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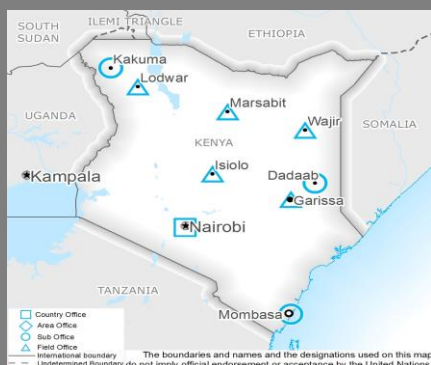
Operational Context

Kenya, a lower-middle-income economy is transforming rapidly. However, social and economic inequalities persist and more than one third of Kenyans live below the poverty line. Agriculture remains the main economic driver, although 80 percent of the land is either arid or semi-arid. Rapid population growth, climate change, stagnating agricultural production, gender inequalities and underperforming food systems are the most significant challenges to food and nutrition security.

The most severe living conditions exist in the arid north, which is underdeveloped, drought prone and affected by frequent tribal conflicts. The prevalence of wasting among children aged 6-59 months often exceeds the "critical" threshold of 15 percent. Stunting is above 25 percent in some counties. Net enrolment in primary education in the arid counties is still below 50 percent.

Opportunities to address these challenges include increased government investments in agriculture and in the social sectors, the devolution of service delivery to counties, implementation of new technologies and an inclusive and equitable policy base.

Kenya hosts a large population of refugees, mainly in camps located in Garissa and Turkana counties. Unable to work or move freely, refugees are highly dependent on international assistance.



Population: **47.5 million**

2019 Human Development Index:
147 out of 189

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **26 percent of children between 6 and 59 months**

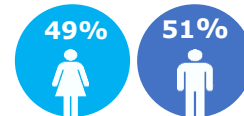
In Numbers

913 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 3.3m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 96 m six months (October 2020–February 2021) net funding requirements

625,935 people assisted in September 2020



Operational Updates


WFP continues to complement the Government of Kenya's response to the COVID-19 situation. Of concern is the rising cases in the refugee camps where WFP is working closely with UNHCR and the Government to ensure that the Ministry of Health guidelines are implemented during delivery of humanitarian assistance. WFP continues to provide food assistance to refugees and lean season transfers to the Kenyan population, support to smallholder farmers and capacity strengthening support to the Government in the areas of emergency response and preparedness, social protection, nutrition and school feeding.

Through the urban response in Nairobi's informal settlements, WFP has disbursed cash to 56,000 households to enable them to survive the impact of loss of livelihoods due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The WFP Regional Director, Kenya Country Director and Kenya Deputy Country Director visited Mukuru informal settlement in Nairobi to monitor WFP's COVID-19 urban response. The team also held discussions with the local administration.

WFP is engaging with the national government and the county government of Mombasa in preparation for the roll-out of the Mombasa COVID-19 response. The roll-out plan has been finalized and adopted by the Mombasa County. WFP will provide food assistance and nutritional support to the most affected residents in Mombasa County who have not yet received support from the Government or other humanitarian partners.

In order to inform the cash transfer expansion of the urban response in Mombasa planned for October, WFP conducted a rapid market assessment in 14 informal settlement's markets in Mombasa, jointly with County Government and Ministry of Labour and Social Protection to assess feasibility, risks and impact of cash transfers.

Through the Farm to Market Alliance, WFP is participating in a study on the impact of digital services provided to women, youth and farmer service centres. These services include digital extension, digital finance and platforms to access markets. The study is sponsored by Agrifin Mercy Corps and carried out by Busara Centre for Behavioural Economics.

WFP Country Strategy		Gender and Age Marker 
Country Strategic Plan (2018-2023)		
Total Requirement (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$)
160.3 m	75.3m	96 m
Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food		
<p>Strategic Outcome 1: Refugees and asylum seekers living in camps and settlements and populations affected by natural and human-caused disasters have access to adequate food to meet their food and nutrition needs throughout the year.</p> <p>Focus area: Strategic outcome 1 focuses on crisis response, is aligned with WFP Strategic Result 1 – “Everyone has access to food” – and SDG target 2.1 and contributes to SDGs 1 and 3.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>Activity 1: Provide food assistance and nutrient-rich commodities to refugees, along with Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC), and support for self-reliance activities in camps and settlement areas.</p> <p>Activity 2: Provide food assistance and nutrient-rich commodities – complemented by SBCC – to vulnerable Kenyan populations in order to meet acute food needs.</p>		
Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable		
<p>Strategic Outcome 2: Targeted smallholder producers and food-insecure, vulnerable populations benefit from more sustainable, inclusive food systems and increased resilience to climate shocks enabling them to meet their food and nutrition needs by 2023.</p> <p>Focus area: Strategic outcome 2 focuses on resilience, is aligned with WFP Strategic Result 4 and SDG target 2.4 and contributes to the achievement of SDGs 1, 3, 5, 9 and 10.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>Activity 3: Create assets and transfer knowledge, skills and climate risk management tools to food-insecure households.</p> <p>Activity 4: Facilitate access to markets and provide technical expertise in supply chain management to smallholder farmers and retailers</p>		
Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs.		
<p>Strategic Outcome 3: National and county institutions in Kenya have strengthened capacity and systems to assist food-insecure and nutritionally vulnerable populations by 2023.</p> <p>Focus area: Strategic outcome 3 focuses on root causes, is aligned with WFP Strategic Result 5 – “Capacity strengthening” – and SDG target 17.9 and contributes to SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>Activity 5: Engage in strengthening the capacities of national and county institutions in the areas of disaster risk management, food assistance programmes, nutrition services and social safety nets.</p>		
Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise, and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs.		
<p>Strategic Outcome 4: Government, humanitarian and development partners in Kenya have access to and benefit from effective and cost-efficient logistics services, including air transport, common coordination platforms and improved commodity supply chains, when needed.</p> <p>Focus area: Strategic outcome 4 focuses on crisis response and is aligned with WFP Strategic Result 8 – “Partnerships” – and SDG target 17.16.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>Activity 6: Provide humanitarian air services for partners</p> <p>Activity 7: Provide health supply chain services for partners</p> <p>Activity 8: Provide humanitarian air services in support of DG-ECHO Funded projects</p>		

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The Kenya Nutrition Action Plan was launched as part of the Government’s commitment to addressing all forms of malnutrition. The launch provided an avenue for advocacy for increased investment in nutrition. WFP Kenya provided technical assistance to the development of the plan and supported 64 Government officers from 16 counties (Baringo, Isiolo, Garissa, Kericho, Kirinyaga, Laikipia, Lamu, Mandera, Meru, Nyandarua, Samburu, Tana River, Taita Taveta, Tharaka Nithi, Turkana, and Wajir) to virtually participate.

WFP, the State Department for Social Protection, the Kenya National Human Rights Commission and Makueni County Government held a workshop to finalize the County Social Protection Policy. Technical support was provided to ensure gender integration into the social protection policy. WFP is also providing technical support to Marsabit County to develop a County Social Protection Policy.

Monitoring

As a member of the Kenya Food Security Steering Group, and part of the Government’s ‘war room’ efforts, WFP is working with the Government of Kenya to monitor the impact of COVID-19, the desert locust invasion, and flooding on the food security and nutrition status of the Kenyan population, including refugees and asylum seekers. WFP is carrying out weekly supply chain and market assessments to monitor the level of food access and availability.

WFP’s complaints and feedback mechanism received 1,802 cases from beneficiaries, traders and the public. Fifty-four percent of the cases were from women. Out of all the cases, 39 percent came from refugee assistance beneficiaries, 44 percent from relief beneficiaries, 8 percent from resilient livelihood beneficiaries and 9 percent came from individuals who are not enrolled in any of WFP programmes/activities. Eighty-three percent of cases were successfully resolved in September 2020.

Challenges

WFP has reviewed its resource requirements upwards to address the needs of refugees and Kenyans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, food insecurity, flooding, and loss of livelihoods. WFP requires an additional US\$ 96 million over the next six months to sustain its current interventions and complement the Government’s response to COVID-19. The resource shortfalls have adversely affected food assistance for the refugees and in October the rations will be further reduced to 60 percent of the minimum food basket.

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