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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.

Food security trends show a steady deterioration of the food security situation since 2016. The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) covering March to June 2023, highlights that almost half the population in Haiti, or **4.9 million people**, are **acutely food insecure** (IPC 3+), an increase of 200,000 people compared to the previous analysis. Approximately **1.8 million** are in **Emergency phase** (IPC 4), an increase of nearly half a million compared to the same period last year. There is no longer record of people facing catastrophic hunger (IPC 5), thanks to sustained humanitarian support. This remains a fragile victory as any disruption to humanitarian support could result in deepening hunger.

In addition, according to WFP and FAO latest [Hunger Hotspots analysis](#), Haiti is **one of 9 countries facing starvation risks**, and is amongst 5 countries with more than 10% of the population in IPC 4 (Emergency), at 18%, according to the 2023 [Global Report on Food Crises](#).

As of **31 May 2023**, WFP supported **1.35 million people** in Haiti, and is on track to reach its goal of supporting **2.3 million people in 2023**. WFP reached the same number of people in November of last year.

The country office needs **USD 122.9 million** to be able to implement its operations in the next **six months** (June 2023 – November 2023).



WFP's Lifesaving 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.

As of 23 May 2023, WFP assisted **536,000 people** with **1,018 mt** of food, 142,000 hot meals, and **USD 20.9 million** of cash-based transfers. Funding permitting, WFP is on track to reaching its goal of supporting **1.45 million people in 2023**, representing 80% of people facing emergency level of food insecurity, with 15,198 mt of food and USD 86.7 million. In 2022, WFP emergency activities supported 777,019 people.

Almost half the population in Haiti, or 4.9 million people, are acutely food insecure and in need of food assistance.

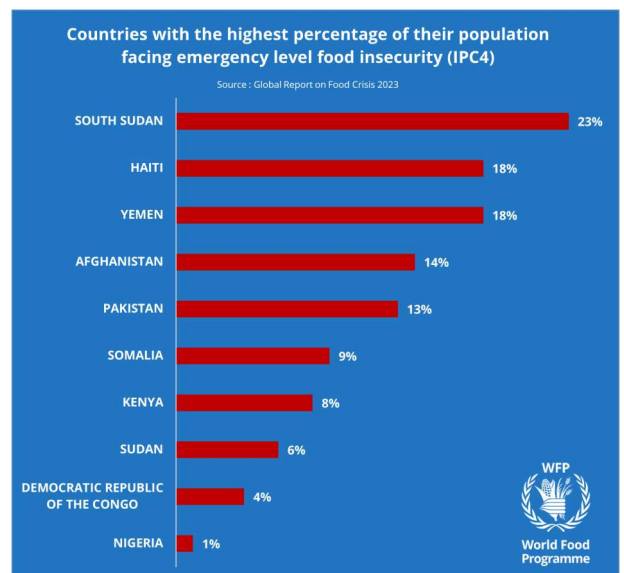
In urban areas, WFP assists beneficiaries with cash transfers, and in semi-urban and rural areas with in-kind and cash-based transfers. Cash-based transfers aim to cover around **70 percent** of the improved food basket, while the food rations are calculated to **meet a household's needs for one month**.

The **security situation** in Haiti has worsened throughout the year, especially following 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 the most vulnerable populations affected by violence, and safeguard logistics routes. Additionally, between 27 October 2022 and 27 April 2023, a Corporate Scale-Up was activated for Haiti.

As part of WFP's **rapid responses mechanisms**, 142,000 hot meals were distributed across 4 departments as of May 23, 2023, to assist vulnerable people facing:

- **Armed-group violence**, leading to urban displacement and internally-displaced people crises in the Metropolitan area of Port au Prince;
- **Mass repatriations** requiring a hot meal response in the North-East, Center and West departments. This response was halted in February 2023 and resumed mid-May, indicating that mass repatriations have started again;
- **Cholera response** in the Artibonite and West departments, including the Metropolitan Area of Port au Prince.

WFP's emergency activities are **19% funded** for the next 6 months (June-November 2023) and requires additional funding to be able to implement its lifesaving activities.





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WFP is 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 of Haiti 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 82 communes and **609,007 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 by 2025 is to increase that figure to 40% 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.

Moving forward, WFP and its partners will continue to **build inclusive Government to People systems** (G2P) in Haiti, while strengthening the institutional capacity of the government, which will take over the management of the Klere Chimen programme (ASPIRE project Creole name) in the next two years (2024-25). WFP's work has centered around building Digital Public Infrastructure for more inclusive Social Protection in Haiti.

So far, WFP has successfully supported the Ministry of Social Affairs in delivering the ASPIRE programme, resulting in delivery of transfers to more than **125,000 people** in 2023, contributing to families meeting their food needs and healthy diets. Despite common perceptions that Haiti is a predominantly cash-based society, WFP has sped up assistance delivery through **e-wallets**. Within less than a year, the proportion of Klere Chimen safety net recipients receiving transfers digitally climbed from **3%** (May 2022) **to 60%** (March 2023).

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





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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 49% 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. As of April 2023, WFP has **reached 429,236 school children** and is on track to reach its goal of providing 460,000 school children with school meals for the school year 2022-2023, funding permitting. WFP had reached 358,000 school children during the school year 2021-2022.

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 smallholder farmers' access to markets.

As of April 2023, WFP has reached its goal of feeding **177,681 school children** (or 41% of

the total) through the HGSF programme in 2023 in **6 departments**: Artibonite, Grand'Anse, Nippes, Ouest, Nord and Sud.

WFP's objective is to reach **100% by 2030**, in line with the national policy for school feeding (PNAS).

WFP works with over 100 OPAs (*Organisations de Producteurs Agricoles*), to source food from smallholder farmers. In 2023, as of April, over **1,727 mt of local products were bought** (equivalent to approximately USD 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 (such as thermometers). **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 to respond to calls for tenders, negotiation and contracting to improve access to markets.

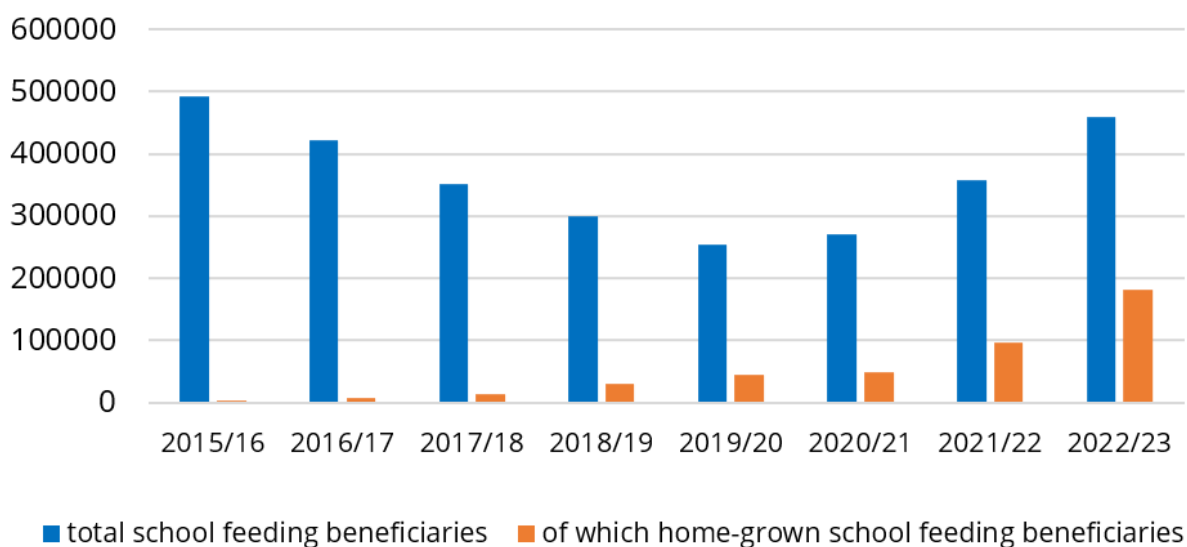
Standard meal ration

38-42 % of the recommended **daily food intake** for children from 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 HGSGF beneficiaries, per school year



Additionally, WFP uses schools as a **platform to improve gender norms** and promote the equality of women and men as well as 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. WFP Haiti directly contributed to the recycling of 2,500 m³ of plastics. In 2023, 2,800 HRB were distributed to 1,400 cooks and 400 schools in 8 regions.





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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.

Between January and mid-May 2023, WFP **supported around 85,965 people** through its resilience activities, and is on track to reach its goal of supporting 250,000 people in 2023, funding permitting. In 2022, WFP had reached 112,950 people.

Participants receive **conditional cash** while they build, rehabilitate or improve productive or protective community assets, as well as tools, inputs and technical assistance. Between January and mid-May 2023, 12,203 households (61,015 people) participated in 80 -day cycles and received cash-based transfers of around USD 100 per month to cover their food and basic needs. A total of HTG 193 million (around USD 1.3 million) were distributed. In addition, 24,950 people benefit from WFP's micro-insurance coverage (please see factsheet on micro-insurance for more details).

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** 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 2023 (as of end of April 2023)

	56,2 km of rural roads rehabilitated
	5,9 km of irrigation canals rehabilitated to enhance agricultural land
	3,000 trees planted
	17,5 km of gullies treated or stabilized to decrease flood risk, and for soil and water conservation
	6,175 m³ of dry stone thresholds built to decrease flood risk, and for soil and water conservation



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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 and securing livelihood 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 livelihood at social protection 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) and Scor Re (reinsurer), launched an **index micro-insurance pilot**, covering beneficiaries for one year, from August 2022 to July 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, and the remaining 3,900 in Grand'Anse are part of the largest smallholder farmers' network, as well as a Federation of Agriculture Cooperative. An additional **6,000 households**, of which **1,500 benefit from the ASPIRE project** (read more under the Policy and social protection factsheet), will benefit from a micro-insurance coverage during the upcoming 2023 hurricane season.

The scale up target is to **cover up to 15,000 households, including small holder farmers (75,000 people) by 2024**. This increase in the number of covered households from the initial scale-up plans is made possible thanks to flexible funding.

The cover aims to **improve the resilience of farmer households and their cropping activity** through a risk transfer mechanism on one hand, **and reinforce the livelihood of social protection beneficiaries on the other**. It allows 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 households and communities.

To help build **farmers' adaptive capacity and reduce their exposure to climate-related risks** in the Grand'Anse department, 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)	75,000 insured people (15,000 smallholder farmers households) (55% women)
	2 departments / 11 communes Grand'Anse and Sud	4 departments / 20 communes Grand'Anse, Sud,
	USD 90 Average value of premiums	USD 90* Average value 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
	Total budget: USD 5.3 million	Total budget: USD 6.4 million

*USD 40 average value of yearly premium for USD 500 average yearly value of sum insured for ASPIRE beneficiaries

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 and effectively, while additional assistance is planned and prepared for in later weeks, if needed.

Fully stocked, **the 3,971 mt 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 Kcal 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.

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 save costs**. WFP has identified some additional funding to fund the local purchases.

Following the looting of WFP warehouses in Haiti, **750 mt of food** will be stored in the **Dominican Republic** as a mitigation measure.

Percentage of locally vs internationally purchased food for the contingency stock





WFP's Supply Chain and Logistics in Haiti



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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, 1 helicopter** and has access to **maritime transport** to support its operations, as well as other UN agencies, NGOs and governments entities' through bilateral service provision. Since January 2023, **45 requests were received from 16 partners**, including storage, transport and fuel. The most demanded service was fuel provision, with more than 26,300 gallons provided to 9 partners.

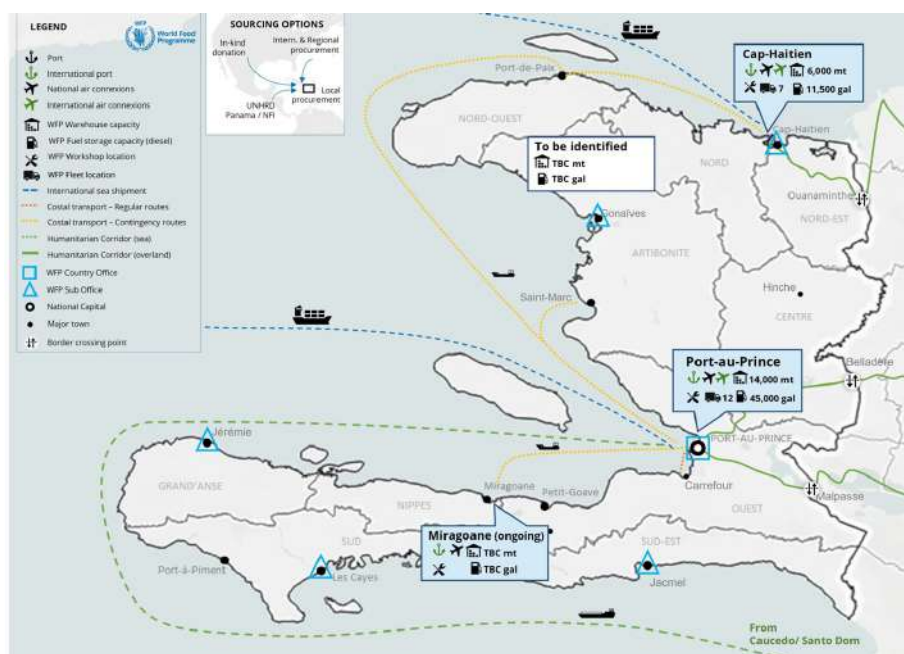
WFP also contracted an exclusive maritime service with a local company to support the humanitarian community to circumvent armed group controlled areas. After a three-month service suspension due to the complex crisis that started in September 2022, WFP resumed the maritime transport services offered to the humanitarian community. Since January 2023, **17 partners have used the**

maritime service, allowing the passage of more than 300 trucks to the South of the country.

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

WFP set up a logistics **corridor with the Dominican Republic**, as well as part of its prepositioning strategy, to be able to quickly dispatch humanitarian aid by land and sea to support its emergency response. A total of **750 mt** of **contingency stock** will be stored in Dominican Republic bounded warehouse.

WFP has **2 warehouses** in Port au Prince and Cap Haitian, totalling **20,000 mt** storage capacity. A new storage facility is under construction in Miragoane which will cover the Southern peninsula. The hurricane-proof warehouses will allow for the storage of 2,500 mt. WFP also has **7,500 mt** of **mobile storage** capacities and different equipment ready to be deployed in case of emergency.





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The 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 May 18th, **1,387 flights** transporting

Key figures	2022	2023
Flights	1,827	720
Number of passengers	12,836	5,687
Partners supported	152	130
Cargo	218,364	92,253 kg
Destinations	53	55

9,876 people and **255,488 kg** of cargo were dedicated to the **crisis response** that started on September 12th, 2022.

As of May 2023, UNHAS has one MI-17 helicopter to support the humanitarian response in Haiti. Two assets were released earlier in the year, an MI-17 helicopter in February and the fixed-wing in April, following the implementation of the partial cost recovery modality and the decrease in the number of bookings.

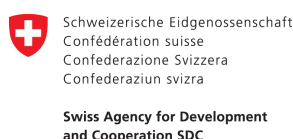




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