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 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.

In Numbers

- **3.8 million Malawians** (20 percent of the population) face acute food insecurity during the upcoming lean season (Oct 2022-Mar 2023).
- **USD 30 million** six-month (Oct 2022 - Mar 2023) net funding requirements.
- **48,000 refugees and asylum-seekers** receiving cash assistance.

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 Government of Malawi released its response plan for the upcoming lean season which requires USD 76 million for implementation of the response. Part of the requirements will be covered by other sources including the African Risk Capacity insurance payout worth USD 14.2 million as well as maize to be drawn down from the Government's Strategic Grain Reserve, managed by the National Food Reserve Agency.
- **Refugees**: Monthly distributions were completed via cash (e-payments) for 11,000 refugee households (approximately 48,000 refugees) in Dzaleka refugee camp. WFP is preparing to conduct an updated targeting exercise in November to facilitate WFP’s refugee assistance.

Strategic Outcome 2

- **School feeding**: The Deputy Minister of Health along with WFP Country Director visited WFP’s school feeding activities, *Tsogolo la thanzi* - TSOLATA supported by the European Union in Nsanje District. This visit was aimed at appreciating the linkages within TSOLATA, including smallholder farmers supplying food commodities to the schools and health promoters supporting volunteer parents to prepare nutritious meals among others.
- **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 reviews 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.

Strategic Outcome 3

- **Malnutrition prevention**: WFP 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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### WFP Country Strategy

#### Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### Strategic Outcome 3: End Malnutrition

**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 4:** Provide chronic malnutrition and micronutrient deficiency prevention services to at-risk populations in targeted areas.

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#### Strategic Outcome 5: Capacity Strengthening

**Strategic Outcome 6:** Humanitarian and development partners 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.

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#### Strategic Outcome 7: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 8:** Humanitarian and development partners in Malawi have increased capacity and improved supply chain systems to achieve SDG 2 by 2030. 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.

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#### Strategic Outcome 8: Common Services

**Strategic Outcome 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.

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#### Strategic Outcome 4

- **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 September, asset creation continued for the 2022 implementation cycle with a focus on watershed management, livelihoods support, integrated risk management and market access support.

- **WFP Malawi’s Share the Meal campaign** was launched and is now open for support. The funds raised through this campaign will provide hermetic bags to smallholder farmers to improve post-harvest food storage.

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#### 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 report estimating approximately 3.8 million people to be acutely food insecure, in IPC Phase 3, requiring humanitarian assistance starting from November 2022 up to March 2023. For the coming lean season, Malawi is the third worst in the southern Africa region with by far the largest deterioration in food security compared to 2021/22.

- **Strategic Result 5:** Everyone has access to food

- **Activity 1:** Provide cash and/or food transfers to refugees, malnourished people and the most vulnerable populations affected by seasonal shocks.

- **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.

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#### 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 which requires USD 1.5 million for the Cluster.

- **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.

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### In pictures

Take a look at how WFP is supporting smallholder farmers to reduce post-harvest loss in Malawi. Watch the **video here**.

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