



In Numbers

Capacity building: 46 Government staff trained on Food security data analysis.

US\$ 5,080,330 (Funding requirement for 2017 - 2022).

WFP Namibia Country Brief

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Operational Context

WFP's focus in Namibia has shifted from food assistance to providing technical assistance to the Government. The aim is to strengthen national capacities to end hunger by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of food safety net programmes, such as school feeding and relief operations, and to enhance the Government's capacity to assess, plan and respond to food security needs.

WFP has been present in Namibia since 1990.



Population: **2.3 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **126 out of 188**

Income Level: **upper middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **23.8% of children between 6-59**

Operational Updates

- **Development Partners Forum introduced by the UN:** This is an initiative by the UN to bring together development partners in order to foster better coordination and information sharing, and harmonize support to Government programmes. The meeting agreed to send more coherent messages on Namibia's gains and challenges as an upper middle-income country to partner capitals.
- **Formulation of the UN Food Security Technical Working Group:** The meeting which was chaired by the Country Representative of FAO and attended by WFP and IOM agreed to form a Food Security Technical Working Group (FSTWG), that would, among other things, promote information sharing and foster joint programming as well as joint fund raising among UN agencies. This platform will also enhance a more coordinated interface between the UN and Government.
- **Launch of UNPAF:** The launch of UNPAF took place on 27 April at the UN House. The launch was officiated by the National Planning Commission (NPC) and was attended by Ministers, Deputy Ministers, the private sector and civil society. The chief guests were the Minister of Economic Development and Director of the NPC and the Resident Coordinator for the UN.
- WFP Namibia, in collaboration with the Regional Bureau and the Office of Evaluation in Rome, Italy, facilitated the participation of a Government official from the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (MoEAC) in an evaluation management training. WFP and MoEAC will co-manage the evaluation of the school feeding programme, which is scheduled to take place in August/September this year.

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Caption: Smallholder farmers working in a maize field.

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
Namibia Country Strategic Plan (2017 - 2022)			
	6.0 m	920,304	5,080,330
Strategic Outcome 1: <i>Vulnerable populations in Namibia are enabled to meet their food and nutrition needs throughout the year</i>			
SR: Everyone has access to food Focus area: Root Causes	3,631,496	781,125	2,850,371
Strategic Outcome 2: <i>Government Policy dialogue and programme design is informed by evidence and enhanced knowledge of hunger issues throughout NDP5 period</i>			
SR: Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs Focus area: Resilience building	2,369,138	139,179	2,229,959

July 2017 – June 2022

WFP Namibia Country Strategic Outcomes

Vulnerable people in Namibia are enabled to meet their food and nutrition needs all year round.

Activities:

SO 1

1. Provide capacity strengthening to the government entities responsible for national shock-responsive safety net programmes.
2. Provide capacity strengthening and technical assistance to the government entities responsible for school feeding

Government policy dialogue and programme design in Namibia are informed by enhanced evidence and knowledge of hunger issues throughout the NDP5 period.

Activities:

SO 2

3. Provide capacity strengthening to government entities involved in hunger-related policy and programming.
4. Provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare and partners involved in the implementation of the Zero Hunger Road Map

Operational Updates

- WFP participated in a multi-stakeholder meeting and fund-raising drive for the Friends of Education in Namibia Special Initiative (FENSI). FENSI is the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture's framework to expand its partnership base in order to seek complementary support from a range of stakeholders. The meeting was attended by development partners, the private sector, ministries and civil society. Several pledges and financial (as well as in-kind) contributions were made, including those intended to support school feeding. The draft school feeding partnership strategy falls within the FENSI framework.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- In terms of Monitoring and Evaluation of progress of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), existing national structures are utilised to ensure harmonised reporting and accountability to avoid parallel processes. A baseline report was compiled to provide data on SDG indicators which allowed Namibia to be able to report on progress. Furthermore, Namibia commits itself to complete the development of the National Indicator Framework that will provide key meta-data on all the indicators that will be used for monitoring and reporting.

Challenges

- Resource mobilisation for the implementation of the WFP Namibia's Country Strategic Plan continues to be challenging due to financial constraints experienced by the Government.

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