East Africa Regional Overview
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This year, we plan to:

reach up to 26.5 million* people in East Africa with some form of food assistance

maintain assistance to 5+ million people while capitalizing on development and peacebuilding opportunities

double cash-based transfers* to empower beneficiaries and strengthen local markets

support sustainable food systems by leveraging our footprint and supply chain expertise

gather evidence on the multiplier effect of our programmes

*As per needs-based plan from the eight country offices
This is what we have accomplished so far:

- **assisted**: 11.9 million* people with some form of food assistance
- **transferred**: USD75.7 million** in cash-based transfers
- **purchased**: 143,169 mt *** of food commodities, valued at USD55.2 million

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* For April 2019. Not unique beneficiaries (i.e., includes overlaps).
** As of 31 March 2019. Excludes associated costs.
*** As of 31 May 2019.
In South Sudan, nearly 7 million people in need of food assistance in 2019*

**INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE IN THE LAST YEAR**

- 849,008 SUDAN
- 815,831 UGANDA
- 422,240 ETHIOPIA
- **2.3 million REFUGEES IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES**
- **1.9 million INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE**

**: Refugees and asylum-seekers. The vast majority of refugees are hosted by Sudan, Uganda and Ethiopia. Kenya (116,211 people) and the DRC (100,005 people) also host South Sudanese refugees. UNHCR Data as of 15 May 2019.
Threat of drought and food insecurity in the Horn of Africa

**Current situation**

- **11.4 million** people currently food insecure*
- **785,000 children** estimated to require treatment for severe acute malnutrition
- Only 1 good cropping season out of 7 since 2016

**Forecast scenario**

- Up to **17 million** people food insecure* by August 2019
- Up to **1.5 million children** acutely malnourished in Somalia alone should the rains completely fail
- Crop production up to 50% below average, depleting household food stocks and raising staple food prices

**Joint early action**

“... every 1 dollar invested in building people’s resilience will result in up to 3 dollars in reduced humanitarian aid and avoided losses.”

USAID Center For Resilience

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*: IPC Phase 3 and above
**Ebola readiness in RBN**

**In the DRC:**
- 2,025 cases
- 1,357 deaths

**In Uganda:**
- 7 cases
- 2 deaths

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**USD4 million WFP FUNDING REQUIREMENTS***

For the Priority 1 Countries: Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan and Burundi, plus the Staging Area in Entebbe

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*: As of 4 June 2019
**: As of 11 June 2019
***: For the next six months
Progress towards gender parity

gender-focused recruitment process to short-list and prioritize qualified female candidates

dedicated spaces and initiatives

mandatory and tailored training

on safety and security challenges faced by female staff, as well as on the prevention of sexual harassment

offering exposure to our operations, expanding their skills and boosting our talent pipeline

supporting career development and longevity with WFP

tailored recruitment initiatives
Thank You!