



REGIONAL BUREAU FOR **EASTERN AFRICA**

Capacity Strengthening

2021 Regional Achievements & Outlook

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WFP offers nationally-tailored technical assistance and capacity development to strengthen Government capacities along five pathways: policy and legislation, institutional accountability, strategic planning, programme design and delivery, as well as engagement and participation of non-state actors.

In 2021, WFP helped the **Government of Ethiopia** strengthen its capacity in the design and implementation of social safety net programmes, supply chain management, as well as early warning and emergency preparedness systems. As a result, WFP was able to channel 83 percent of CBT through the Federal Government Ethiopia social protection systems, expanding cash transfers using the safety net payment channel in Somali region to contribute to shock-responsive safety net. WFP also developed a gender-sensitive Country Capacity Strengthening Strategy in consultation with key government entities, which stipulated WFP's activities and investments in capacity building to help the country achieve SDG 2.

In **Burundi**, WFP supported the Government to develop a gradual handover strategy for the HGSP programme, with specific actions including supporting the Government for setting up legal frameworks for the programme. WFP also supported the Burundi Government to better prepare and respond to emergencies and conduct food security assessments.

WFP continued its engagement with **Burundi Red Cross Society (BRC)**, a non-state actor, to successfully roll out the pilot phase of the Forecast-based Financing initiative, an innovative approach that aimed at capacitating the BRC to establish an AA system. WFP worked together with UNICEF and World Bank to support the Government to create an adaptive, shock responsive social protection system through a Social Safety Net Support Project in Burundi.

WFP invested in capacity strengthening **in Rwanda** to expand national social protection and food security programmes, and systems to enhance resilience to shocks. Over 2,692 Government and Partner staff directly benefitted from institutional capacity strengthening initiatives to enhance national food security and nutrition stakeholder capacities. To further enhance institutional capacity of the Government of Rwanda in 2021, WFP also successfully supported the Ministry of Health through the provision of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) as part of WFP's support of the Government's COVID-19 National Contingency Plan.

In Sudan, WFP also supported capacity strengthening for staff of the Ministries of Health and Education, as well as CPs, in implementing nutrition and school feeding activities in the context of the pandemic through ToTs for the government staff and cascade training to the school staff. Building on its areas of expertise, WFP also continued providing technical support to the Government's Sudan Family Support Programme (SFSP) for cash transfers to Sudanese families, in coordination with the World Bank.

WFP supported the **Government of Kenya** to develop sustainable food systems strategies and a Resilience Programming Framework, to generate a shared understanding of resilience programming and coordinated approach on programme design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and resource mobilization. To support the Government in taking over the implementation of integrated moderate acute malnutrition (IMAM) programmes, WFP held consultations with county governments and developed hand-over roadmaps. County Governments were supported to develop gender-responsive FbF action plans to strengthen women's resilience to climate shocks. WFP also provided CP capacity strengthening support, including providing training on FbF, gender transformative climate-resilient livelihoods, and disaster risk management geared towards gender transformation.

In Somalia, WFP facilitated the delivery of capacity strengthening initiatives focusing on the transfer of technical skills in market assessment, price monitoring, food security and nutrition assessment, as part of its approach to strengthening the Government's capacity to implement disaster management and early warning mechanisms.

Summary

5- Pathways	Example
Policy and legislation	<p>In Ethiopia, WFP developed a gender-sensitive Country Capacity Strengthening Strategy in consultation with key Government entities, which stipulated WFP's activities and investments in capacity strengthening to help the country achieve SDG 2.</p> <p>In Burundi, WFP supported the Government to develop a gradual handover strategy for the HGSF programme.</p>
Institutional accountability	<p>WFP helped the Federal Government of Ethiopia improve institutional accountability through joint CBT programming using safety net payment channel.</p>
Strategic planning and financing	<p>In Rwanda, WFP successfully supported the Ministry of Health through the provision of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) as part of WFP's support the Government's COVID-19 National Contingency Plan.</p>
National programme design and delivery	<p>To improve programme design and delivery, WFP provided technical support to the Government's Sudan Family Support Programme for cash transfers to Sudanese families, in coordination with the World Bank.</p> <p>In Somalia, WFP facilitated the delivery of capacity strengthening initiatives focusing on the transfer of technical skills in market assessment, price monitoring, food security and nutrition assessment.</p> <p>WFP supported the Government of Kenya to develop sustainable food systems strategies and a Resilience Programming Framework, to generate a shared understanding of resilience programming and coordinated approach on programme design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and resource mobilization.</p>
Engagement and participation of non-state actors	<p>In Burundi, WFP continued with its engagement with BRC which successfully rolled out the pilot phase of the FbF initiative, an innovative approach that aimed at capacitating the BRC to establish an AA system.</p>

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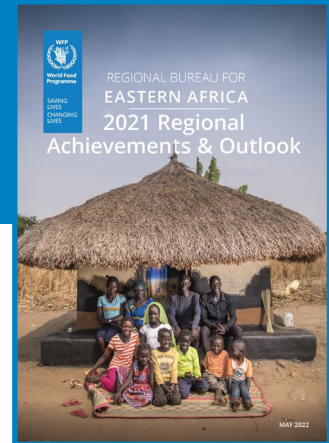
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