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# WFP Zambia Country Brief May 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: **17.1 million**

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

Income Level: **Lower middle**

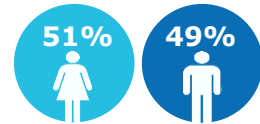
Stunting: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

## In Numbers

**453.5 metric tons** of food assistance distributed

**US\$1 m** (June - November 2019 six months net funding requirements)

**120,188 people assisted**  
in May 2019



## Operational Updates

- To support the Government to implement an effective and efficient nationally-owned Home-Grown School Meals (HGSM) programme, WFP held a lesson learnt workshop to enhance the Government's capacity in the areas of supply chain, food procurement, food handling, school gardens, nutrition education, advocacy and monitoring and evaluation. By mid-2019, the HGSM programme will be fully handed over to the Government.
- WFP held a training workshop for aggregators and off-takers to forge linkages between smallholder farmers, promote good marketing and business practices and strengthen their resilience against shocks. Currently, WFP has provided market access to over 50,000 smallholder farmers through their network of aggregators and off-takers.
- With resources from the 2030 fund, WFP is supporting the Government to roll out the Social Cash Transfers (SCT) programme biometric payment authentication system in four districts. WFP will be raising awareness of the system in the districts and provide monitoring and evaluation and coordination support. WFP will also support south-to-south learning to enable the Government to utilise lessons from other countries to inform the use of biometrics for the SCT in Zambia. A workplan has been drawn up with the Government to formalize this support.
- WFP conducted two cooking demonstrations in the Mantapala Refugee Settlement to disseminate skills and knowledge that promotes nutrition. The cooking demonstrations primarily target households with children who have Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and complement interventions designed to promote optimal child growth and development and overall better nutritional health for households.
- WFP supported the National Food and Nutrition Commission (NFNC) to conduct a four-day Training of Trainers workshop for 36 members of the District Nutrition Coordination Committees (DNCC) in six districts. The workshop aimed to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to implement the national First 1,000 Most Critical Days Programme (MCDP).

## 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

#### 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.

### Assessments

The Zambia Meteorological Department review of the 2018/19 rainfall performance revealed that the southern half of the country experienced severe prolonged dry spells, extremely high temperatures and a late start of the season (early January 2019). This has resulted in a compromised food and nutrition security situation among farming households and the urban poor. To support the Government's response, WFP is providing technical support to the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit to undertake an in-depth vulnerability assessment to establish the extent of the impact of the dry spell and the number of people requiring support. The results of this assessment are expected at the end of June 2019.

WFP conducted a market assessment with refugee representatives in Nchelenge and Kawambwa districts to establish the functionality of the local markets and the possible challenges/gaps that need to be addressed. The findings to be released this month will inform the planned introduction of the Cash-Based Transfers (CBT) in August.

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