In October, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to approximately 43,410 people, including refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, and vulnerable households in rural and urban areas, through unconditional in-kind food distributions and cash-based transfers (CBT) to meet their immediate food needs.

General food assistance:
- WFP and UNHCR signed a data sharing agreement to introduce a biometric system in the use of SCOPE cards. This will improve the identification of beneficiaries receiving WFP’s assistance and avoid duplication at distribution sites. In September, WFP provided food assistance to 20,915 refugees in all refugee camps in Djibouti.
- A total of 196 households, with at least one family member living with HIV, received food assistance through vouchers valued at DJF 10,000 (USD 56).
- WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarities (MASS), provided food assistance to 1,066 vulnerable rural households impacted by the drought across the rural regions of Djibouti.

COVID-19 response:
WFP, in collaboration with the MASS, provided food assistance through vouchers of a value of USD 56.4 each to 1,182 households living in the five regions’ county towns and who have been affected by the impact of COVID-19 and the associated restrictive measures.

Food assistance for assets:
With the technical help and expertise of Giertsen International Company, WFP successfully installed water pumps powered by solar panels in the agricultural cooperative of Douda. The energy produced by these solar panels feeds water pumps which irrigate agricultural lands. This solar pumping system helps reduce electricity bills, improve food security and generate income for farmers.
Capacity building

A training on storekeeping for school students was launched in October at the Balbala center. The training will last nine months and will allow the students to build key skills in logistics and warehouse management.

Supply Chain

- **Port Operation**: In October, WFP Djibouti received four bulk wheat vessels for a total of 150,000 mt of wheat transported for the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) in Ethiopia.
- The vessel "MV Spiekeroog" arrived on 24 October in Djibouti, picking up supplies to be transferred to Somalia and carrying out bunkering operations at Djibouti port.
- WFP is monitoring the security situation in Ethiopia to make sure to continue the dispatches and find alternative routes and transport modalities upon need.

Forecast-based Financing

WFP developed standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the implementation of the identified anticipatory actions to mitigate the impacts of drought.

Monitoring

- As part of the post-distribution monitoring (PDM) survey planned for November, WFP provided training to 60 enumerators coming from all five regions of Djibouti and selected the most competent to be part of the survey in order to improve the quality of data collection. Data collection is planned to be completed by the end of November.
- WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarities re-launched an assessment targeting People Living with HIV (PLHIV) to assess and register populations in the national register, based on their levels of food security and vulnerability.
- **Market prices**: between September and October 2021 prices of food products increased: fresh vegetables increased by 7.2 percent, meats by 2.1 percent and dairy by 0.2 percent. WFP continues to closely monitor markets, in view of the situation in Ethiopia.

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