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# WFP Namibia Country Brief May 2022



## Operational Context

An upper-middle-income country, Namibia has a population of 2.5 million people. 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.



Population: **2.5 million**

2019 Human Development Index: **130 out of 189 countries**

Income Level: **Upper-middle income**

2020 Global Hunger Index: **70 out of 107 countries**

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## In Numbers

**Net Funding Requirements:**

**USD 6.6 m** (June – November 2022)

**People Assisted in May 2022**

**Home Grown School Feeding Programme:** 11,730 school children

**Integrated Community-based Food Systems**

**Projects:** 1,457 beneficiaries

## Operational Updates

### Social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC)

A Social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) concept note was developed by a consultant from WFP's Regional Bureau, Johannesburg, to guide the implementation of various nutrition programmes countrywide. An introduction to SBCC was held by the consultant for eleven WFP staff (3 males, 8 females).

Further, an SBCC workshop has been scheduled for July to capacitate various government ministries - (Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS), Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR), Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (MoEAC), Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare (MGEPESW), Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), regional councils and UN agencies) on the multi-stakeholder coordination and implementation of SBCC programmes in Namibia.

The SBCC strategy for Namibia will be developed during the workshop, targeting school based programmes (SBP), maternal nutrition, food systems (smallholder farmers), cash-based transfers (CBT), infant and young child feeding (IYCF) and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and will detail WFP's SBCC plans for the next 3 years.

### Climate Change and Adaptation

WFP concluded the Project 2030 Fund capacity building programme aimed to develop and strengthen early warning systems (EWS) in Namibia. WFP's primary role was to provide technical assistance to key government partners (the Namibia Meteorological Services, MAWLR, OPM, and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism) in early warning systems and enhance their ability to make policy and programme decisions which are supported by evidence-based analysis. This was done primarily through capacity building and technical support in the development and operation of systems which allow for timely planning and budgeting.

Photo: WFP Country Director, George Fedha, engaging the Commissioner General of the Namibian Correctional Service on upscaling production.  
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## WFP Country Strateg

### Country Strategic Plan (2017–2023)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
46 m	18.3 m	6.6 m

#### 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

2021-2022 Donors: Brazil, European Union, Japan, African Group of Ambassadors, Government of the Republic of Namibia

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The closure of this project was merged with a handover of equipment to government partners to assist their future interventions.

### WFP Drone Capacity Building Programme

WFP provided a 5-day capacity development training to government representatives from OPM: Directorate Disaster Risk Management, MGEPSW, Zambezi Regional Council as well as the Namibia Statistics Agency on the use of drones for emergency response and emergency preparedness.

### Integrated Community-Based Food Systems Projects

WFP as a technical partner to the Government of Namibia is strengthening Namibia's resilience to price stability and availability of food in response to the global food price crises. By working closely with the Namibian Correctional Service (NCS), WFP has supported the upscaling of wheat during the 2022 winter window in Hardap, Oshikoto, and Kavango East regions through a needs assessment visit. Further, WFP is supporting the recruitment of technical experts from Egypt, and the procurement of wheat seeds, fertilisers, and equipment to upscale agricultural productivity in Namibia.

Through WFP's Integrated community-based food system projects, learners, teachers, and community members at Kwakwas and W.M Jod Primary School received theoretical and practical training on the best agricultural practices.

### Anti-stunting and Anti-malnutrition

During the reporting period, WFP revealed 11 billboards countrywide. These billboards will be displayed for a period of three months with messages aimed to promote good nutrition practices, and support to local smallholder farmers. WFP further spearheaded a video-shoot for key stakeholders on WFP's milestones since the implementation of the school-based and community-based integrated food system model that complements school feeding.

### Partnerships

On 30 May, WFP and MobiPay Namibia signed a Memorandum of Understanding which will establish a framework for collaboration on digital transformation for sustainable food systems and e-commerce solutions for local smallholder farmers. Further, WFP has continued to engage private sector institutions for funding and joint programming.

### Monitoring

WFP reviewed programmatic annual workplans in consultation with activity managers to ensure alignment with the Annual Performance Plan (APP) and the country office's priorities. WFP further developed a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan to guide the implementation of M&E related activities in the Namibia country office.