In Numbers

Net Funding Requirements:

USD 4.7 m (March – August 2022)

Operational Context

An upper-middle-income country, Namibia has a population of 2.5 million. The country has experienced recurrent floods and drought, insect and worm invasions, and recently the COVID-19 pandemic, all having had a profound impact on food security, health and nutrition. Insufficient food production and reliance on poorly adapted rain-fed agriculture and external markets for food suggests that poor households are particularly less resilient to shocks and vulnerable to food price inflation.

Through the Namibia Country Strategic Plan (2017–2023), WFP provides food assistance to vulnerable people affected by shock, ensures adequate capacity strengthening to the Government, and facilitates effective policies and best practices. The addition of Strategic Outcome 4 to the current CSP aims to strengthen food systems and increase the production capacity of smallholder farmers.

WFP has been present in Namibia since 1990 as a technical partner to the Government, facilitating the development and transfer of knowledge, maintaining capacities to supplement food security and nutrition programmes.

Operational Updates

Tsumkwe’s Integrated Community based Food Systems Project

WFP with support from FAO, African Group of Ambassadors (Representatives of some AU countries in Namibia), the Embassy of Brazil in Namibia and the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations Cooperation steered a monitoring site visit to Tsumkwe’s Integrated Community Based Food Systems Project. Held on 28 January 2022, the group inspected progress with production and harvest since implementation and launch of the project in August 2021. Further, FAO donated a poultry structure, poultry feed, vaccines and close to 100 Lohmann Brown layers. This will benefit pregnant and lactating women as part of their nutritional requirements and enhance meals from the clinic-based kitchen.

Partnership

WFP signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Sustainable Food Systems Programme with the Hardap Regional Council on 19 January 2022. This agreement will establish a framework for collaboration and is aims to address drivers of food and nutritional insecurity. To this effect, WFP recruited Roots Agricultural Project as technical expertise to the local community and learners of Stampriet Primary School, teaching them to be self-sustainable whilst addressing nutritional requirements for the community and school feeding programme.

To increase food production and food security for prison inmates, WFP signed an MoU with the Namibian Correctional Service (NCS) on 21 January 2022. This MoU will provide tangible results in the area of food security using smart agriculture while capacitating NCS staff and offenders on food production.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2017–2023)

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WFP is a long-term partner with NCS, having provided expertise and material support for the Hydroponics Project at the Gobabis Correctional Facility, Windhoek Female Correctional Facility and Oluno Correctional Facility. The activity is one of NCS’ most successful food production projects in the country.

Strategic Result 01: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 01: Vulnerable populations in Namibia are enabled to meet their food and nutrition needs throughout the year.

Focus Area: Root Causes

Activities:
- Provide capacity strengthening to the government entities responsible for national shock-responsive safety net programmes
- Provide capacity strengthening and technical assistance to the government entities responsible for school feeding

Strategic Result 05: Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 02: Government Policy dialogue and programme design is informed by evidence and enhanced knowledge of hunger issues throughout NDP5 period

Focus Area: Resilience building

Activities:
- Provide capacity strengthening to government entities involved in hunger-related policy and programming
- Provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare and partners involved in the implementation of the Zero Hunger Road Map

Strategic Result 01: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 03: Targeted food insecure households affected by shocks in Namibia benefit from enhanced access to adequate food and nutrition during and in the aftermath of crises

Focus Area: Crisis Response

Activities:
- Provide food assistance to vulnerable people affected by shocks.

Donors

2020-2021 Donors: Brazil, European Union, Japan and African Group of Ambassadors, Government of Namibia

Figure 1: H.E. Mrs. Rofina N. Chikava, Ambassador of Zimbabwe, H.E Mr. Antonio Carlos Franca, Min. Counsellor from the Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil and Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation inspecting Tsumkwe's project site. WFP/ Luise Shikongo

Figure 2: WFP Country Director and Representatives from the Namibian Correctional Service during the MOU signing ceremony. WFP/ Luise Shikongo