Operational Updates

In December, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to approximately 108,737 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 provided food and nutrition assistance to 21,126 refugees in all three refugee settlements in Djibouti.
- A total of 238 households, with at least one family member living with HIV, received food assistance through vouchers valued at DJF 10,000 (USD 56).

COVID-19 response:

- WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarities (MASS), provided food assistance through vouchers valued at USD 56.4 each to 1,000 households living in the five county towns, who have been affected by the impact of COVID-19 and the associated restrictive measures.

Food assistance for assets:

- As part of the implementation of the project to optimize farmers’ agricultural perimeters funded by France, WFP and FAO carried out a joint mission to the various target villages to inform and select project participants who were provided with tools to immediately start working and creating assets.

Nutrition

- WFP worked jointly with the MASS, the Ministry of Health and UNAIDS to carry out the first assessment on the food security, nutritional and socio-economic status of PLHIV in Djibouti City to help understand their living conditions and vulnerability and to adjust programmes accordingly.

In Numbers

- **374.7 mt** of food assistance distributed
- **USD 360,930** cash-based transfers made
- **USD 4.1 million** six months (January - June 2021) net funding requirements
- **108,737 people assisted** in December 2021

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Capacity building

- WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarities, National Office of Assistance to the Refugees and the Disaster victims (ONARS) and UNHCR and with funding from USAID, completed vocational training activities for 40 young out-of-school Djiboutians and 20 young refugees on logistical skills in Djibouti City, Dikhil and Tadjourah. A ceremony was organized to hand out certificates to the training participants who are now equipped with the necessary skills to access the labour market.

- In December, WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training launched the second cycle of vocational training targeting 100 out of school Djiboutians and 20 refugees in Djibouti City, Dikhil, Ali Sabieh, Tadjourah and Obock incorporating new skill trainings, such as electricity, installation and maintenance of solar panels, masonry.

Supply Chain

- In December, WFP dispatched a total of 124,903 mt for emergency response in Ethiopia through Gala and Galafi, representing a 35 percent increase compared to the previous month.
- WFP delivered a total of 374 mt of goods including vegetable oil, pulses and wheat to cooperating partners in Djibouti
- WFP received and stored three vehicles for UNHCR and four pallets of medical supplies and eight ventilation machines for WHO. It also dispatched six trucks for WFP Ethiopia and 11 boxes of saddle racks for WHO Djibouti.

Monitoring

- WFP in collaboration with the National Institute of Statistics of Djibouti, is preparing to conduct the survey on the update of the food and nutritional security situation in Djibouti (FSNMS-22), the results will be published in March and inform on the food and nutritional security in Djibouti and the needs for 2022. The FSNMS results will also be instrumental in the validation of the new IPC for Djibouti (workshop planned end February).

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