In Numbers

14,100 mt of food assistance distributed*

US$ 3.8m cash-based transfers made

US$ 67.3m six months (February 2020 – July 2020) net funding requirements

1.5m people assisted* in January 2020

Operational Updates

- Throughout January, WFP continued its lifesaving operation, assisting 1.2 of Uganda’s 1.38 million refugees with unconditional food and cash transfers to meet their basic food and nutrition needs. WFP reached approximately 450,000 refugees with US$ 3.8 million cash assistance. Together with the United Nations Capital Development Fund and to support refugees’ path to financial inclusion, WFP developed a tailored financial literacy toolkit which was used by partners to train more than 1,600 refugees in Rwamwanja, Nakivale and Kiyandongo settlements. Additionally, WFP established four food distribution points and 16 waiting sheds in Adjumani and Rhino Camp refugee settlements to promote safety and dignity during the food distribution operation and minimize protection risks for beneficiaries.

- In the West Nile region, WFP met with local government representatives from Madi Okollo, Yumbe and Koboko districts to consult on priority areas of intervention around social protection system strengthening. WFP’s intervention to protect access to food and nutrition, improve resilience and minimize reliance on humanitarian response, while supporting the development of efficient social protection systems was among topics discussed.

- Following the conclusion of the biometric registration of people living in the Karamoja region, conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MGLSD) and district local governments, WFP provided its first formal status update to the National Single Registry (NSR) Steering Committee. During the consultation, WFP also engaged in a strategic dialogue on the utilization of this data to support the government digital identity management agenda in Karamoja and its social protection objectives.

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* Beneficiaries figures are based on estimated figures

Photo Caption: Children enjoying food distributed at the Nakivale settlement, Isingiro district. Credits: WFP/Hugh Rutherford
WFP Country Strategy

COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (2018-2022)

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**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 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 2:** End malnutrition

**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 3:** Smallholder productivity and income

**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 4:** Capacity strengthening

**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

**Strategic Result 5:** Global partnerships

**Strategic Outcome 7:** 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

**Strategic Result 6:** Global partnerships

**Strategic Outcome 8:** 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

**Strategic Result 7:** Global partnerships

**Strategic Outcome 9:** 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

**Strategic Result 8:** Global partnerships

In September 2019, WFP undertook a mid-term review (MTR) of the Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022) with the objective of evaluating progress made thus far, consider its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs), and inform the design of the National Development Plan III. The MTR report, which was produced in January, included recommendations aimed at improving strategic and operational decision-making within WFP’s operations in Uganda.

**Assessments**

- WFP’s December 2019 Market Monitor Report indicated that the overall average retail prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans were well above December 2018 levels by 109 percent, 26 percent and 51 percent respectively. The market analysis also indicated that staple food prices remained stable in December 2019. In the Karamoja region, the purchasing power of pastoralists improved by seven percent – compared to November figures – as a result of an increase in goat prices, while purchasing power of laborers decreased by three percent.

**Challenges**

- Poor road conditions due to heavy rainfall delayed food delivery to distribution points in the West Nile region. Rhino Camp, Bidibidi, Adjumani and Palabek refugee settlements were the most affected in West Nile and Acholi. WFP is planning to start the repair and maintenance of the road network to ensure timely food deliveries at distribution points.

**Impact of Limited Funding**

- Due to limited funding, WFP suspended the Mother and Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) programme in the Karamoja region, one of Uganda’s poorest areas. The programme’s target population, including children and pregnant and lactating women, are those most at risk of malnutrition. WFP needs US$ 1.99 million to resume and maintain the programme for the next six months (February 2020 – July 2020).

- Overall, WFP requires US$ 67.3 million over the next six months to continue its operations in Uganda without interruption.

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