

North Korea aid must continue

Aid agencies are warning that any sanctions imposed on North Korea should not hit food aid. Since the 1990s, the communist state has been dependent on foreign aid to feed up to one third of its population



Food aid (2005)

1 million tonnes

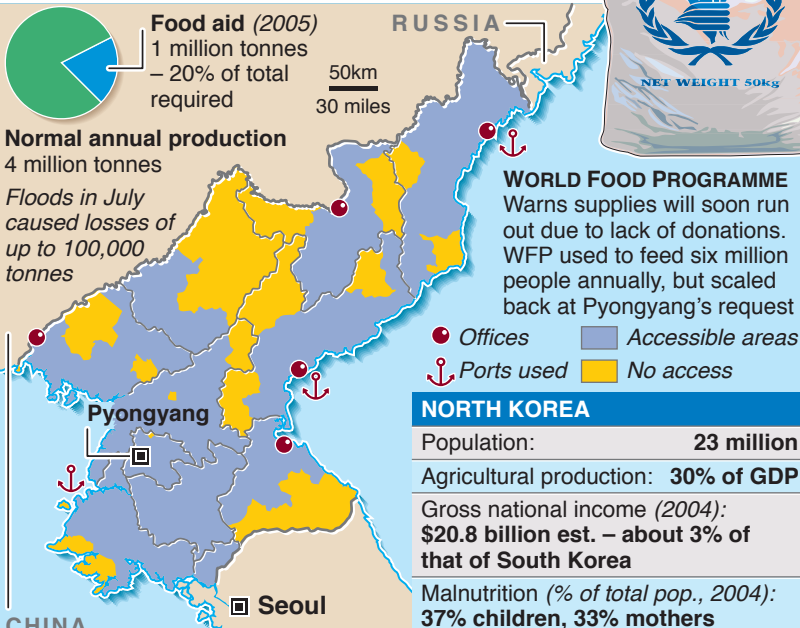
– 20% of total required

50km
30 miles

Normal annual production

4 million tonnes

Floods in July caused losses of up to 100,000 tonnes



WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Warns supplies will soon run out due to lack of donations. WFP used to feed six million people annually, but scaled back at Pyongyang's request

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NORTH KOREA

Population: **23 million**

Agricultural production: **30% of GDP**

Gross national income (2004):
\$20.8 billion est. – about 3% of that of South Korea

Malnutrition (% of total pop., 2004):
37% children, 33% mothers

CHINA

WFP donations for North Korea down by 60% this year

SOUTH KOREA

Suspended food aid in July after North test-fired missiles

Up to 2 million people thought to have died of hunger during 1990s due to famines caused by drought, flooding and economic mismanagement