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Operational Context

Through its Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (T-ICSP), WFP plans to assist 213,335 direct beneficiaries 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's support contributes to five strategic outcomes.

WFP has been present in Zambia since 1967.



Population: **17.6 million**

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

Income Level: **Lower middle**

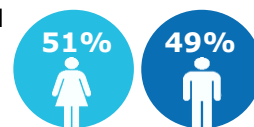
Stunting: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

371.3 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 6.7m (January to June) six months net funding requirements

159,512 people assisted
in December 2018



Operational Updates

- As part of strengthening the Government of Zambia's capacity to manage the Home-Grown School Meals (HGSM) Programme, WFP supported the development of operational guidelines to harmonise approaches and implementation modalities among stakeholders implementing the programme. The manual will be used as a reference guide for managers and officials of the Ministry of General Education (MoGE) and will strengthen capacity among HGSM programme managers and partners to efficiently and effectively deliver on programme outcomes. The draft guidelines have been submitted to government for review and will be validated by the HGSM technical working group in January 2019. The guidelines will serve as reference material for district and school level implementers.
- Following the approved SIDA project proposal "*Promoting the Production and Consumption of Nutritious Foods through an Integrated Multi Sectoral Approach*", a baseline survey was carried out in the selected 12 districts of Eastern, Southern and Central Zambia from 2 to 28 December 2018. The baseline study will serve as the benchmark against which subsequent monitoring activities will be based. The survey will also inform the design of the implementation of project activities.
- WFP participated in the Scaling-Up Nutrition (SUN) Business Network (SBN) members meeting on 4 December 2018 in Lusaka. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the WFP nutrition team to the SBN membership, provide updates on the network and to get members' input to shape the programming of the SBN network in 2019. The meeting attracted 40 participants from the nutrition private sector.

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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 | 6.7m |

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

- Institutional Capacity Assessment (ICA):** WFP through the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) unit successfully facilitated the dissemination of the findings of the Home-Grown School Meals Programme (HGSMP) decentralized evaluation and launched the Institutional Capacity Assessment (ICA) in Eastern and Central province. The purpose of the evaluation was to ascertain the effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the country programme (2017-2018). The recommendations and the developed action plan were shared with government stakeholders. Access the report here: <https://bit.ly/2NtA8NE>
- SIDA Baseline Survey:** WFP undertook a baseline survey to ascertain livelihood, knowledge and food security of smallholder farmers in selected provinces, and have baseline values for impact, outcomes and outputs as spelled out in the SIDA-funded component of the T-ICSP/CSP. A total of 601 households were interviewed.

Challenges

- Due to accountability concerns with payment to beneficiaries of the Social Cash Transfer (SCT) programme, funding to the SCT and consequently to UN Joint Programmes on Social Protection that was suspended is yet to resume. The Government of Zambia recently completed the SCT audits and reviews and will engage the donors on the findings.

Donors

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