



Biography



Matthew Hollingworth Assistant Executive Director Programme Operations

Matthew Hollingworth is WFP's Assistant Executive Director for Programme Operations. In this role, he leads WFP's work in assessment and analysis, programme and policy design, and supply chain to ensure WFP delivers on its mandate of saving lives and changing lives. Mr. Hollingworth plays a crucial role in ensuring that WFP's actions effectively support people, communities and nations in meeting urgent needs during emergencies, reducing vulnerabilities, and improving food security and nutrition.

Mr. Hollingworth joined WFP in 2001. Prior to his appointment as AED for Programme Operations in January 2026, he served as WFP's Country Director in Lebanon, overseeing large-scale food and cash assistance programs for displaced communities and refugees. During his distinguished WFP career, Mr. Hollingworth has led operations in the State of Palestine, Ukraine, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic and Afghanistan and developed extensive expertise in crisis coordination, social protection systems and resilience programming. Prior to joining WFP, he worked in the NGO sector.

A dual national of the United Kingdom and Ireland, Matthew holds a Master's degree in supply chain management from Cranfield University in the United Kingdom; a Postgraduate diploma in humanitarian relief from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; and a Bachelor's degree in philosophy and politics from Southampton University in the United Kingdom. He is married with three children.