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Operational Context

Malawi is a small landlocked country in Sub-Saharan Africa with a population expanding rapidly at 3 percent per year. With most livelihoods dependent on rainfed agriculture, the population is highly vulnerable to the effects of natural disasters, prolonged dry spells and flash floods.

Malawi's challenges are compounded by weak economic growth, a high risk of overall debt distress with limited space to absorb shocks, a low primary school completion rate (51 percent), a high prevalence of stunting (37 percent for children under 5) and high prevalence of HIV/AIDS infection (9.6 percent). WFP's activities support the Government for a food and nutrition secure and resilient future, and are guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with emphasis on achieving zero hunger (SDG 2)

WFP has been present in Malawi since 1965.



Population: est. 18.6 million

2019 Human Development Index: 174 out of 189 countries

Income Level: Low

Stunting: 37% of children aged 6-59 months old

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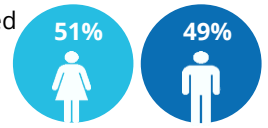
Photo: Lasiya is one of more than 65,000 farmers that have received compensation from the crop insurance they invested in through WFP and partners NICO and PULA. WFP/Badre Bahaji

In Numbers

61,916 cumulative and 571 active cases of COVID-19 in Malawi (30 November 2021)

USD 4.9 million six-month (December 2021 - May 2022) net funding requirements

11,000 refugee households assisted with cash distributions



Strategic Outcome 1

- **Refugees:** Double distributions for the months of September and October were completed, with cash and in-kind transfers of super cereal (corn-soya blend) for 11,000 refugee households (approximately 46,000 refugees) in Dzaleka camp.
- WFP supported the visit of the European Union's head of mission to Dzaleka refugee camp to enhance government engagement and plans in support of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework.
- The Government of Malawi has introduced new COVID-19 testing and vaccination measures at Dzaleka Refugee Camp as a point of entry. The [COVID-19 isolation centre](#) erected in the camp by WFP and UNHCR will be used for the exercise.

Strategic Outcome 2

- **School feeding:** In collaboration with sister agencies the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), WFP hosted the Director General for the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation on a [visit](#) to a school under the United Nations Joint Programme on Girls Education supported by the Government of Norway.
- Schools in Malawi closed on 19 November 2021 for the last school term of the 2021 academic year and are scheduled to reopen on 4 January 2022. In November, WFP supported the transition of 74 schools in four districts (Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe and Zomba) to home-grown school feeding as part of the scale-up of the school feeding model.
- **Social protection:** To inform preparedness work for the lean season response, WFP Malawi has collaborated with social protection donors and partners to ensure a harmonised response in transfer values and timing of transfers during the lean season response to avoid misunderstanding at community level.

Strategic Outcome 3

- **Malnutrition prevention:** Nutrition awareness campaigns on messages on maternal nutrition, infant and young child nutrition, water, hygiene and sanitation and COVID-19 were conducted through live radio programmes, radio jingles and sensitization meetings in Balaka, Chikwawa and Zomba reaching an estimated 750,000 people.

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
629.7 m	225.5 m	4.9 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Shock-affected people vulnerable to seasonal and climatic shocks and refugees in Malawi have access to all year long.
Focus area: Crisis Response

Activity 1: Provide cash and/or food transfers to refugees, malnourished people and the most vulnerable populations affected by seasonal shocks.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable populations in food-insecure communities benefit from strengthened shock-responsive social protection systems and efficient supply chains to ensure access to safe, nutritious food all year round.
Focus area: Resilience Building

Activity 2. Support national social protection systems to become increasingly shock-responsive and hunger- and nutrition-sensitive.
Activity 3. Provide nutritious meals to schoolchildren in food-insecure areas.

Strategic Result 2: End Malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Targeted populations, especially children under 5, adolescents, PLWG, and TB & HIV/AIDS clients, in Malawi, have improved nutritional status in line with national targets.
Focus area: Resilience Building

Activity 4: Provide chronic malnutrition and micronutrient deficiency prevention services to at-risk populations in targeted areas.

Strategic Result 4: Sustainable Food Systems

Strategic Outcome 4: Smallholder producers in Malawi have enhanced resilience, through diversified livelihoods, increased marketable surpluses and access to well-functioning food systems and efficient supply chains by 2030.
Focus area: Resilience Building

Activity 5: Provide resilience-building support, education and systems-strengthening services to smallholder farmers and value chain actors.

Strategic Result 5: Capacity Strengthening

Strategic Outcome 5: National and local institutions, agencies and enterprises in Malawi have increased capacity and improved supply chain systems to achieve SDG 2 by 2030.
Focus area: Resilience Building

Activity 6. Provide capacity strengthening, skills transfer, partnership activities and logistics and procurement services to national and local institutions and private-sector enterprises involved in food security, nutrition, food safety, disaster risk management and emergency response.

Strategic Result 8: Common Services

Strategic Outcome 6: Humanitarian and development partners in Malawi have access to increased emergency services throughout the crisis.
Focus area: Crisis Response

Activity 7. Provide services through the Logistics Cluster to National Disaster Management Offices and other relevant partners to improve emergency logistics coordination, access to services and supply chain management.
Activity 8. Provide on-demand services to humanitarian and other relevant partners to ensure effective emergency assistance.

Strategic Outcome 4

- **Livelihoods:** Implementation of activities continued in the districts with a focus on (i) raising tree seedlings, (ii) land resource activities including building water conservation structures as well as (iii) irrigation activities where farmers concentrated on production of cash crops such as onions and tomatoes.
- [Insurance pay-outs](#) for crop-insured smallholder farmers continues throughout Malawi. So far over USD 1.1 million of the total USD 2.4 million in pay-outs has been distributed.

Strategic Outcome 5

- **Malawi vulnerability assessment committee integrated food security phase classification (IPC) analysis:** In November, the Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee conducted acute IPC update assessments (HEA, market, and household) throughout the country. The results of the IPC analysis workshop will be available shortly and are likely to indicate a slight uptick in the number of people classified as vulnerable during the upcoming 2021/2022 lean season.

Strategic Outcome 6

- **Emergency supply chain support to the COVID-19 response:** The logistics cluster, through WFP, is supporting the Ministry of Health with the construction of container labs at several border entry points. Construction work in Chitipa and Karonga is almost complete and scheduled for hand over to the Government by mid-December. These container labs will support the Ministry of Health to control the spread of COVID-19 by incoming travellers at points of entry, in line with the recently announced [new prevention measures](#) for COVID-19 in Malawi.
- The Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) has prepositioned 40 metric tonnes of assorted relief items at the WFP-constructed Bangula Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) in Nsanje.

Donors

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