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# WFP Tanzania Country Brief June 2020



## Operational Context

While Tanzania is largely food secure and is oftentimes a commodity exporter, there are occasional pockets of food shortages at the regional, district and household levels. This is 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 percent of the country's GDP. One in ten Tanzanians live below the food poverty line and one in three children is chronically malnourished. Diets are generally lacking diversity, and nutritious diets remain unaffordable for the majority of households. 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: **58 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **159 out of 189**

Income Level: **Low**

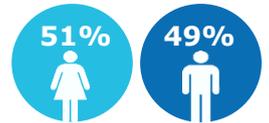
Chronic malnutrition: **31.8% of children between 6-59 months**

## In Numbers

**USD 19 million** six-month funding shortfall for Country Strategic Plan

**USD 34 million** estimated funding requirement for WFP COVID-19 response

**240,000** refugees and asylum seekers in camps supported with food assistance



## Operational Updates

**Support to refugee communities:** WFP provides a general food basket to approximately 240,000 Congolese and Burundian refugees hosted Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli Refugee Camps in Kigoma region. The food basket consists of cereals, fortified nutritious products, pulses, vegetable oil and salt to meet a minimum dietary requirement of 2,100 Kcal per person per day. WFP assistance is the main source of food for refugees, thereby making its uninterrupted continuation essential.

As a precaution regarding the COVID-19 global pandemic, social distancing measures and handwashing stations are in place at distribution sites. WFP distributes maize meal, rice and pulses in pre-portioned quantities for food distributions. WFP also moved from a 28-day distribution cycle to a 42-day cycle to decrease the frequency of large groups in the camps.

**Humanitarian Development Nexus:** Through a partnership with ENABEL - the Belgian Development Agency - WFP purchased 366 metric tonnes of beans from smallholder farmers in refugee hosting districts in Kigoma Region. The partnership unlocks a key market for smallholder farmers to benefit from hosting refugees in their district. For more information read the story [here](#).

**Smallholder Farmers:** Under the Climate Smart Agriculture Project in Dodoma Region, WFP linked smallholder farmers to sell over 500 metric tonnes of sorghum to AB InBev through Tanzania Breweries Ltd.

WFP implements the Climate Smart Agriculture Project in the central, drought-prone central corridor of Tanzania. The project uses an integrated approach that addresses the inter-linked challenges of food security and climate change.

Photo: Farmers supported under Climate Smart Agriculture Project store grain using Purdue Improved Crop Storage (PICS) hermetically sealing bags. Photo: WFP/Mwanzo Millinga

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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	163 m	19 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

**Food Security and mVAM:** Government approved for WFP to use [mVAM](#) (mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping) for the remote monitoring of national food security. Data collection began in July and the focus is on the impact of COVID in regions identified as high risk.

In April 2020, a rapid food security assessment in Dar es Salaam was jointly undertaken by WFP, Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) and the Government to understand food security status and market functionality to inform potential COVID-19 response in Tanzania. A summary of key findings was released in May and can be found [here](#).

**Innovation:** The WFP Tanzania Field Innovation Hub supported a virtual Innovation bootcamp conducted by WFP Innovation Accelerator and USAID from 22-26 June. Nine startups from around the world were supported including two from Tanzania. In the intensive five-day bootcamp, in which WFP Tanzania Innovation Hub supported, the teams used human-centred design principles to refine their projects with the help of experts and mentors.

**Nutrition:** WFP continues the development of a ready to use complementary food supplement using locally available food ingredients. Once developed the products will be an achievement towards addressing the problem of malnutrition among young children. The development is a collaboration between WFP, Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC), Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences and Tanzania Bureau of Standards.

**Supply Chain:** WFP is leading the logistics pillar to support the *Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children* led COVID-19 response. WFP was also requested to coordinate the logistics response of development partners and agencies by identifying logistical needs, bottlenecks and gaps of the international community in the COVID-19 response.

**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, Tanzania Red Cross Society, Danish 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: Farm Africa, FaidaMali, and the district councils of: Chamwino, Singida Rural District Council, Bahi and Ikungi.

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