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18.2 - Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2021

Member Name	Comments
Japan (Wednesday, 16 November 2022 – 16.09)	Japan is deeply concerned about the unprecedented increases in hunger and malnutrition in 2021 due to the continued effects of the COVID-19, compounded by more conflicts and issues surrounding climate change. Furthermore, Russia's aggression against Ukraine has only exacerbated the situation, hampering secure food supplies for people around the world and creating further humanitarian crises.  To meet increasing needs, for assistance, Japan contributed approximately USD 226 million in 2021 and has made further financial contributions in 2022 to address the global food security crisis deriving from the situation in Ukraine (totalling approximately USD 246 million as of 10 November 2022). In addition, on 11 November 2022, Japan decided to provide Emergency Grant Aid of USD 14 million to implement humanitarian assistance activities through the World Food Programme (WFP) to transport Ukrainian wheat donated by the Ukrainian government to Somalia and distributed to populations in need of food assistance.  Japan will continue to work closely with the international community to address the global food insecurity.