



# WFP Somalia Country Brief

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## Operational Context

After nearly three decades of political and economic instability, Somalia is on a positive trajectory with significant progress made since the re-establishment of the Federal Government in 2012. However, the country continues to struggle with recurrent food and nutrition crises, widespread insecurity, political instability, underdeveloped infrastructure, and natural hazards such as drought and floods. Over half of the country's population lives below the poverty line and gender inequality is the fourth highest globally, with high levels of gender-based violence, child marriage, and maternal mortality. In response to these challenges, the government revised the 2016 National Development Plan and adopted the ninth National Development Plan (NDP-9, 2020-2024) in December 2019. The NDP-9 has four pillars encompassing security and rule of law, inclusive politics, economic development, and social development as pathways to achieving long-term development and wellbeing of the Somali people.

In February 2015 WFP re-opened the Somalia Country Office in Mogadishu for the first time in 20 years. WFP has presence across Somalia with four operational Area Offices (Mogadishu, Garowe, Dolow and Hargeisa) and eight deep filed location offices,



Population: **12.3 million**

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): **2.6 million**

People facing acute food crisis: **2.1 million** (IPC 3 & above, Oct-Dec 2020)

National Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rate: **11.8 percent (Serious)**

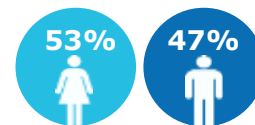
## In Numbers

**4,333 mt** of food items distributed

**USD 15 m** cash based transfers made

**USD 197.7 m** six months net funding requirements representing **48 percent** of the total **USD 408 m** for the next six months (December-May 2021)

**1.9 million people** assisted in November 2020



## Operational Updates

- Somalia continues to face the impact of multiple shocks (floods, desert locusts and COVID-19 pandemic). In November, WFP provided lifesaving food assistance to 1.9 million people through distribution of in-kind food baskets (comprising of cereals, fortified vegetable oil and pulses) and cash-based transfers (CBT), enabling the most vulnerable to meet their daily minimum food and nutrition intake requirements.
- A total of **120,000** people were affected by the tropical Cyclone Gati which made landfall on 22 November in Iskushuban and Bosasso Districts, Bari Region in Puntland State. Approximately **76,000** people (internally displaced persons, fishermen, pastoralists, farmers, traders and other vulnerable groups) in Somalia are in urgent need of emergency humanitarian assistance, including food assistance. WFP provided a two-month ration food assistance to more than 56,000 people through distribution of in-kind food and cash-based transfers (CBT) activities.
- Malnutrition and anaemia are a significant public health problem in Somalia: 17 percent of children aged 6-59 months are stunted and 43 percent anaemic; while 47 percent of pregnant and lactating women and girls are anaemic (Somalia National Micronutrient Survey 2020). In November, WFP provided specialized nutritious food items to more than 583,000 pregnant and lactating women and girls, and children aged 6-59 months under nutrition treatment and prevention of moderate acute malnutrition activities.
- The creation of safety nets for the most vulnerable is a priority of the Somalia's national social protection policy: WFP, through the government-led safety net for human capital development, provided quarterly CBTs through mobile money transfers to more than 200,000 people in October and November.

## Country Strategic Plan (2019-2021)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>1.88 b</b>	<b>898.3 m</b>	<b>197.7 m</b>

### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Food and nutrition insecure people in areas affected by natural or human-caused disasters have access to adequate and nutritious food, and specialized nutritious foods to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of a shock.

**Focus area:** Crisis Response

**Activities:**

- Provision of unconditional food and/or cash-based food assistance, specialized nutritious foods and gender-transformative nutrition messaging and counselling to crisis-affected people through well-coordinated food security and logistics during humanitarian responses.

### Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Food-insecure people in targeted areas are better able to withstand shocks and stresses throughout the year.

**Focus area:** Resilience Building

**Activities:**

- Provision of conditional and unconditional food and/or cash-based food assistance and nutritional messaging to food-insecure people through reliable safety nets, including school meals.
- Provision of unconditional cash transfers in rural areas to targeted poor and vulnerable households

### Strategic Result 3: Achieve food security

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Malnourished and food-insecure children, adolescent girls, PLWG and ART/TB-DOT clients in areas with persistently high rates of acute malnutrition have improved nutritional status throughout the year.

**Focus area:** Resilience Building

**Activities:**

- Provision of specialized nutritious foods and nutrition messaging to children, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) and ART/TB-DOT clients to systematically treat and prevent malnutrition and to stimulate positive behaviour change.

### Strategic Result 4: Sustainable Food Systems

**Strategic Outcome 4:** National institutions, private sector actors, smallholder farmers, and food-insecure and nutritionally vulnerable populations benefit from more resilient, inclusive and nutritious food systems by 2021.

**Focus area:** Resilience Building

**Activities:**

- Provision of services, skills, assets and infrastructure for the rehabilitation and strengthening of food supply chains.

### Strategic Result 5: Capacity Strengthening

**Strategic Outcome 5:** National institutions have strengthened policies, capacities and systems for supporting food-insecure and nutritionally vulnerable populations by 2021.

**Focus area:** Resilience Building

**Activities:**

- Provision of technical support for the strengthening of national policies, capacities and systems.

### Strategic Result 8: Enhance Global Partnership

**Strategic Outcome 6:** The humanitarian community is better able to reach vulnerable people and respond to needs throughout the year.

**Focus area:** Crisis Response

**Activities:**

- Provision of air services for the humanitarian community
- Provision of on-demand services for the humanitarian community
- Provision of common services through the Logistics Cluster

- The Government of Galmudug State declared the current desert locust infestation as an emergency on 12 December. WFP provides food assistance through quarterly CBTs to around 86,000 people across six states including Galmudug (October-December quarter).
- The WFP e-Shop mobile application services enables an estimated 140,000 WFP's beneficiaries, benefiting from CBT, to order goods online for home delivery. This service helps beneficiaries to reduce movement and physical contact in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. In November, the total e-sale value spend stands at USD 1.9 million.

## Funding

- WFP requires USD 197.7 million in the next six months (December 2020 - May 2021) to continue providing lifesaving food and nutrition assistance to the most vulnerable populations, including internally displaced persons (IDPs).

## Donors (in alphabetical order)

Canada, China, Denmark, European Commission (ECHO), Federal Government of Somalia, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, Somalia Humanitarian Fund (SHF), South Africa, UN CERF, United Kingdom and USA.