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Operational Context

Through its Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (T-ICSP), WFP plans to assist 213,335 people during 18 months.

WFP's technical support to the Government of Zambia aims to strengthen national programmes and systems that contribute to zero hunger. WFP support contributes to five strategic outcomes outlined on the next page.

WFP has been present in Zambia since 1967.



Population: **17.6 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **144 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

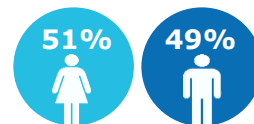
Stunting: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

842.1 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 5.8m (October to March) six months net funding requirements

179,296 people assisted
in October 2018



Operational Updates

- A validation workshop for the Zambia Zero Hunger Strategic Review Report (ZHSR) was held on 16 October 2018. The ZHSR will assist WFP and the government to draw lessons from the report and feed into a roadmap that will govern national and development partners' strategies, including WFP's Country Strategic Plan (CSP).
- WFP reached 167,670 school children with meals in six districts (Petauke, Sinda, Nyimba, Mumbwa, Luangwa and Shibuyunji). WFP also assisted 50 schools in Mumbwa and Senanga districts to directly procure fresh vegetables from smallholder farmers. This is to improve the diversity of meals served to learners and establish a decentralized national procurement supply chain for the programme. WFP also provided food assistance to 11,626 refugees in October.
- The Scaling Up Nutrition Business Network (SBN) in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and Royal DSM convened the first ever Nutrition Africa Investor Forum (NAIF) in Kenya. The forum included the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Pitch Competition that showcased small and medium-sized companies' innovative concepts on improving diets and reducing malnutrition while highlighting new investment opportunities across the continent. SBN Zambia supported two Zambian businesses (Sylva Foods and eMusika) to participate in the forum and pitch competition. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/2RuOBY2>
- WFP Zambia is consulting with key donors, government stakeholders and partners in social protection, agriculture and nutrition on its new Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2019-24. Following the validation of the direction of the CSP and identification of relevant thematic areas, agreements are expected to be forged with key government entities highlighting key collaboration areas, with the National Food and Commission as the overall coordinating body, the Ministries of Agriculture, Community Development, General Education, Health, and Disaster Risk and Mitigation Unit under the Office of the Vice President, among others.

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Country Strategic Plan (2018-2019)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
23m	10.9m	5.8m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Vulnerable school children in prioritized food insecure districts have access to adequate and nutritious food throughout the year.

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Technical assistance to the Government bodies responsible for the Home-Grown School Meals Programme aims to strengthen the programme as a social safety net, create linkages to nutrition and partnerships with other social protection initiatives.

Strategic Result 2: End Malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: Communities in food insecure areas have improved nutritional status in line with national targets by 2020.

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Provision of technical expertise to government and private sector entities involved in the production and marketing of nutritious products.
- Through information, research and advocacy for services that promote increased production or distribution of nutritious foods, WFP hopes to contribute to reduced stunting and underweight among children under five years.

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity

Strategic Outcome 3: Targeted smallholders have increased livelihood resilience in the face of natural, social and economic-related shocks by 2030.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Promotion of climate - smart agriculture through access to financial services, market access, crop diversification, and post-harvest management.

Strategic Result 4: Country Capacity Strengthening

Strategic Outcome 4: Disaster management, social protection, and economic systems in Zambia reliably address the basic food and nutrition needs of the vulnerable populations throughout the year, including in times of crisis.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Capacity strengthening to government for disaster preparedness and response, supply chain support to enhance effective delivery, tracking and monitoring of relief interventions.

Strategic Result 5: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 5: Refugees are able to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements in times of crisis and shocks.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- General food distribution.
- Nutrition-Supplementary feeding.

Monitoring

- The monitoring & evaluation unit conducted outcome monitoring for all Strategic Objectives (SOs). Results of the monitoring exercise revealed that the attendance rate under the Home-Grown School Meals Programme (SO1) showed an improvement from 80% at baseline to 83% in the reporting period. Under Nutrition (SO2), seven Sun Business Network (SBN) members reported an increase in production of high quality and nutrition-dense foods of the during the reporting period. The Smallholder Farmers Support (SO3), through various trainings, orientations and meetings, reached 17,835 farmers of which 51% were female. Under Crisis Response (SO5). It was reported that food consumption (as measured by the Food Consumption Score, FCS) had improved for households headed by females as the proportion of households with poor FCS decreased from 52% in June to 29% in September.

Challenges

- The suspension of donor funding to the Social Cash Transfer (SCT) programme and recently the UN Joint Programme on Social Protection (UNJPSP) - which includes WFP - continues to be a challenge.
- Following the August 2018 suspension, donors requested UN agencies under the UNJPSP to continue systems strengthening and capacity building, but without transferring money into government systems. However, in October 2018, donors officially communicated the suspension of funding to the UNJPSP for technical support and capacity building.

Donors

Government of Zambia, Multilaterals, SDC, SIDA, Private Donors, Food for Peace, CERF, KOICA and UNICEF.