Operational Context

Uganda has a longstanding history of hosting refugees, with 1.42 million, mainly from South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi currently residing in the country. Despite its agricultural potential and significant exports, Uganda’s food insecurity levels remain classified as ‘serious’ by the 2019 Global Hunger Index. Ugandans consume 400 kcal less than they need each day. Malnutrition is widespread across the country: 29 percent of children under the age of 5 years are stunted and 53 percent are anaemic and at risk of not reaching their full mental and physical potential.

WFP’s Country Strategic Plan 2018-2025 has 6 strategic outcomes and is fully aligned with national policy objectives, including Uganda’s Vision 2040 and the Third National Development Plan (NDP III). Through the CSP, WFP addresses the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition, supports the refugee response, and strengthens social protection systems. WFP assistance is provided through direct implementation, evidence generation, knowledge sharing and capacity strengthening, while building strategic partnerships, including through South-South and Triangular Co-operation.

In Numbers

- **7939.376 mt** of food assistance distributed
- **USD 3.83 million** in cash-based transfers
- **USD 71 million** six months (August 2022 – January 2023) net funding requirements
- **1,556,819 people assisted** in July 2022

Operational Updates

Support to refugees

- In July 2022, WFP provided 1,349,207 beneficiaries with food and nutrition assistance, distributing 7,237 mt of in-kind assistance and USD 3,824,961 in cash-based transfers (CBT).
- WFP continued to provide hot meals and High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) to new arrivals at the points of collection, transit, and reception centres.
- WFP also provided Specialised Nutritious Foods (SNFs) to children aged 6-59 months as well as pregnant and lactating women (PLWs) through the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme at Nyakabande Transit centre in the Southwest.
- By end of July, a total of 1,858 clients were on the programme including 1,554 children Under 5 years and 274 PLWs.
- Phase II prioritisation continues to be implemented in the Southwest refugee settlements. This phase focuses on identifying the most vulnerable in the refugee settlements for an increment in rations from the 40 percent to 60 percent.

Scale-up of Cash-Based Transfers (CBT):

- Since November 2020, 70 percent (317,153 individuals) have received financial literacy training. The Palabek refugee settlement, where CBT was introduced in May 2022, contributed 630 of the total trained people.
- In July 2022, the Bidi Bidi refugee settlement successfully deployed CBT modality for delivering food assistance. A total of 5,620 individuals from 870 households in two zones 1 and 2 received their first cash assistance digitally via Agency banking. Onboarding of new beneficiaries is ongoing.

Karamoja Lean Season Response

- The lean season response in Karamoja continues to gain traction, both in terms of distribution outreach and donor interest. The key challenge for the operation is the significant increase of beneficiaries in planned vs actual. On resource mobilisation, a total of USD 10.9 million of the needed USD 18 million has currently been raised.
- Following completion of cleaning and analysis of Karamoja Social Registry (KSR) registration data, the number of people to be served in the different interventions is as follows: Community Based Supplementary Feeding Programme (CBSFP) – 43,392 vs planned 24,251, Protective Ration or Targeted Food Assistance (TFA) – 186,462 vs

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Photo Caption: WFP’s nutrition support making sure the people we serve receive integrated services such as vaccination
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* Beneficiaries figures are based on estimates.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2025)

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**Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food**

**Strategic Outcome 1: Refugees and other crisis affected people in Uganda access adequate and nutritious food in times of crisis.**

**Focus area: Crisis response**

Activities:
- Provide food and nutrition assistance and promote financial inclusion of refugees
- Provide food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected households

**Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition**

**Strategic Outcome 2: Food insecure populations in areas affected by climate shocks have access to adequate and nutritious food all year.**

**Focus area: Resilience building**

Activities:
- Provide technical assistance to the Government, women and men participating in community-level asset creation projects and strengthen the national social protection system to deliver livelihood and resilience building programmes
- Provide nutritious hot meals to children attending school and technical assistance to the Government through South-South cooperation, for increased national ownership

**Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and income**

**Strategic Outcome 3: Smallholder farmers, especially women, in targeted areas have enhanced and resilient livelihoods by 2030.**

**Focus area: Root causes**

Activities:
- Strengthen the capacity of the Government in post-harvest management and link smallholder farmers to markets.

**Strategic Result 4: Capacity strengthening**

**Strategic Outcome 4: Institutions have increased capacity to coordinate and manage food security and nutrition programmes and respond to shocks by 2030.**

**Focus area: Root causes**

Activities:
- Strengthen the capacity of selected national and subnational institutions and their underlying systems to provide direct income support
- Strengthen the capacity of selected national and subnational institutions and their underlying systems to respond to shocks

**Strategic Result 5: Global partnerships**

**Strategic Outcome 6: Humanitarian actors have access to cost-efficient supply chain services when needed.**

**Focus area: Crisis response**

Activities:
- Provide supply chain services and expertise to enable all partners to deliver humanitarian assistance.

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**Gender, Protection and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)**

- In July, focal persons and alternates for Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) attended a one-day orientation in Kampala. Twelve participants from the Field, Area, and Country Offices attended the training.
- The training helped strengthening their capacity by giving them foundational guidance on PSEA and gender-based violence and assisting them in reviewing their terms of reference to understand roles and responsibilities.

**Agriculture and Market Support (AMS)**

- Agriculture and Market Support (AMS) and Supply Chain (SC) together with a team from the Regional Office Nairobi and Head Quarters carried out a price transmission study to determine the factors behind prevailing bottlenecks, inefficiencies, and imbalances that prevent smallholder farmers and other actors from benefiting from local and regional food procurement. The following ten districts participated in the study: Kampala, Mubende, Mityana, Kamwenge, Kikyuube, Kiyandongo, Kitagwenda, Kyegyegwa, Kyenjojo, and Masindi. Results from the study will guide the implementation of the Local and Regional Food Policy and the introduction of the traceability tool.
- AMS continued to build the capacity of the smallholder farmers, both refugees, and nationals, to transform their groups into agri-businesses. The focus here is on supporting the development of farmers' business plans, linking them to buyers as well as food safety and quality, and taking advantage of the various emerging markets in the country.

**Strengthening national capacity for Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- In July 2022, WFP partnered with Excel Hort – a consultant Agribusiness Incubator to support the establishment of two incubation hubs in Southwestern Uganda. These hubs are expected to foster job creation as well as food and income security especially for women and youth among refugees and host communities in refugee hosting districts.
- Relatedly, 52 persons with special needs and the elderly received various kinds of livestock (chickens, goats, sheep, and rabbits) to enhance their food and income security. Staff from the Kikuube District Local Government (DLG) visited the Excel Hort Agribusiness incubation centre as part of a learning expedition to expand their knowledge of livelihoods and resilience building.

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