



# World Geography

Giving Food Aid

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_/5

Directions: Look at the infographic below regarding where food aid money goes and answer the thought questions below.

### Thought Questions:

1. What does this infographic reveal is a current problem with the United States' food aid program?
2. What do they propose as a way to resolve the issue?
3. In your opinion what can countries like the United States do to help with the global hunger problem?

**U.S. FOOD AID**  
*Where your dollar only goes partway!*

TODAY'S PURCHASE  
**1.36 MILLION TONS FOOD AID<sup>1</sup>**  
 REACHED 46.2 MILLION PEOPLE  
 TACKLED HUNGER IN 56 COUNTRIES  
 HELPED BUILD A MORE STABLE WORLD

TOTAL .05% OF THE U.S. BUDGET<sup>2</sup>

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*Price fact!* CUTTING GOVERNMENT RED TAPE WOULD HELP US DELIVER MORE LIFESAVING FOOD AT THE SAME PRICE.  
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WHERE IS YOUR MONEY GOING?<sup>3</sup>

41.4% SPENT ON FOOD
58.6% SPENT ON
-SHIPPING OVERSEAS
-MARKUP FOR SHIPPING REGULATIONS
-OVERHEAD

At least 50% of U.S. food aid must be shipped from the U.S. on preferred U.S. vessels.	Special interest rules like this cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of \$\$\$ a year.
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**U.S. FOOD AID**  
*Make our dollars count!*

BUY FOOD AID LOCALLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

More money goes to actual food → Local farmers earn income → People need less aid for the long term

FOOD AID TO ETHIOPIA<sup>4</sup>:  
 For the same price we could buy...

2,200 TONS OF WHEAT SHIPPED FROM THE U.S.	OR	5,400 TONS OF WHEAT PURCHASED LOCALLY
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IF WE REFORM COSTLY U.S. REGULATIONS:  
 We can respond to crises up to **14 WEEKS FASTER<sup>5</sup>**  
 And for the same price we can reach up to **17.1 MILLION MORE PEOPLE** with lifesaving food aid.<sup>6</sup>

#### SOURCES

- 1 Food aid tonnage and country information drawn from the 2013 US International Food Assistance Report
- 2 Author's calculation based on *The President's Budget for FY 2013*
- 3 USAID (undated) *Food for Peace - The Cost Savings of Food Aid Reform*
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- 5 E. Lentz, S. Passarelli, C. Barrett (2011) *The Timeliness and Cost-Effectiveness of the Local and Regional Procurement of Food Aid*
- 6 For source information, see the full report at [oxfamamerica.org/foodaid](http://oxfamamerica.org/foodaid)



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