



# WFP Namibia Country Brief

May 2018

## Operational Context

WFP's focus in Namibia has shifted from food aid 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 systems to include: 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:  
**125 out of 188**

Income Level: **upper middle**

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

Main  
Photo

Credit: ©WFP/Namibia  
Caption: Participants taking part in emergency preparedness and response training.

## In Numbers

**US\$ 5 million** (Funding requirement for 2017 - 2022).

## Operational Updates

- WFP and other UN agencies supported the Government to plan for a national Disability Workshop that was held on 28-29 May 2018 in Windhoek. The workshop identified key gaps and proposed recommendations to improve public service delivery for people living with disability. WFP made a presentation on Disaster Risk Management and Disability, demonstrating how improved DRM systems can ably benefit people with disability. Deliberations from the workshop will inform the national conference scheduled to take place in July/August 2018 which aims to craft recommendations for cabinet and which will consequently inform the policy on people with disability.
- From 21 to 24 May, WFP's Regional Bureau undertook a scoping mission on climate change adaptation. The objectives of the mission were to: position WFP as a potential partner on climate change adaptation within the context of food and nutrition security; and identify key gaps and establish areas of potential collaboration with government. The Ministry of Environment and Tourism indicated interest to work with WFP noting that the area of food security and nutrition is not adequately addressed in the country's climate change adaptation programmes. WFP has been officially invited by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to serve on the National Climate Change Committee.
- The Namibian School Feeding Policy and its Implementation Action Plan covering the period 2018 to 2023 was approved by the National Planning Commission on 09 May 2018 after a lengthy and rigorous review process. WFP will proceed to submit the policy to the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture for subsequent tabling to cabinet prior to its ratification.

**Contact info:** [Jemima Mukuyu \(jemima.mukuyu@wfp.org\)](mailto:jemima.mukuyu@wfp.org)  
**Country Director:** [BaiMankay Sankoh - baimankay.sankoh@wfp.org](mailto:baimankay.sankoh@wfp.org)  
Further information: [www.wfp.org/countries/Namibia](http://www.wfp.org/countries/Namibia)

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
<b>Namibia Country Strategic Plan (2017 - 2022)</b>			
	<b>6.0 m</b>	<b>920,304</b>	<b>5,080,330</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 1:</b> <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	<b>3,631,496</b>	<b>781,125</b>	<b>2,850,371</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 2:</b> <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	<b>2,369,138</b>	<b>139,179</b>	<b>2,229,959</b>

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 is engaging the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) to design a Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (HGSFP) for Namibia. This project will complement the existing national school feeding programme that currently benefits over 360,000 learners receiving fortified maize meal. HGSFP will use local foods from farmers to diversify school meals while increasing income for farmers.
- WFP attended the 2018-2020 Global Fund Grant Review and Inception Workshop from 31 May - 01 June 2018. The purpose of the workshop was to review the performance of activities supported by this grant, challenges, guidelines and opportunities that may warrant the reprogramming of activities. As the grant is still in its early stages, WFP presented its value proposition on how the organisation can be a partner in Namibia, to support and integrate food and nutrition in the HIV and tuberculosis sector. WFP was invited to further engage relevant members bilaterally, to conceptualise their support.
- WFP was part of the task team that finalised the Namibia National Voluntary Report on the SDGs for 2018 which was submitted to cabinet for clearance. This report is reviewing the progress that Namibia has made towards achieving the SDGs. The deadline for submitting the report is 15 June 2018.
- WFP participated in the Namibia Joint-Assessment Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop for the Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) Movement on 23 May. The workshop brought together members of the Namibia Alliance for Improved Nutrition who include: Government, UN agencies, civil society, the business sector and donors, to assess Namibia's progress in scaling up nutrition (SUN) for the period April 2017 to April 2018. A draft report is currently being reviewed.

## Monitoring and Evaluation

- WFP continued to provide support to the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare to operationalize the M&E tools that it helped develop for the Zero Hunger Road Map implementation.
- On 03 May, WFP Namibia demonstrated its School Feeding Information System (NaSIS) to ICT colleagues at the Regional Bureau and Headquarters as one of the best practices of a web-based system used for monitoring the performance of school feeding. WFP intends to have this system upgraded and decentralised to schools.

## Challenges

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

## Donors

Government of Namibia, Russian Federation