2021 highlights

WFP reached over 1.7 million food insecure people through activities implemented under the five strategic outcomes of its country strategic plan: crisis response, school feeding, nutrition, support to smallholder farmers facing climate shocks, and emergency preparedness.

Food assistance provided by WFP played a key role in averting catastrophe in drought-affected southern Madagascar. Furthermore, WFP was the largest provider of school meals in this part of the island.

WFP continued to strengthen its partnerships with the Government, local communities, and other UN agencies, helping to advance policies and progress towards the SDGs.

2021 achievements in numbers

1,700,768 total beneficiaries of 1,878,346 planned

60,943 mt FOOD DISTRIBUTED of 68,270 mt total planned

US$ 14,290,259 CASH TRANSFERRED of US$ 18,293,860 total planned

Cross cutting results

While women face unequal challenges in Madagascar, in line with the corporate Gender Action Plan, WFP is committed to integrating gender equality and women’s empowerment in all its work in the country.

In 2021, WFP continued to implement and strengthen protection considerations to place the population, communities, and affected individuals at the heart of its activities in Madagascar. Affected populations benefit from WFP programmes in a manner that ensures and promotes their safety, dignity and integrity as well as their hunger needs.

In Madagascar, WFP is implementing a range of activities that help communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from climate shocks. WFP is also greening its operation through the setting-up of a water irrigation project and the installation of solar-power water systems in its suboffices.

Our partners

WFP supports the Malagasy Government through collaboration with Ministries (Agriculture and Livestock; Population, Social Protection and Promotion of Women; National Education; Public Health) and government institutions (National Nutrition Office; National Office for Risk and Disaster Management), with donor governments contributions. WFP also works along with UN Agencies; Non-Governmental Organizations and the private sector.
Strategic outcome 1: Crisis-affected women, men, boys and girls in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs before, during and after crises

- 1.2 million drought-affected people in Southern Madagascar supported through food and cash.
- 180,000 acutely food insecure people received cash-based transfers through the national social protection programme.
- 110,000 poor urban households economically affected by COVID-19 lockdowns received cash-based transfers.
- 135,171 children admitted to WFP’s moderate acute malnutrition prevention programme.
- 11,306 tuberculosis patients supported with food, cash, nutrition assessment counselling, and support.
- 233,635 beneficiaries assisted with specialized nutritious foods and nutrition messaging each month.

Strategic outcome 2: Primary school children in targeted areas have access to adequate, healthy and nutritious food as part of a Government-led social protection strategy

- 818 schools assisted through food distribution.
- 245,723 schoolchildren supported with school meals by WFP.
- 52% girls, 48% boys.

Strategic outcome 3: Nutritionally vulnerable populations in areas with consistently high rates of undernutrition have improved nutritional status

- 12,064 children aged 6-59 months and 18,597 pregnant and lactating women and girls supported through stunting prevention activities.
- 11,306 tuberculosis patients supported with food, cash, nutrition assessment counselling, and support.
- 233,635 beneficiaries assisted with specialized nutritious foods and nutrition messaging each month.

Strategic outcome 4: Women and men smallholder producers in targeted communities facing climate shocks increase their capacity to access profitable markets and establish more inclusive, efficient and resilient food systems all year round

- 7,277 smallholder farmers trained in post-harvest loss reduction to strengthen agricultural livelihoods.
- 3,500 smallholder farmers supported with insurance, savings, and climate-adapted agriculture practices training.
- 40 women’s groups supported with the processing of cassava into gari, cactus into jam, the smoking of fish, and soapmaking.
- 25,925 people benefitting from the rehabilitation and construction of productive assets like irrigation canals, drains, and dikes.

Strategic outcome 5: Government and humanitarian partners in Madagascar are supported by effective emergency preparedness and response arrangements before, during and after crises

- 25,480 mobile surveys completed to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on national food security.
- WFP conducted a capacity needs mapping exercise to strengthen the government’s capacity to deliver emergency services and supplies.
- WFP, the national disaster risk and management office, and Malagasy Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications established clusters for ICT coordination in emergencies, along with a drone sub-cluster.
- 644 passengers were transported by the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service to remote locations in southern Madagascar.