

Food aid

The US, the world's largest provider of food aid, requires it to be in the form of American-grown food, rather than cash.

And at least half of it must be sent on American-owned ships. As a result, a recently approved food aid bill for African nations will see the US spend \$388mm to transport \$282mn in food products.

Economists and food assistance experts say the world should focus on sending cash and expertise, rather than just food stocks. It is much less expensive and much more efficient to help farmers produce locally, adapting crops to their climate and soil conditions.

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