



World Food Programme

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Operational Context

Tanzania is food self-sufficient at the national level. However, 74 percent of the population live in rural areas with 28 percent of the population living below the poverty line. Localised food deficits occur at regional, district and household levels mainly due to dependence on rain-fed agriculture and limited use of modern farming techniques. Over the last three years, Tanzania's economy has grown at a rate of 7 percent annually, driven mainly by telecommunications, financial services, transport and construction. The discovery of large reserves of natural gas and crude oil offers promise of a new and significant revenue stream for the Tanzanian economy.

WFP has been present in Tanzania since 1963.



Population: **53.5 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **151 out of 188**

Income Level: **Low**

Chronic malnutrition: **34.7% of children between 6-59 months**

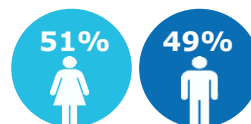
In Numbers

297,000 refugees living in camps in Tanzania

50,000 smallholder farmers to be assisted through Farm to Market Alliance

US\$42.3 m six months (July-December 2018) net funding requirements

300,000 people assisted in JUNE 2018



Operational Updates

- **Refugees:** Rations were distributed at 90 percent of the recommended 2,100 kcal per person per day. WFP continues to fundraise with the aim to return to full rations as prolonged rations reductions have far-reaching and potentially life-altering consequences for refugees.
- **Smallholder Farmers:** Under Farm to Market Alliance, aggregation of maize for smallholder farmers began and is expected to continue through September. For more information on Farm to Market Alliance check [here](#).
- Through the Kigoma Joint Programme, trainings on post-harvest handling and storage were completed in July. A total of 3,095 farmers were trained, of which 60 percent were women. During the trainings, farmers were introduced to storage technologies, placing orders for over 10,000 hermetic bags. For more information on Kigoma Joint Programme check [here](#).
- **Innovation:** WFP Tanzania's Field Innovation Hub was officially opened by the WFP Executive Director, David Beasley. WFP Tanzania is currently piloting various innovations through WFP Munich Accelerator. The hub will act as a space for staff to brainstorm ways to include innovation in their work.
- The Field Innovation Hub launched a local innovation challenge in July in partnership with President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and Dar Teknohama Business Incubator (DTBI) to source a local innovation to pilot in Tanzania. The window to apply closes 07 September. Up to five finalists will win a chance to pitch their innovation at Sahara Sparks event in Tanzania in October. A six-month mentorship opportunity with DTBI is also part of the award. More information on the challenge is available [here](#).

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Main Photo

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Caption: WFP Executive Director David Beasley visits farmer's home to check progress of Farm to Market Alliance in Matimira Village, Songea District.

Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
42.3 m	25.4 m	16.9 m

WFP Country Activities

SO 1

Support to Refugees: Tanzania currently hosts 297,000 Congolese and Burundian refugees at Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli Refugee Camps in Kigoma region. WFP provides a food basket of cereals, SuperCereal (fortified blended food), pulses, vegetable oil and salt to each refugee. WFP assistance is the main source of food for refugees. WFP also runs a Supplementary Feeding Programme in all three camps to provide additional nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women, children under five years, people with HIV/AIDS and hospital in-patients. In addition, hot meals are served to newly arriving refugees at transit and reception centres, and high energy biscuits provided to those in transit.

SO 2

Nutrition: To prevent stunting, pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and children under two years receive a monthly take home ration of SuperCereal under the Mother and Child Health Nutrition programme, implemented in Dodoma and Singida regions. The communities also receive support to improve diet diversification through production of diversified crops and behaviour change communication.

Under the Maisha Bora project, the construction of rainwater harvesting tanks and the provision of inputs for school and community gardens helps to improve the food security in the districts of Longido and Simanjiro in northern Tanzania.

WFP also supports the Government to accelerate implementation of the National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) by improving data collection and capacity through a catalyst team which facilitates multi-sector collaboration at the district level.

SO 3

Support to Smallholder Farmers: Through its Market Access initiative, WFP helps farmers transition from subsistence farming to market-oriented agriculture by connecting the demand for crops with commercial markets and by providing access finance and fair contracts before planting. WFP supports farmers with the means to improve their yields and reduce post-harvest losses, increasing household income while reducing food insecurity at the community, national and global level. WFP also leads the agriculture component of the Kigoma Joint Programme, which is a UN programme designed to support development in refugee-hosting communities.

SO 4

Support to Government and Service Provision: WFP works with the Government through the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) to push forward the social safety net programmes including seasonal livelihood programming and public works projects. WFP provides information to Government, private sector, NGOs and UN agencies to help improve efficiency in transport and logistics. WFP also provides common ICT services to 21 UN agencies operating in Dar es Salaam under the One UN initiative.

SO 5

Innovation Field Hub: In partnership with WFP's Munich Innovation Accelerator, WFP Tanzania is developing its function as an Innovation Field Hub for testing and scaling up of innovations from WFP and both the public and private sector.

Operational Updates (continued)

- Nutrition:** WFP continued to support the Government in strengthening collaboration of multi-sectoral stakeholders. The first Smart Simplicity Steering Committee meeting was held, bringing together WFP, Government and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in July. The Smart Simplicity team also undertook a learning mission to Malawi to observe and understand approaches used by WFP Malawi and key stakeholders reducing stunting. For more information on Smart Simplicity check [here](#).

Strategic Partnerships

- WFP is part of a consortium of actors which provide support to refugees residing in refugee camps in Tanzania. WFP's co-operating partners include: World Vision Tanzania, Relief to Development Society (REDES), Tanzania Red Cross Society, Danish Refugee Council, Caritas, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Médecins Sans Frontières.
- WFP works with several line ministries and has formal partnerships with NGOs and local government authorities at the district level. Partners include: CEFA Tanzania Registered Trustees, Childreach Tanzania, Building Rural Income Through Enterprises (BRITEN), Rural Urban Development Initiative (RUDI), Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS), Good Neighbours Tanzania, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and Agricultural Cooperative Development International and Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA), Save the Children and the district councils of: Kwimba, Misungwi, Magu, Nzega, Igunga, Chamwino, Singida Rural District Council, Bahi, Ikungi and Bunda.
- Kigoma Joint Programme:** A UN Joint Programme has been developed by the WFP-led Resilience Thematic Results Group (TRG) under the United Nations Development Assistance Plan (UNDAP II). The programme, involving 16 UN agencies, targets refugee host communities in three districts. WFP is leading the agriculture sub-component.

Donors (2017/18)

Belgium, Canada, Denmark, European Union, France, Republic of Korea, One UN, USA, Germany, UK, Ireland, Global Learning XPRIZE and Sweden.