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## 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 months**

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## In Numbers

**US\$ 5 million** funding requirement for 2017 - 2022

## Operational Updates

- WFP hosted a training on SCOPE from 9-13 July for members of the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare (MPESW) and the Namibian Food Bank Committees. The training was part of the technical assistance WFP is providing to the ministry after interest was expressed to adopt SCOPE (WFP's beneficiary and transfer management system) and was the first step towards having the technology adopted and transferred to Government. The Government aims to mainstream the management of the Namibian Food Bank Project through SCOPE. WFP will provide capacity building through innovative technology aimed to improve the service delivery of the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare. If successful, the coverage will be increased geographically.
- WFP along with government officials from the National Planning Commission, the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare attended a Cost of Hunger in Africa (COHA) training in Kenya, from 1-6 July. The training formed the basis of the preparations for the Cost of Hunger Study in Namibia, which will be conducted by the National Planning Commission (NPC), in partnership with WFP and the African Union (AU).

**Main Photo**

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Caption: SCOPE trainees during practical session.

## Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

Total Requirement (in USD) (2017-2021)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (2017-2021)
<b>6.0m</b>	<b>920,304</b>	<b>5,080,330</b>

## Monitoring

- WFP carried out joint monitoring visits with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture in Khomas region (which also hosts the capital Windhoek) from 8-19 July. The visits aimed to monitor progress on the utilization of the Namibian School Feeding Programme Information Management System (NaSIS) at school level, as well as monitor the supply chain and assessing other school feeding matters such as hygiene and health. The adoption level of NaSIS is high although challenges on the lack of food diversity and hygiene continue.

## Challenges

- Resource mobilisation for the implementation of the WFP's Country Strategic Plan for Namibia continues to be a challenge due to financial constraints experienced by the Government.
- WFP is working on sourcing additional funding from other donors and engage the private sector.

## Donors

Government of Namibia, Russian Federation