

LRP – Local and Regional Purchases

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Local Procurement

The purchase of food by a participant, directly or through a subrecipient, in a country affected by a food crisis or disaster to assist targeted beneficiaries within that same country.

Regional Procurement

Regional procurement or regional purchase means the purchase of food by a participant, directly or through a subrecipient, in a country other than the recipient country that is on the same continent as the recipient country in order to assist targeted beneficiaries.


In Kind Food Aid

Current food aid is provided with in kind donations. In Kind refers to using U.S. commodities. Programs include P.L. 480 Title II, Food for Progress, and McGovern–Dole.


U.S. commodities are shipped from the United States to the recipient country.




Reasons Given for LRP

- ▶ Lower Costs
 - ▶ Food Arrives Faster
 - ▶ Agricultural Market Systems will be Strengthened.
 - ▶ Use of Indigenous Crops.
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Concerns with LRP

- ▶ Local Prices Could Actually Increase with Demand.
 - ▶ Global Trade Markets Could be Disrupted.
 - ▶ Quality of Food Could be Questionable.
 - (Nutrition, Amounts, Diseases)
 - ▶ Lack of Variety
 - ▶ Local Infrastructure Could Be Issue
 - ▶ Food Could Actually Be Imported
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So What Is Being Done?

- ▶ USAID Providing Funding to World Food Program
 - ▶ PVOs Using Vouchers so People Can Purchase Own Food
 - ▶ USDA 5 year Study on Different types of LRP
 - Emergency
 - Non Emergency
 - School Feeding
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What Can They Buy

- ▶ Unprocessed Commodity (Wheat, Soybeans) Must be Produced Either in an Agricultural Surplus Producing Area of the Recipient Country or in a Developing Country in the Region.
- ▶ Processed Commodity (Corn–Soya Blend) must have the Primary Ingredient produced in the Recipient Country or its region.
 - (Corn bought locally, Soy imported??)

What Will They Find?

- ▶ Is LRP Better than In Kind for some or all situations?
 - ▶ Can LRP Actually Strengthen Existing U.S. Programs?
 - ▶ What Types of Purchases are Best?
 - Spot Purchase?
 - Contracting with a local Farmer or Farmer Association?
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Other Questions

- ▶ How Strong is Government Oversight?
 - ▶ How Strong is PVO Oversight?
 - ▶ How Can Programs Be Blended to Utilize all programs?
 - Can U.S. Soy be Obtained under Food for Progress and then used with Local Purchased Items to create CSB?
 - Can Fortificants be Obtained Separately? Used Correctly?
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