



WFP Uganda Country Brief August 2019

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Operational Context

Despite its agricultural potential and significant agricultural exports, Uganda's food insecurity levels remain classified as 'serious' by the 2018 Global Hunger Index. Ugandans consume 400 kcal less than they need each day. While stunting, underweight and wasting have declined in the past five years, undernutrition rates remain high. Uganda is the third largest refugee hosting country in the world with over 1.2 million refugees living in settlements.

WFP's operations in Uganda are guided by the Country Strategic Plan (CSP, 2018-2022) which is aligned to Uganda's National Development Plan II and Vision 2040 towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 and 17. Through the CSP, WFP addresses the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition, supports the refugee response and strengthens social protection systems. WFP assistance is provided through direct implementation, evidence generation, knowledge sharing and capacity strengthening, while building strategic partnerships including through South-South Cooperation.



Population: **39 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **162 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower income**

Chronic malnutrition: **32 percent of children between 6-59 months**

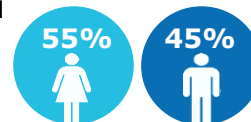
In Numbers

13,305mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 3.2m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 99.4m six months (September 2019 – February 2020) net funding requirements

1.45 million people assisted in August 2019*



Operational Updates

- Overview:** In August 2019, WFP supported **1.45 million** people in Uganda. WFP's operations mainly focused on refugee response with **1.14 million** refugees receiving food and nutrition assistance. In Karamoja, WFP provided school meals to **148,000** school-going children and implemented nutrition activities for **19,055** children aged 6-59 months, as well as pregnant and nursing mothers. WFP also continued to support **26,000** smallholder farmers to access markets and participate in agriculture training.
- Karamoja response:** WFP has received contributions for drought response in Karamoja from DFID, Canada and ECHO. WFP is preparing for distributions of protection rations to families with malnourished children, pregnant and nursing mothers, as well as targeted food assistance to the most vulnerable people in the worst hit district of Kaabong in September.
- Ebola preparedness and response:** The Uganda Ministry of Health reported a case of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Uganda. A nine-year-old female of Congolese origin with EVD was identified while crossing the border to Uganda on 28 August; confirmed positive for Ebola Virus on the 29 August and died on 30 August 2019. No other Ebola cases have been reported since this incident. WFP is providing supply chain services and expertise to the Ministry of Health and WHO, while food assistance has been requested for the EVD patients as well as suspected cases in the hospital

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*Beneficiary figures are based on estimated figures

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Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
1.2 b	407m	99.4 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Refugees and other crisis affected people in Uganda access adequate and nutritious food in times of crisis.

Focus area: *Crisis response*

Activities:

- Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees
- Provide food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected households

Strategic Outcome 2: Food insecure populations in areas affected by climate shocks have access to adequate and nutritious food all year.

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activities:

- Provide cash and food transfers for community-level asset creation and technical assistance to the Government of Uganda
- Provide nutritious hot meals to school children and technical assistance to the Government of Uganda

Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Children aged 6-59 months in food-insecure areas have acute malnutrition rates in line with national targets by 2030.

Focus area: *Root causes*

Activities:

- Provide specialized nutritious food and nutrition-sensitive cash transfers to at risk populations

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and income

Strategic Outcome 4: Smallholder farmers, especially women, in targeted areas have enhanced and resilient livelihoods by 2030.

Focus area: *Root causes*

Activities:

- Provide training, post-harvest equipment and aggregation facilities to farmer organizations and technical assistance to the Government of Uganda
- Provide transfers for purchasing affordable household storage and training

Strategic Result 5: Capacity strengthening

Strategic Outcome 5: Institutions have increased capacity to coordinate and manage food security and nutrition programmes and respond to shocks by 2030.

Focus area: *Root causes*

Activities:

- Provide a single registry to enable government and development partners to coordinate and target programmes
- Provide technical assistance to enable the government and first responders to prepare for and respond to emergencies

Strategic Result 8: Global partnerships

Strategic Outcome 6: Humanitarian actors have access to cost-efficient supply chain services when needed.

Focus area: *Crisis response*

Activities:

- Provide supply chain services and expertise to enable all partners to deliver humanitarian assistance

- **Partnerships:** WFP is set to develop multi-annual strategic partnerships meant to maximize the impact of WFP's General Food and Nutrition Assistance to refugees. The period of the assistance will be from 2020-2022.
- **Nutrition:** As part of strengthening nutrition governance, WFP facilitated the western region multisectoral technical coordination workshop on nutrition. The workshop involved district nutrition focal persons, District Health Officers (DHOs), and production officers. The partners and districts agreed to review all district nutrition action plans to ensure all multisectoral approaches were integrated in the action plans. WFP also supported the review of the Isingiro District Nutrition Action Plan (DNAP). To improve programme quality, WFP continues to support training of health workers in maternal, child health and nutrition.
- **Resilience:** Drawing participants from various WFP Country offices and international universities including Iraq, Tanzania, Jordan and Ethiopia, WFP together with Makerere University successfully undertook a Seasonal Livelihood Programming (SLP) workshop in Moroto/Karamoja. SLP aims at strengthening the design, planning and implementation of longer-term resilience building programmes, developed in partnership and aligned to national and local priorities.

Funding Updates

- WFP Uganda requires an additional US\$59 million to meet its funding needs for the next six months (September 2019 to February 2020) to continue supporting the food security, nutrition and livelihoods responses in Uganda.

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