

World Food Bank unveils smallholder farmers' initiative

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In a bid to combat post-harvest losses, World Food Bank (WFB) in partnership with the government of Uganda have signed a pact to increase revenues to smallholder farmers.

The launch of the WFB's initiative comes at a time, when according to World Vision, approximately 25.5 million people need food and water and more than 3.5 million children are suffering from acute malnutrition in east Africa.

The mission of the WFB, through its integration of extended shelf life packaging technologies and model network of strategic storage facilities, is to resolve the world's most pressing food security challenges through the stabilisation of regional commodity markets for the benefit of farmers, manufacturers and consumers.

It has been revealed by the World Bank that each year approximately \$4 billion in grains alone are lost after harvest in sub-Saharan Africa.

This suggests that the magnitude of post-harvest loss exceeds the total value of food aid received in sub-Saharan Africa over the last decade.

