will allow the stock to be more **agile and to save costs**. WFP is still looking for a donor to fund the local purchases.

Following the looting of WFP warehouses in Haiti, part of the food will be stored in the Dominican Republic as a mitigation measure.

Percentage of locally vs internationally purchased food for the contingency stock



■ Locally purchased ■ Internationally purchased



WFP's Supply Chain and Logistics in Haiti

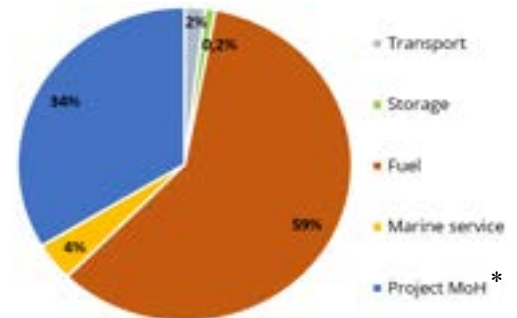
Supply Chain and Logistics capacities are key to **delivering WFP's humanitarian assistance in the fastest, most efficient and cost-effective way possible.**

In Haiti, WFP has **25 trucks, 2 helicopters, 1 fixed-wings** and has access to **maritime transport** to support its operations, as well as other UN agencies, NGOs and governments entities' through bilateral service provision. In 2022, 129 services were provided to 35 partners, compared to 86 services were rendered to 19 partners in 2021.

The **provision of fuel** was most demanded service in 2022 due to recurring fuel shortages in the country. In **2022, 122,248 gallons of fuel** were provided to **34 partners**. Since the beginning of the **cholera outbreak** on 2 October 2022, WFP supported humanitarian and health partners through the provision of **73,000 gallons of fuel** to 21 partners, with critical support from USAID/BHA.

WFP contracted an exclusive **maritime service** with a local company in August 2021 to support the earthquake response, and contracted its own vessel between April and September 2022, as maritime transport is critical to **reach the provinces** to circumvent armed group controlled areas. After a three-month suspension due to the complex crisis that started in September 2022, WFP resumed the maritime transport services offered to the humanitarian community. WFP is working to set up **regular maritime routes** that would link Port-au-Prince to Artibonite, Nord-Ouest (north-west) and Grand Sud (south).

Bilateral services provided in 2022

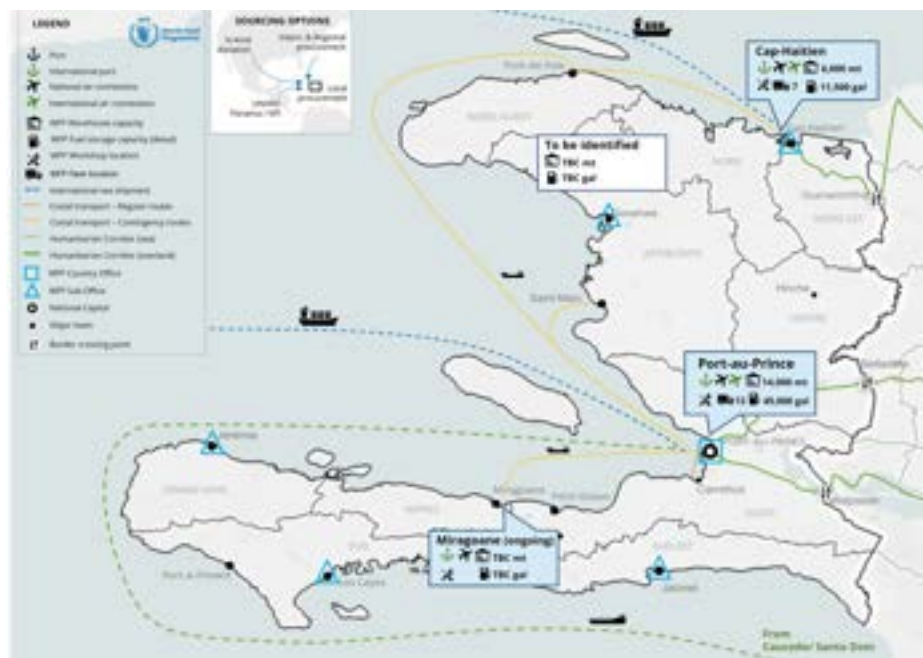


* WFP supports the Ministry of Health, thanks to funding from the World Bank, and stores and transports medical products worth USD 3 millions in 6 departments.

Additionally, an **Access unit** was created in 2022 to enable access to populations affected by the violence, and safeguard logistics routes.

WFP is also setting up a humanitarian **corridor with the Dominican Republic**, as well as part of its contingency stock, to be able to quickly dispatch humanitarian aid by land and sea to support its emergency response.

WFP has **2 warehouses** in Port au Prince and Cap Haitien, totalling **20,000 mt** storage capacity, and a new storage facility is under construction in Miragoane. WFP also has **9,000 mt of mobile storage** capacities in case of **emergency**.





WFP's United Nations Humanitarian Air Service

Operating in Haiti since November 2019, the **United Nations Humanitarian Air Service** (UNHAS) supports the humanitarian and development community to reach and assist the most vulnerable populations in remote areas, in addition to providing medical lifesaving equipment and evacuations.

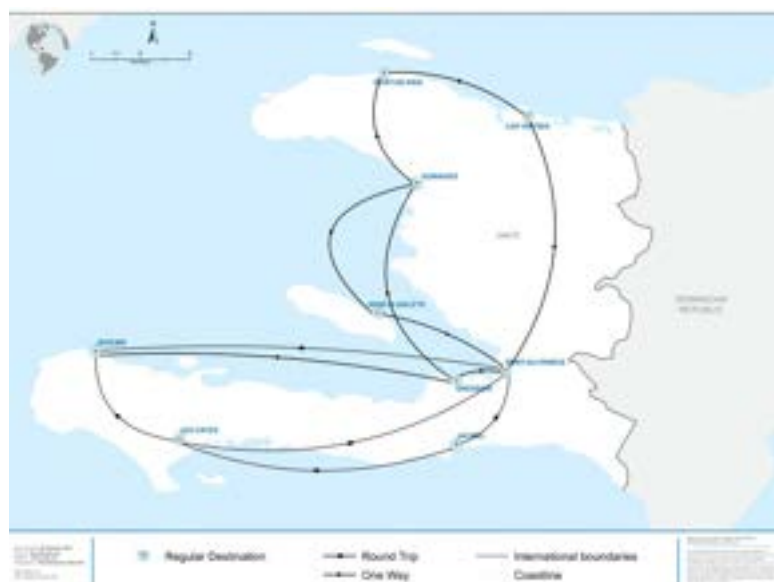
With **port and road access severely limited**, especially since the complex crisis started on September 12th, the **UNHAS air services are absolutely crucial** for all humanitarian organizations and diplomatic missions to have a safe, reliable and timely means of transport in the country and keep providing immediate support to vulnerable populations who are facing difficulties in accessing their livelihoods or get vital supplies.

As of January 16th, 2023, **786 flights** transporting **4,972 people** and **195,599 kg**

Key 2022 figures	
Flights	1,827
Number of passengers	12,836
Partners supported	152 (of which 77 NGOs)
Cargo	218,364 kg
Destinations	46

of cargo were dedicated to the **crisis response** that started on September 12th, 2022.

In 2022, WFP acquired a third asset, and now has a fixed-wing and two MI-17 helicopters. UNHAS continues to play a crucial role for the **cholera response**, which it supported through 25 dedicated flights, and by transporting **75 mt** of medical supplies, medical equipment and teams as well as humanitarians in 2022.



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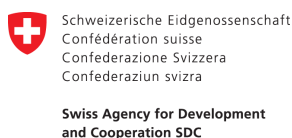
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