



# WFP Malawi Country Brief May 2022

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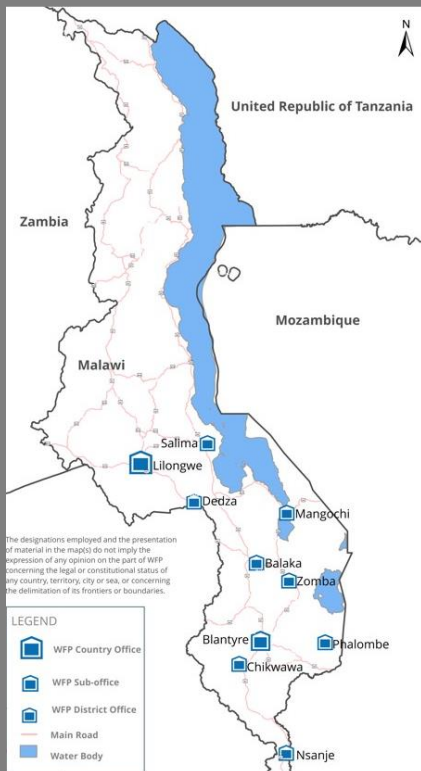
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## Operational Context

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, especially dry spells and floods.

Malawi's challenges are compounded by weak economic growth, high risk of overall debt distress, low primary school completion (51 percent), a high prevalence of stunting and high prevalence of HIV/AIDS infection (9.6 percent). WFP supports the Government for a food and nutrition secure and resilient future, guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). 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**

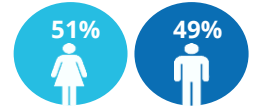
Stunting: **37%** of children aged 6-59  
months old

## In Numbers

**USD 29.4 million** funding required for flood response under the flash appeal

**USD 661,000** six-month (June - November 2022) net funding requirements for WFP

**282,000 flood-affected people** received cash-based transfers



### Strategic Outcome 1

- **Floods Response:** WFP completed distribution of cash-based transfers to 63,000 households (282,000 people) in Chikwawa, Phalombe and Nsanje districts in response to flooding caused by tropical storms. In June, WFP will conduct targeting for the next phase of its response recovery activities to be rolled out from July.
- **Refugees:** The United States Agency for International Development Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance [announced](#) a USD 2.5 million contribution for support to refugees and asylum seekers in Dzaleka refugee camp. Specifically, this will provide food assistance in the form of e-payments to 11,000 refugee households.

### Strategic Outcome 2

- **School feeding:** As part of the Joint Programme on Girls Education, processes to scale up home grown school meals programme in Kasungu district have been rolled out. About 25,000 additional children will be reached with school feeding in the district thanks to the support of Norway.
- Meanwhile, 27,500 households were reached through emergency school feeding in flood-affected schools in the southern region with the support of the European Union and Switzerland.
- **Social protection:** In collaboration with the Government and partners, an after-action-review of the 2021/2022 lean season response is being finalised. The review includes the use of the social protection system jointly supported by UNICEF and WFP for targeting and delivery of lean season assistance.

### Strategic Outcome 3

- **Malnutrition prevention:** The Department of Nutrition, HIV and Aids (DNHA) with support from WFP and financial support from the Government of Ireland, has commissioned a feasibility study to assess the possibility of establishing a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for nutrition in Malawi under the mandate of the foreseen National Food and Nutrition Council. A concept note will be presented to the key stakeholders and to the Office of President and Cabinet.

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Photo: Participants of WFP's food assistance for assets activities are currently conducting irrigation farming. © WFP/ Badre Bahaji.

## 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	661,000

### 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:** WFP's food-assistance-for-assets (FFA) intervention is supporting 104,000 households in eight districts with land resource management, irrigation, crop and livestock production, and/or reforestation. Activities in May focused on irrigation farming and planning for the next phase (2022 cycle).
- WFP, in collaboration with Agro – a private sector company – trained 12,000 smallholder farmers across eight districts on post-harvest losses technologies and the benefits of hermetic bags.

## Strategic Outcome 5

- **Integrated Food Security Phase (IPC) analysis:** The IPC Chronic Food Insecurity analysis report was [launched](#) by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs. It is designed to help the Government of Malawi and development partners to address the underlying causes of chronic hunger. The report shows that 5.4 million Malawians (33 percent of the population) are currently facing moderate or severe chronic food insecurity. The full report can be [accessed here](#).
- The Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee - with technical support from WFP- kicked-off its 2022 acute IPC assessments in May. The final report is expected to be released in July.

## Strategic Outcome 6

- **Emergency supply chain support:** As co-lead of the logistics cluster, WFP transported 554 mt and stored over 200 MT of commodities on behalf of partners in the wake of floods. Furthermore, WFP boats provided transport to Partners in Hope to facilitate delivery of healthcare services to flood-affected people in Nsanje District.
- As part of the COVID-19 response, WFP supported the Ministry of Health to transport 150 mt of personal protective equipment and related supplies to various health facilities in 28 districts.

## In video



- **Partnering for Health in Malawi - Health Supply Chain Strengthening (HS3).** WFP is leveraging its supply chain expertise to help make public health supply chains more resilient and capable of responding to future public health shocks. A [new 5-year project](#) funded by Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited is working with ministries of health and central medical stores in several African countries, including Malawi.

## Donors

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