

The first case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Uganda was announced on 22 March. Since then a series of Presidential Directives, including movement restrictions and health guidance, have kept most of the population safe. However, these directives have also presented challenges for the flow of assistance provided to the 1.2 million refugees across the country, and the 200,000 people of Karamoja, served by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

These challenging times compel humanitarian and development agencies like WFP to demonstrate innovation, efficiency, and perseverance to keep meeting the needs of vulnerable populations through the delivery of quality services. WFP has been working closely with the Government of Uganda and its other partners to ensure that the delivery of essential services such as food and cash, as well as logistical support, continue unhindered and compliant with Government directives during this unprecedented global pandemic.

Here are just a few of the ways WFP has continued to support Ugandans, and those seeking refuge in Uganda, towards Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger during the COVID-19 response.

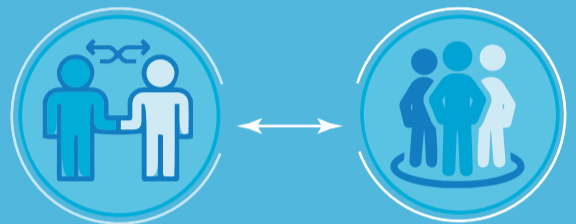
## 1 | TEMPORARY SCREENING FACILITIES ACROSS UGANDA



5 SCREENING FACILITIES

WFP Uganda built five large COVID-19 screening facilities across Uganda. One 900 m<sup>2</sup> facility was built at Entebbe International Airport with the capacity to handle at least 1,000 incoming travelers per day. The facility was commissioned by the Ministry of Health and funded by UKAid. WFP also built screening facilities at the border crossing points of Busia, Elegu, Malaba, and Matukula.

## 2 | LOGISTICS COORDINATION SUPPORT



To ensure the continued flow of goods into and throughout the country, WFP offered its logistics expertise to support the Government of Uganda. WFP co-lead the COVID-19 Logistics Cluster of the National Response Taskforce alongside the Ministry of Health, the World Health Organization and other United Nations agencies to sustain the national supply chain. WFP also seconded one of its international logistics staff members to the Ministry of Health full-time.

## 3 | STORAGE FACILITIES AND TRANSPORT OF GOODS



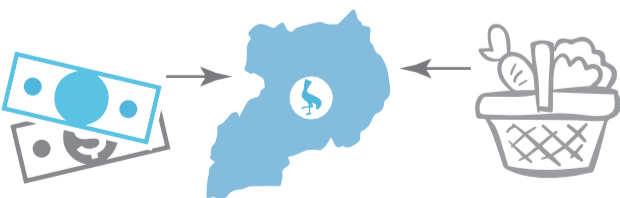
WFP lent ten trucks with a combined capacity of 180 mt to the Government and availed one 5,000 mt warehouse for food storage for a period of four months. These assets were used to support the Government's urban feeding programme, a Presidential initiative targeting 1.5 million people.

## 4 | LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH



The *Jack Ma Foundation* and *Alibaba* have provided support in the form of personal protective equipment (PPE) to 54 African countries through the African Union. WFP transported all the donated equipment to these countries, including Uganda – where WFP also helped the Ministry of Health with the clearance and storage of the items, and availed three trucks with a capacity of 5 mt each for transportation and distribution. This enabled them to continue carrying out their duties in safety.

## 5 | LOCAL PURCHASES



USD 24.5 million for local food during January-June of 2020

70,000 mt of local food purchased during January-June 2020

Between January and June 2020, WFP purchased 70,000 mt of food on the Uganda market at a value of USD 24.5 million. Purchasing local produce to feed the people we serve has not only saved WFP a cumulative estimate of USD 3.4 million in the first half of 2020, but it has also pumped billions of shillings into the Ugandan economy -- even during the pandemic period.

## 6 | TREATMENT FOR MALNUTRITION



WFP's COVID-19-specific standard operating procedures have helped reach a monthly average of 13,000 pregnant and nursing women, in addition to children, with treatment for life-threatening malnutrition across the Karamoja region.