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Operational Context

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

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

WFP has been present in Zambia since 1967.



Population: **17.6 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **144 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

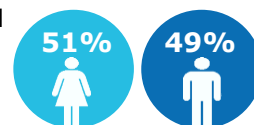
Stunting: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

352.3 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 5.9m (December to May) six months net funding requirements

176,611 people assisted
in November 2018



Operational Updates

- WFP received funding from Irish Aid for the expansion of Scaling Up Nutrition Business Network (SBN) activities into Southern, Central and Western provinces of Zambia. The initial scoping mission is scheduled to take place in December 2018. The purpose of the mission is to introduce SBN to the districts, identify partners who can work with the network in undertaking SBN nutrition activities and identify challenges and opportunities in the expansion of the network.

The funding will run for five years and will contribute towards the launch of the Healthy Diet and Good Food logo campaigns.

- WFP engaged the Crushers and Edible Oil Refiners Association (CEDORA) in identifying potential edible oil producers and suppliers in Zambia, for potential exports to WFP operations in the East and Southern Africa region. It is expected that the exercise will be concluded in the first quarter of 2019.
- Following the approval and subsequent funding by SIDA of the project proposal "Promoting the Production and Consumption of Nutritious Foods through an Integrated Multi-Sectoral Approach", WFP undertook a scoping mission in 12 districts in the Eastern, Central, Southern and Western provinces of Zambia.

The project implementation framework is structured around enhancing nutrition education, promoting diversified nutrition diets, enhancing synergies and fostering Social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC), increasing access to predictable markets as well as promoting post-harvest management technologies. Further, the project is designed to address nutrition knowledge gaps, promote good feeding practices, advance diversified agriculture, and facilitate access to viable and functional markets.

- To mainstream nutrition through the Home-Grown School Meals (HGSM) programme and impact knowledge, attitudes and practices of school children and sustain the established school gardens, WFP is supporting the installation of solar irrigation equipment in 10 schools in Mumbwa district. The school gardens are used as teaching aids and demonstration sites for nutrition education and practical agricultural learning in the schools, with the aim of exposing 11,000 school children to nutrition messages and agricultural skills training.

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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	5.9m

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 to refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Luapula Province, with a food basket that aims to meet the minimum energy and nutritional requirements.
- Emergency Nutrition – Supplementary Feeding Programme for refugee children and women, in Luapula Province, when the nutritional status of refugees declines to serious levels (GAM>10%).

Monitoring

Outcome Monitoring

WFP's Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) unit undertook outcome monitoring in Pemba, Namwala, Monze, Mazabuka and Gwembe districts with support from Heifer International and Development Aid from People to People (DAPP). The outcome monitoring exercise tracked progress made towards achieving the outcome targets against the the baseline survey.

The objective of the exercise was to collect follow-up values from the inception report to enhance programme effectiveness, accountability and ultimately positive impacts for targeted households. The monitoring is designed to facilitate relevant, accurate and timely information to enable WFP and its partners to assess progress towards achievement of key expected results as detailed in the programme log frame.

Challenges

- WFP-contracted transporters have expressed concerns over the recent increment in fuel prices. Despite the adjustments in transport rates, it is most likely that some of the WFP-contracted routes are to be re-tendered to reflect the actual prevailing rates on the market.
- WFP is coordinating with UNHCR and the cooperating partner Action Africa Help (AAH) to streamline the implementation procedures and strengthen protection and accountability to affected populations. Standard operating procedures for the food distribution and the joint complaint and feedback mechanism will be developed for Mantapala.

Donors

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