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# WFP Zambia Country Brief March 2019



## 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 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**

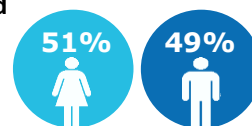
Stunting: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

## In Numbers

**647.5 metric tons** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 1m** (April to September) six months net funding requirements

**182,950 people assisted**  
in March 2019



## Operational Updates

- WFP remains committed to supporting the Ministry of General Education to implement the Home-Grown School Meals (HGSM) programme. To hand over the HGSM programme to the Government from June 2019, WFP will continue to provide the necessary support to ensure that the Government has the required systems and capacity to deliver a nationally owned sustainable HGSM programme.
- As part of WFP's package of technical assistance provided to the Government, WFP has been supporting the implementation of the recommendations from the Institutional Capacity Assessment (ICA). WFP will assist the development of the procurement strategy and food tracking system through engaging with relevant technical teams within the Ministry of General Education.
- WFP continues to provide technical support under the Government's social protection systems to deliver cash transfers. Through WFP advocacy regarding the use and effectiveness of biometrics for beneficiary authentication, the Government has decided to introduce biometrics for the Zambia Social Cash Transfer programme. The biometrics will be built by the Government through ongoing work on the Zambia Integrated Social Protection Information System (ZISPIS). WFP also began the process of officially handing over of the current Social Cash Transfer Beneficiary registration system for integration with the ZISPIS.
- WFP promptly responded to the need to deliver emergency relief food to Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, following cyclone Idai's devastating effects in the three countries. Since mid-March 2019, WFP Zambia has provided approximately 5,090 MT of emergency food commodities (beans and maize). The bulk of emergency relief food went to Mozambique, the worst hit, where the cyclone claimed hundreds of lives and destroyed livelihoods, including livestock and fisheries. In addition, WFP Zambia also deployed mobile logistics execution support system (LESS) kits to support the Level 3 WFP Mozambique corporate emergency operation.

## WFP Country Strategy

### Country Strategic Plan (2018-2019)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
22m	19m	1m

#### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** WFP is supporting the Ministry of General Education to develop a web-based food tracking and reporting tool. The food tracking system is an initiative that aims to support the government's decentralized implementation of HGSM programme.

**Focus area:** *Root causes*

##### Activities:

- Technical assistance to the Government bodies responsible for the HGSM 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 the 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 distributions.
- Nutrition-Supplementary feeding.

## Monitoring

Following the 2018/2019 dry spells, the weather index insurance cover in Pemba district was triggered, giving an opportunity for farmers to receive their insurance pay-outs. WFP carried out Post-Insurance Payment monitoring to assess farmers access to, use of, and satisfaction with the insurance cash pay-out provided. Results will be shared once they are final.

## Challenges

In helping to ship emergency relief food to survivors of cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi, WFP faces long delays in processing movement schedules required to enable trucks deliver emergency food to the people in need.

## Donors

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

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