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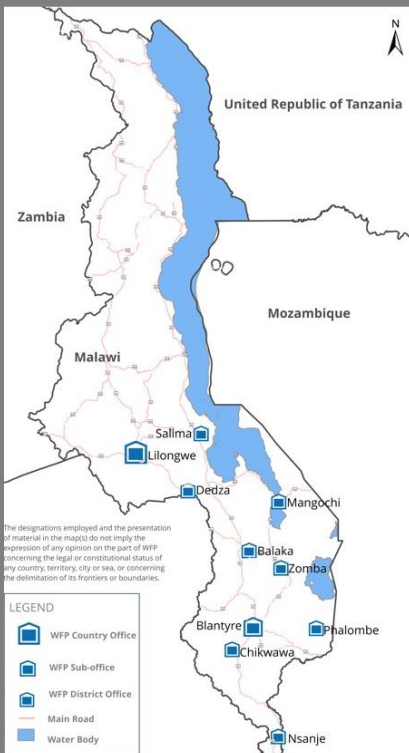
WFP Malawi Country Brief August 2022



Operational Context

Malawi is a small landlocked country in Sub-Saharan Africa with a population expanding rapidly at three 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.



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In Numbers

3.8 million Malawians (20 percent of the population) projected to face acute food insecurity during the upcoming lean season (Oct 2022-Mar 2023)

USD 35 million six-month (Sept 2022 - Feb 2023) net funding requirements for WFP

48,000 refugees and asylum-seekers requiring cash assistance from October

Strategic Outcome 1

- **2022/2023 Lean season response:** WFP is working with the Government of Malawi and coordinating with other humanitarian and development partners to plan, jointly resource and respond to the 2022/2023 lean season needs. The affected population is more than double that of last year, and, in some districts, food assistance will be needed for more than twice the duration of the previous lean season. For the coming lean season, Malawi is the third worst country for the region with by far the largest deterioration in food security compared to 2021/22.
- **Refugees:** Distributions for August were completed via cash (e-payments) for 11,000 refugee households (approximately 48,000 refugees) in Dzaleka refugee camp. The activity is, however, facing a funding shortfall which could halt WFP's assistance starting in November.

Strategic Outcome 2

- **School feeding:** WFP has completed the transition of 166 additional schools (previously receiving in-kind food commodities from WFP) to home-grown school feeding supplied by local farmers. Currently, a total of 485 schools have adopted the home-grown model (89 percent of schools supported in Malawi).
- **Social protection:** In collaboration with the Government and partners, WFP has been providing capacity strengthening through technical assistance to enable effective leveraging of the social protection system. After-action review of the 2021/2022 lean season and 2022 floods responses revealed successes in the use of the unified beneficiary registry for targeting during the lean season response. Furthermore, the finalised cash plus guidance (led by WFP) was highlighted as a successful pilot for beneficiaries during the previous lean season response implementation.

Strategic Outcome 3

- **Malnutrition prevention:** WFP Malawi has transitioned implementation of malnutrition sensitive interventions from cooperating partners to implementation through district councils to build Government capacity at local level. Presently, five district councils in the priority districts of Balaka, Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe and Zomba are implementing activities.

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Photo: WFP, as co-lead of the logistics cluster continues to support humanitarian partners with transportation and delivery of relief items .

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

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	35 m

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

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:** Resilience Building

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.

Activity 9. Support national and sub-national systems strengthening activities to address systemic challenges, reduce the impact of shocks and improve local resilience of the health supply chain in Malawi.

Livelihoods: WFP’s food-assistance-for-assets (FFA) intervention is supporting 107,000 households in eight districts with land resource management, irrigation, crop and livestock production, and/or reforestation. In August, asset creation was rolled out for the 2022 implementation cycle with a focus on watershed management, livelihoods support, integrated risk management and market access support.

WFP Malawi hosted the WFP Southern Africa Regional Director on a mission to Phalombe District where WFP activities are being implemented in an integrated manner. Activities included a watershed site, a school newly transitioned to home-grown school feeding and a community with integrated homestead activities.

Strategic Outcome 5

Integrated Food Security Phase (IPC) analysis: The Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee (MVAC) – with technical support from WFP – finalised the acute IPC analysis for the year 2022 and released the report in August. The report projects approximately 3.8 million people to be food insecure, in IPC Phase 3, requiring humanitarian assistance starting from November 2022 up to March 2023.

Strategic Outcome 6

Emergency supply chain support: As the co-lead of the Transport and Logistics Cluster, WFP supported the drafting of the 2022/2023 lean season response plan for the upcoming lean season response.

WFP also supported the Malawi Red Cross Society with transportation of relief items (160 metric tonnes of dignity kits to Chikwawa, Mwanza and Mangochi and, 180 metric tonnes of assorted household items to Chikwawa, Mulanje, Nsanje and Phalombe).

In video



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