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IRD is a charitable, non-profit, non-governmental organization that focuses its operations in regions of the world that present social, political, and technical challenges, and is a specialist in conflict and post-conflict settings. IRD's mission is to reduce the suffering of the world's most vulnerable groups and provide tools and resources needed to increase their self-sufficiency. IRD has current operations in more than 30 countries in six core sectors: democracy, governance, and community development; economic growth and public-private partnerships; sustainable food and agriculture systems; health; infrastructure; and relief.



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Sustainable Food and Agriculture Systems

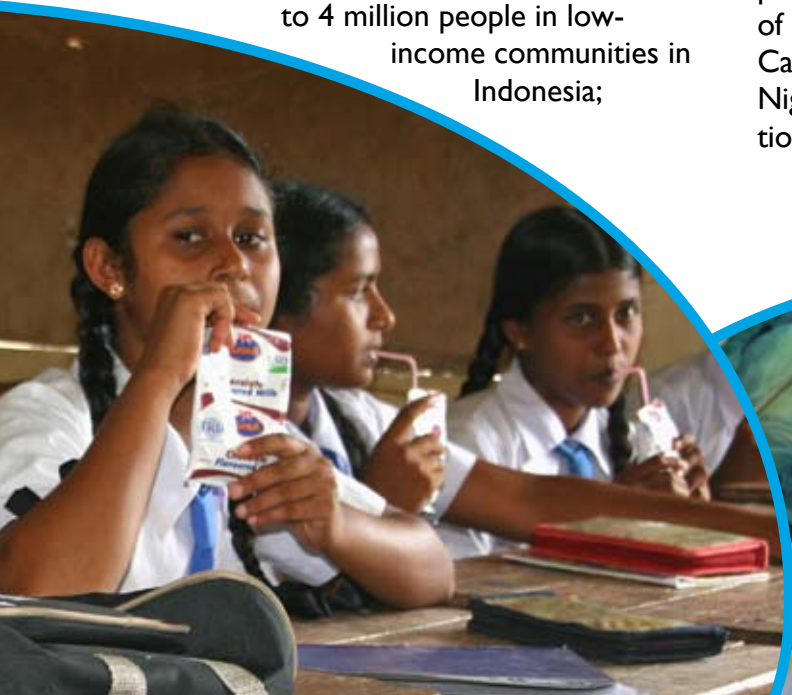


Building Sustainable Food and Agriculture Systems

IRD implements programs that increase agricultural productivity, strengthen agribusiness value chains, build food production infrastructure and irrigation systems, and enhance local capacities for food processing and marketing. IRD has successfully used proceeds from monetized food aid to support the creation, recovery, and stabilization of food and agriculture systems, particularly in post-conflict environments, but also among low income populations in non-conflict areas.

For example, IRD has:

- Provided over 147,000 agricultural vouchers, redeemable for seeds and fertilizer, to farmers in rural Afghanistan, leading to the distribution of some 6,350 metric tons of wheat seeds;
- Supplied over 1.5 billion packages of soy-enriched fortified rice and wheat noodles to 4 million people in low-income communities in Indonesia;



- Used monetization proceeds from programs in the Republic of Georgia to support potato farmers improve production, increase productivity, and improve competitiveness in the marketing of potatoes; and
- Trained internally displaced populations and refugees in 16 villages in Azerbaijan in agribusiness development and agrotechnologies, such as artificial insemination, poultry farming, crop production, and agro-services.

Direct Food Distribution and Commodity Management

IRD has extensive experience in both direct food distribution and commodity management and monetization. With over 183,500 metric tons of food commodities donated by the USDA, USAID, WFP, and private donors, IRD has successfully managed shipping, tracking, monitoring, and distribution of commodities in Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Georgia, Indonesia, Laos, Niger, and Sri Lanka. Direct food distribution activities have included emergency



response to disasters and conflict, large-scale school feeding programs, and Food for Work programs.

To date, some notable achievements include:

- The provision of snack noodles and biscuits six days a week for 75,000 students and teachers in Indonesia;
- Daily distribution of fortified milk to 12,000 students in Sri Lanka;
- Daily distribution of snack noodles and bread to 8,500 school children in Cambodia;
- An ongoing school feeding program for 10,000 primary school children in Laos; and
- Employment of more than 12,000 people, who also receive food parcels as salary supplements, in Chad in agricultural improvement projects.

