



World Food Programme

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Operational Context

Tanzania is food self-sufficient at the national level, however, localised food deficits occur at regional, district and household levels mainly due to dependence on rain-fed agriculture and limited use of modern farming techniques. Seventy-four percent of rural Tanzanians are engaged in agriculture while agriculture only contributes 28.4 percent of the country's GDP. One in ten Tanzanians lives below the food poverty line and one in three children is chronically malnourished. Over the last three years, Tanzania's economy has grown at a rate of 7 percent annually, driven mainly by telecommunications, financial services, tourism, transport and construction. The discovery of large reserves of natural gas and crude oil offers promise of a new and significant revenue stream for the Tanzanian economy.

WFP has been present in Tanzania since 1963.



Population: **55.6 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **154 out of 189**

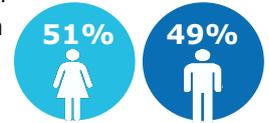
Income Level: **Low**

Chronic malnutrition: **31.8% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

US\$29.7m six-month funding shortfall

253,000 refugees and asylum seekers in camps in Tanzania received food assistance in camps in July



Operational Updates

Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC): WFP is working with TRC on refurbishing 40 train wagons to boost capacity. The wagons increase the capacity for the central corridor serving Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan and Tanzania. The arrangement represents a win-win, with TRC receiving refurbished wagons, steady demand from humanitarian operations in the region while WFP receives cost savings and time benefits from regular access and utilization of the railways.

Refugees: WFP provides a general food basket to 253,000 Congolese and Burundian refugees hosted Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli Refugee Camps in Kigoma region. The food basket consists of maize meal, Super Cereal, pulses, vegetable oil and salt to meet a minimum dietary requirement of 2,100 Kcal per person per day. WFP's food assistance is the main source of livelihood for refugees.

WFP continues to fundraise to avoid ration reductions in the future.

Nutrition: The results of the Tanzania National Nutrition Survey 2018 were officially released by the Ministry of Health. An overall look at the results shows a consistent trend in the reduction in the prevalence of stunting among children under five years nationally – from 34.7% in 2014 to 31.8% in 2018. Other nutrition indicators have also improved; however, regional disparities remain. The findings are representative at national and regional levels and are useful in tracking progress of the National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) 2016-21.

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Caption: Train wagon being rehabilitated at Tanzania Railways Corporation workshop

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Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Funding Shortfall (in USD)
343 m	121.9 m	29.7 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Refugees and other acutely food insecure people in Tanzania are able to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements in times of crisis.

Focus area: Crisis Response

- Activities:**
- Provide cash and/or food based transfers to refugees living in official camps.
 - Provide evidence to the government and engage in policy dialogue.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable populations in prioritized districts have improved nutritional status in line with national targets by 2021.

Focus area: Root Causes

- Activities:**
- Provide capacity strengthening to government entities involved in nutrition
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Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Targeted smallholders in prioritized districts will have increased access to agricultural markets by 2030.

Focus area: Root Causes

- Activities:**
- Provide value-chain support to smallholder farmers
 - Promote climate-smart agriculture and crop diversification amongst smallholder farmers

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 4: Disaster management and social protection systems in Tanzania reliably address the basic food and nutrition needs of the poorest and most food-insecure populations throughout the year, including in times of crisis

Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Provide capacity support to government food security institutions
 - Provide supply chain and IT capacity, expertise and services to partners

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology, strengthen global partnership

Strategic Outcome 5: WFP and its partners in Tanzania and beyond are facilitated to foster, test, refine and scale up innovation that contributes to the achievement of the SDGs by 2030

Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Provide innovation-focused support to partners and targeted beneficiaries

World Humanitarian Day: To mark World Humanitarian Day 2019, WFP Tanzania Country Representative, Michael Dunford, was interviewed by The Daily News, a government newspaper. The story can be found [here](#).

To celebrate women humanitarians, WFP also developed a social media campaign featuring a video with a WFP Logistics officer from Dar es Salaam Port. The video can be found [here](#).

Strategic Partnerships

WFP is part of a consortium of stakeholders which supports food security for refugees residing in refugee camps in Tanzania. WFP’s co-operating partners include: the UN Refugee Agency - UNHCR, World Vision Tanzania, Relief to Development Society (REDESO), Tanzania Red Cross Society, Danish Refugee Council, Caritas, Norwegian Refugee Council and Médecins Sans Frontières.

WFP works with several line ministries and has formal partnerships with NGOs and local government authorities at the district level. Partners include: CEFA Tanzania Registered Trustees, Childreach Tanzania, Building Rural Income Through Enterprises (BRITEN), Rural Urban Development Initiative (RUDI), Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS), Good Neighbours Tanzania, Norwegian Church Aid and Agricultural Cooperative Development International and Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA), Save the Children and the district councils of: Kwimba, Misungwi, Magu, Nzega, Igunga, Chamwino, Singida Rural District Council, Bahi, Ikungi and Bunda.

Kigoma Joint Programme: A UN Joint Programme has been developed by the Resilience Thematic Results Group under the United Nations Development Assistance Plan (UNDAP II). The programme, involving 16 UN agencies, targets refugee host communities in three districts. WFP is leading the agriculture sub-component.

Donors (2018/19)

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