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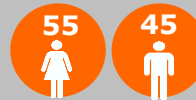
In Numbers

13,000 mt of food assistance distributed*

US\$ 3.6 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 46.1m six months (November 2019 – April 2020) net funding requirements

1.5 m people assisted* in OCTOBER 2019

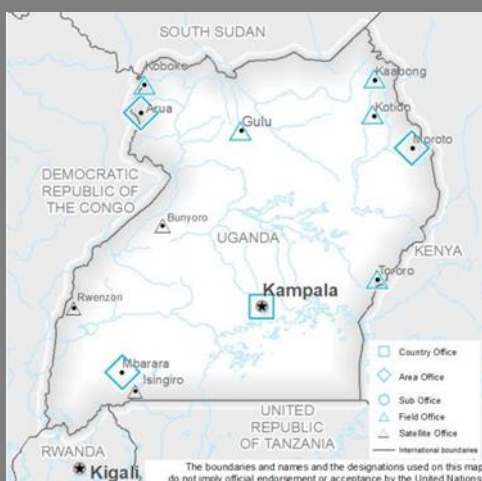


WFP SAYS NO to GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

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: **40.3 million**

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

Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

Operational Updates

- During the month of October, WFP continued its lifesaving operation, providing food and nutrition support to 1.2 of Uganda's 1.36 million refugees. New arrivals are provided with high-energy biscuits at border entry points, hot meals at reception centres, and dry rations for those relocated from reception centres to settlements. In parallel, WFP provided US\$3.3 million cash-based transfer services to approximately 396,000 refugees and is aiming to reach 580,000 vulnerable people by the end of 2020 and to expand beyond the current Financial Services Providers. WFP and its partners developed a financial inclusion strategy and a financial literacy training model to guide refugees on the use of cash received through transfers. The objective is to train 1,800 refugees in the Nakivale, Kiryandongo and Rwamwanja refugee settlements. WFP is currently selecting new partners for General Food Assistance and Nutrition activities under the refugee response.
- WFP recently signed Field Level Agreements with the Forum for Women in Leadership (FOWODE) and the National Union of People with Disabilities (NUPIDU) to provide trainings in gender, leadership, disability and inclusion in refugee settlements.
- WFP is currently leading the Child-Sensitive Social Protection Programme in partnership with UNICEF (funded by SIDA). The programme will strengthen the capacity of nationally-owned social protection and health system in refugee hosting districts of West Nile. WFP will adopt a country capacity strengthening approach to ensure that the capacity transferred is retained by targeted institutions in a sustainable way.
- In the second phase of the "Karamoja feeds Karamoja" programme, WFP has supported the Government of Uganda with guidance on how to introduce a decentralized food procurement system in the region. This roadmap constitutes an opportunity to link smallholder farmers' production to the school feeding programme, as schools would be able to purchase food directly from WFP-supported farmers. WFP continued to assist 26,000 smallholder farmers with productivity trainings and opportunities to access markets.

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* Beneficiaries figures are based on estimated figures

Photo Caption: A child attending the Kalotom Primary School in the Napak district enjoys a healthy meal. Credits: WFP/Davinah Nabirye

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
1.2b	344.5m	46.1m

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

- WFP signed a letter of intent with Ministry of Agriculture, Animal industries and Fisheries to provide trainings to village agents in order to strengthen services provided to smallholder farmers in the Karamoja region.
- In a joint effort with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, WFP designed and disseminated Labour-Intensive Public Works Guidelines to 11 Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the country. The objective is to strengthen the national social protection programme linked to livelihoods and resilience-building, thus supporting the Government in addressing food security issues through innovative sustainable solutions.
- No Ebola cases have been registered since the last outbreak in August 2019. WFP continues to assist the Uganda Ministry of Health, WHO and their partners in providing border screening units and implementing precautionary measures, including awareness campaigns during food distributions. WFP ensured regional response capacities, supporting the transportation of imported relief items from Entebbe to Goma (DRC) through the provision of five fleet trucks.

Challenges

- Heavy rains throughout the country continued to cause severe issues in food distributions, as roads became impassable in several areas. Deterioration of the road network caused delays in food transport to food distribution points across the areas of operation.

Funding Updates

- WFP requires US\$55 million to meet its funding needs for the next six months (November 2019 to April 2020) to continue supporting its food security, nutrition and livelihoods activities in Uganda.

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