



# WFP Zambia Country Brief

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## Operational Context

Through its Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (T-ICSP), WFP plans to assist 213,335 people during 18 months in over 40 prioritised districts. WFP's technical support to the Government of Zambia aims to strengthen national programmes and systems that contribute to zero hunger. WFP support contributes to four strategic outcomes outlined on the next page.

WFP has been present in Zambia since 1967.



Population: **15.5 million**

2015 Human Development Index:  
139 out of 188

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Stunting: **40% of children  
between 6-59 months**

Main  
Photo

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Caption: Impassable road to Mantapala Refugee Camp  
in Nchelenge District

## In Numbers

**525mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 4.86m** six months net funding requirements, representing 33% of the total budget

**258,756 people assisted**  
in April 2018

51%



49%



## Operational Updates

- WFP in partnership with the SUN Business Network (SBN), the Government of Zambia hosted the first ever National Nutrition Summit. The Summit took place from 24 to 26 April and attracted over 300 stakeholders in the nutrition community including government, the UN, NGOs, the private sector and academia. The event provided a meeting place to share ideas on nutrition challenges while the Ministry of Health was tasked to act on recommendations and produce a roadmap.
- During the Summit, the SBN also hosted the pre-launch event of the good food logo - a first of its kind in Africa, targeting increased micronutrient intake and reducing sugar, salt and fat intake through established criteria for different food product categories. Companies whose products are approved can begin using the logo as of June 2018.
- WFP is providing technical support in the development of national policies, programmes and plans around identified nutrition priorities of the Government as well as providing research and knowledge support to drive demand for healthier products.
- WFP continues to connect 3,000 smallholder farmers to markets through its innovative virtual farmers markets created through a mobile application, Maano.
- Work under the R4 Rural Resilience Initiative is ongoing, including efforts in April and May to undertake a baseline survey in four new districts (Monze, Namwala, Gwembe, Mazabuka). With seasonal rainfall at 30 percent compared to the average, some parts of Central and Southern Zambia experienced droughts which affected their crop yields. Discussions are ongoing to map out modalities of an insurance pay-out after it was triggered by prolonged dry spells. The farmers also benefited from climate services, conservation agriculture and the other components of R4 to help them manage the impact of the dry spells.

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	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
<b>Zambia Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (2018-2019)</b>			
	<b>14.6m</b>	<b>4.2m (30%)</b>	<b>4.86m (33%)</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 1:</b> <i>Vulnerable school children in prioritized food insecure districts have access to adequate and nutritious food throughout the year</i>			
SR: Everyone has access to food Focus area: Root Causes	<b>7.6 m</b>	<b>2.5m (34%)</b>	<b>2.5m (33%)</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 2:</b> <i>Communities in food insecure areas have improved nutritional status in line with national targets by 2020</i>			
SR: End Malnutrition Focus area: Root Causes	<b>1.7m</b>	<b>0.5 (30%)</b>	<b>0.6 (33%)</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 3:</b> <i>Targeted smallholders have increased livelihood resilience in the face of natural, social and economic-related shocks by 2030</i>			
SR 3 - Smallholder Productivity Focus area: Resilience Building	<b>3.2 m</b>	<b>0.8m (24%)</b>	<b>1.1m (33%)</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 4:</b> <i>Disaster management, social protection, and economic systems in Zambia reliably address the basic food and nutrition needs of the vulnerable populations throughout the year, including in times of crisis</i>			
SR: Country Capacity Strengthening Focus area: Resilience Building	<b>2.0 m</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.7m (33%)</b>

## WFP Country Activities

### SO 1

The activities under SO 1 focus on addressing root causes of vulnerability to hunger. Technical assistance to the Government's Home-Grown School Meals Programme aims to strengthen the programme as a social safety net, create linkages to nutrition and partnerships with other social protection initiatives.

### SO 2

The activity under SO2 is designed to address malnutrition and enhance good nutrition in Zambia. WFP support includes: provision of technical expertise to government and private sector entities involved in the production and marketing of nutritious products. Through information, research and advocacy for services that promote increased production or distribution of nutritious foods, WFP hopes to contribute to reduced stunting and underweight among children under five years.

### SO 3

The two activities under SO3 promote resilience building with a focus on smallholder farmers. Activities include: promotion of climate- smart agriculture, market access, crop diversification, and post-harvest management.

### SO 4

Under SO4, WFP aims to strengthen the capacity of government ministries responsible for social protection and other food-security related sectors, through capacity strengthening to government for disaster preparedness and response, supply chain support to enhance effective delivery, tracking and monitoring of relief interventions.

## Operational Updates

- In preparation for the harvest, trainer of trainer workshops covering Post-Harvest Handling and Storage (PHHS) have been carried out. Participants included government camp extension officers, NGO partner field officers and lead farmers. Lead farmers in turn trained other farmers within their catchment areas, thereby transferring good post-harvest management practices. Over 35,000 farmer manuals were distributed in three languages to support this effort.
- The Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA) also facilitated the 2018 aggregator, lead farmer and off-taker contracting meeting in Southern and Central Provinces. This meeting was set to support formal market access opportunities for smallholder farmers by linking aggregators to the off-takers and financial institutions thereby enhancing an environment where contracts could be signed.
- Through the Home-Grown School Meals (HGSM) programme, WFP trained 34 volunteer cooks in Mumbwa district. The purpose of the training was to build capacity of volunteer cooks in nutrition, food preparation, nutrient preservation, food menus, hygiene and sanitation. The HGSM team also undertook a supportive mission to Eastern Province. The supportive mission was aimed at preparing four districts for the implementation of the HGSM programme and strengthen district staff ability to implement the feeding programme, which will be newly introduced in the province. The supportive mission provided an opportunity for WFP and government staff to put in place measures in readiness to receive food for term 2 of the school calendar.

## Challenges

- Conflict in the DRC close to the Zambia border has subsided and the inflow of refugees into Luapula Province has levelled out. In April, WFP provided food to 15,310 refugees at the Kenani transit centre in Nchelenge. Full food rations were reinstated in April. However, access to the new refugee settlement at Mantapala was a challenge due to a bridge that broke down connecting the settlement to Nchelenge. All efforts to resettle refugees were put on hold as well as plans for WFP to mount a second Mobile Storage Unit which would have provided an extra 400 mt of storage to enable pre-positioning. Temporary access has now been restored and WFP will start delivering food to the Mantapala Extended Delivery Point when the roadworks are complete by end May.

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