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WFP Zambia Country Brief August 2019



Operational Context

Through its five-year Country Strategic Plan (CSP), WFP plans to assist 175,000 people.

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 four strategic outcomes.

WFP has been present in Zambia since 1967.



Population: **17.1 million**

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

Income Level: **Lower middle**

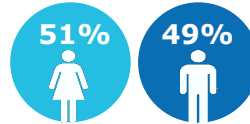
Stunting: **35% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

221.843 metric tons of food assistance distributed

US\$ 1m (September 2019 – February 2020 six months net funding requirements)

13,516 people assisted in August 2019



Operational Updates

- WFP supported the Ministry of General Education to pilot hydroponics, a system to grow crops without soil, in a water-based, nutrient rich solution. Hydroponics enables crops to grow on a relatively small piece of land in places where traditional farming would be untenable, such as urban centers, or places limited by adverse weather conditions. In addition, crops grown under hydroponics are less susceptible to weeds, insects and other pests, which means crops can grow with limited or no use of herbicides and pesticides. Hydroponics has potential to enrich school gardening, by helping to improve school children's nutrition through consumption of nutrient-dense produce and increasing school children's knowledge of nutrition through practical experience in food production. Linkages are also being made to communities around schools, expecting to generate multiplier effects in stimulating enhanced horticultural production and consumption in surrounding communities.
- WFP held a planning meeting with Media 365 to discuss the implementation of the Healthy Diets Campaign through social behaviour change communication (SBCC). The Healthy Diets Campaign aims to encourage individuals, households and communities to adopt and sustain improved positive nutrition behaviours. WFP supports the government to address all forms of malnutrition to ensure that vulnerable people in Zambia have improved nutrition status.
- WFP agreed to support the Ministry of Health to lead the Logistics and Procurement Working Group for the implementation of the mosquito net campaign. The campaign is expected to be launched in January 2020. Preparatory meetings are ongoing.

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: Crisis-affected people, including refugees can meet their basic food and nutrition needs all year.

Focus area: *Crisis response*

Activities:

- Unconditional cash-based and food transfers.
- Supplementary feeding for targeted refugees.

Strategic Result 2: End Malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable people in Zambia have improved nutrition status in line with national targets by 2024.

Focus area: *Root causes*

Activities:

- Provide technical support to government institutions and the private sector for the reduction of malnutrition and the scale up of high-impact nutrition interventions.

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Resilience

Strategic Outcome 3: Smallholder farmers in Zambia, especially women, have increased access to markets, enhanced resilience to climate shocks and diversified livelihoods by 2030.

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activities:

- Promote climate-smart agriculture, crop diversification through access to finance, climate services, post-harvest management support and access to markets for small holder farmers.

Strategic Result 4: Capacity Strengthening

Strategic Outcome 4: Government institutions in Zambia have more efficient, effective and shock-responsive social protection systems that contribute to the achievement of SDG 2.

Focus area: *Root causes*

Activities:

- Provide technical expertise and other services for strengthening the systems and capacities of government institutions and other partners in implementing and disaster social protection programmes and early warning preparedness and response activities.
- Provide technical support to the Government in strengthening systems and capacities of the structure for the HGSM programme.

Assessments

WFP conducted a mid-term review to assess the performance of the R4 project, which is a range of integrated risk management initiatives aimed at enhancing resilience for rural communities. The project covers Namwala, Monze, Mazabuka and Gwembe, in the Southern Province. The WFP's smallholder support intervention integrates four risk management strategies: 1) disaster risk reduction through conservation agriculture, 2) risk transfer through rainfall index insurance, 3) prudent risk taking through input loans and 4) risk reserves through savings for change. The findings indicated that although the four components reinforce each other, the current credit delivery approach has gaps that undermine its effectiveness. The report recommends re-assessing the current approach to address existing gaps. The report also found that several smallholders are establishing business enterprises and moving towards graduating from the programme. In view of this, the report recommends educating graduates on entrepreneurial and business skills for sustainability.

A report commissioned by the Zambia Meteorological Department indicated that Zambia is expected to receive normal to above normal rainfall during the 2019/2020 rainfall season, although there is a likelihood of dry spells around February, especially over the Southern half of the country. WFP will continue to support Government to strengthen its capacity for early warning systems while encouraging the integration of a variety of technologies, services and tools to equip communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

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