

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

2020 Annual Country Report Highlights



PEOPLE ASSISTED
278,646



FOOD DISTRIBUTED
45,986 mt

IMPROVING GENDER EQUALITY, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

WFP's Boresha Lishe project aims to improve women and children's access to and use of nutritious food. The goal is to reduce the prevalence of stunting in children under five. One of the ways is to enhance income for the families. The project secures new income for women and families by spreading knowledge on savings and loans, provide credit to low-income earners, and promote sustainable horticulture practices. The savings and loans groups also do income generation activities, such as batik making.

Juma got involved with Boresha Lishe in 2017 when the project was launched in his village. Juma explains that he learned about healthy and nutritious diets. He further explains that Boresha Lishe provides education on how to get a nutritionally balanced diet but has also provided information on various micro-finance programs. Juma is now one of the many members who learned how to make Batik clothing, a particular way of coloring fabric. "What I learned from this project is that there is no difference between males and females regarding tasks; both genders are equal. There are things that we traditionally did not believe men could do, like going to the clinic with expecting mothers or young children, but we have learned that men can also do this," Juma explains.

Participation of both women and men is vital to building a strong, healthy family and a lasting improvement. Through this project, individuals like Juma have gained a new perspective on the role of men in the family and how to assist their partners in every aspect of life. "It is essential for men and women because both are important pillars of the family," says Juma. He explains that he convinced his wife to join the program, and they have been active members ever since. "I convinced her to join the project because I saw the way it could change our lives."

His advice to fellow men who have yet to join programs like Boresha Lishe is that this is as important for men as it is for women. The skills taught and the education given will enable them to foster both economic and social development. When you know, you begin to deeply understand what women go through to keep the family healthy and that the little things we, as men, ignore matter.

CONTRIBUTIONS

USD 54.65 million

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COVID-19 IMPACT AND ADAPTATION



Growing population, urbanisation and improved infrastructure are generating opportunities in expanding domestic and export markets for smallholder farmers. With 66 percent of the population engaged in agriculture, the growth potential is encouraging. However, smallholder farmers are grappling with poverty and depend on rain-fed agriculture, which renders them vulnerable to weather-related shocks. Investment is needed to help improve product quality and volume, as well as storage and food safety. Further, investment is needed in nutrition, given the high rates of malnutrition.



The onset of COVID-19 disrupted operations and increased costs of WFP operations due to the needed precautionary measures. WFP operations are essential to sustaining the life of refugees and maintaining food supply chains, thus WFP adapted its work to mitigate COVID-19 related risks. WFP modified the food distribution process and adopted measures included handwashing stations, social distancing, the use of protective gear, increased crowd control, modifying distribution facilities, pre-packaging, re-engineering the distribution process to reduce the number of refugees moving through the process at any one time, and increasing the number of days' rations delivered per cycle to reduce the number of distribution cycles.

CROSS-CUTTING RESULTS



WFP continued to strengthen gender integration in all its activities. In the refugee operation, WFP used social and behaviour change communication to address social norms that increase burden on women and girls by working with cooperating partners to raise awareness among men and women on the benefits of sharing household responsibilities. The 2020 Community Household Survey identified improvements from 2019 in the collection of food at distribution centres—63 percent women in 2020 compared with 70 percent in 2019—and on fetching firewood—71 percent in 2020 compared with 74 percent in 2019—although women in the camps are still responsible for most of the household tasks.



Tanzania is among the ten countries selected by WFP to join the Critical Corporate Initiative, which seeks to broaden and enhance WFP's design capacities in climate change adaptation programming, mainstream climate change adaptation throughout the Country Strategic Plan and successfully pursue diversified financing opportunities for climate adaptation projects.

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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



240,300 refugees in 3 camps of Kigoma region received food and nutrition assistance



Food distribution rations were reduced due to funding constraints and household level deterioration was observed



30,600 refugees were repatriated to Burundi

Strategic outcome 2: Vulnerable populations in prioritized districts have improved nutritional status in line with national targets by 2021



38,000 Tanzanian mothers and children received nutrition assistance



35% of the beneficiaries had a minimum acceptable diet



Project initiated to create a nutritious food supplement using local ingredients

Strategic outcome 3: Targeted smallholders in prioritized districts will have increased access to agricultural markets by 2030



38,200 smallholder farmers received value chain support to increase marketable yields



Nutrition sensitive agriculture manuals developed



Technical assistance provided to community radio stations to give farmers seasonal weather forecasts

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



USD 50 million injected in the national economy through logistics services and food procurement



Strengthened the fleet management capacity of the Medical Stores Department under the Ministry of Health

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



Fostered, tested and scaled up innovative solutions towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2



Machine learning model developed to automatically locate informal settlements in urban areas

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