Zimbabwe
Scaling Up the Triple Nexus in the Wake of an Unprecedented Humanitarian Response

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Zimbabwe
Scope and Complexity of Food Insecurity

- Zimbabwe is experiencing its highest level of food insecurity in over a decade
- 5.5 million people in rural areas are expected to be food insecure at the peak of the lean season (January-March 2020)
- An additional 2.2-2.5 million people in urban areas are expected to be affected
- WFP scaling up its LSA response to 2 million this year and 2.7 million in 2020 - its highest beneficiary figure in 10 years

~8 million
People to be food insecure
IPC Food Insecurity Projection (October - December 2019)

IPC Acute Food Insecurity Phase Classification
(mapped Phase represents highest severity affecting at least 20% of the population)

- 1 - Minimal
- 2 - Stressed
- 3 - Crisis
- 4 - Emergency
- 5 - Famine

Areas with inadequate evidence
Areas not included in the analysis
The Crisis
Contributing Factors

- Severe drought (2018/2019)
- Under-performing agricultural sector
- Economic downturn and cash crunch
- Increase in urban food insecurity
- Struggling social assistance programs wrestling to safeguard the country's most vulnerable
Zimbabwe CONOPS – Lean Season Assistance

NEEDS

5,529,000
59% of the rural population is projected to be food insecure at peak (January-April 2020)

Source: 2019 ZimVAC Rural Livelihoods Assessment Report

WFP PLANNED RESPONSE

Targeted Population: 2.7 million
Districts targeted: 43 Districts
Targeted children below the age of 5: 275,000

PLANNED BENEFICIARIES

Phase 1
Urgent Response
August to September 2019
585,000

Phase 2
Scale Up
October to December 2019
2,004,700

Phase 3
Full Scale Up
January to April 2020
2,721,900

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Support for Small Grains and Post-harvest management

Gender

Protection

Health & Nutrition

Water Sanitation & Hygiene

FUNDING OVERVIEW

USD 187.2 REQUIRED

Remaining Pipeline Shortfall: USD 82 Million
The Nexus Approach

✓ **Integrated package:** FFA, Resilience (R4), and Smallholder Agriculture Market Support as an *integrated resilience approach* year long and over 3 years

✓ **Nexus objective:** ensure activities boost livelihoods and climate change adaptation on the road to development
WFP Zimbabwe
The Way Forward

• Scaling up LSA response to reach 2.7 million rural people between January-April.
• Expanding urban assistance to 200,000 in 8 domains over 2 years.
• Expanding complementary resilience activities.

• Reconsidering CBT structure; switching to/scaling up proportion of in-kind.

• Working closely with Member States and donors to mitigate the scale and scope of hunger.