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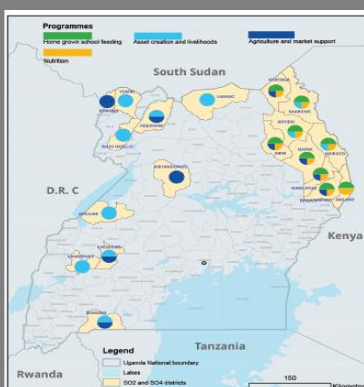
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Operational Context

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.



Income Level: **Lower-middle**

2019 Human Development Index:
159 out of 189

Population: **45.7 million**

Stunting: **29 percent of children
between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

8156 MT of food assistance distributed

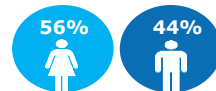
USD 3.25 million in cash-based transfers

USD 84.2 million six months (October 2022 – March 2023) net funding requirements

1.76 million people assisted
in September 2022

Operational Updates

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Response



- The Ebola outbreak in Uganda was first declared on 20 September 2022 in Mubende district, and is now affecting five districts - Mubende, Kassanda, Kyegegwa, Kagadi, Bunyangabu.
- In response to the outbreak, WFP is providing hot meals to EVD patients and contacts who are hosted in isolation centres as well as to health workers at the Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs).
- WFP has partnered with the Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) through a Memorandum of Understanding to provide dry rations to households, offering the required food assistance.
- WFP is also providing logistics support to the Ministry of Health and Development Partners through the provision of storage, transport, light engineering, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to strengthen surveillance and case management efforts by the Government.

Support to refugees

- In September 2022, WFP provided food assistance to 1.3 million beneficiaries, distributing 6,325 mt of in-kind food and disbursing USD 3.2 million in cash-based transfers (CBT).
- WFP continued to provide nutrition assistance through the Maternal Child Health and Nutrition programme (MCHN) as well as Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP). The MCHN and TSFP programmes served a total of 54,639 and 7,338 children under the age of 5 years, along with 41,748 and 4,788 pregnant and breastfeeding women (PLWs), respectively. TSFP aims to rehabilitate children under five years as well as pregnant and lactating women (PLW) identified as acutely malnourished.

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

- WFP continued community engagement for the scale-up of CBT in all 13 refugee settlements with a major focus on digital cash expansion in the four settlements of Palabek, Imvepi, Bidi Bidi, and Palorinya. Engagements are ongoing with Mobile Network Operators to diversify the digital cash channels. A contract has been sent to AIRTEL for review.

Karamoja Lean Season Response

- Distribution of the third cycle of rations under the protective rations' intervention is ongoing. By the end of September, 35,024 households had been enrolled for protective rations in Amudat, Moroto, Napak, Nabilatuk, Kotido, and Kaabong.

* Beneficiaries figures are based on estimates.

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Photo Caption: A beneficiary receiving rice as part of the General Food Assistance programme to refugees

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Country Strategic Plan (2018-2025)

Total Requirement (In USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
1.88 b	846 m	84.2 m

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 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 2: End malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Children aged 6-59 months in food-insecure areas have acute malnutrition rates in line with national targets by 2030.

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Provide specialized nutritious food and nutrition-sensitive interventions to populations at risk

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and income

Strategic Outcome 4: 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 5: Capacity strengthening

Strategic Outcome 5: 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 8: 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.

- Cycle 2 distribution of rations under the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme is ongoing in Kotido, Kaabong, and Nabilatuk. For September, 16.2 mt of Ready-to-Use Supplementary Feeds (RUSF) were distributed to 19,092 beneficiaries (Under 2 years).

Gender, Protection and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

- In September 2022, the Gender, Protection, and AAP team attended Agricultural Market Support (AMS) orientation for partners in Karamoja and provided concrete strategies for incorporating gender and youth elements into the AMS programme under the Mastercard Foundation.

Strengthening Social Protection Delivery Systems

- To strengthen the delivery of Social Protection Programming in the refugee-hosting Districts of West Nile, WFP conducted a capacity needs mapping (CNM) exercise with three District Local Governments (Koboko, Yumbe, and Madi Okollo), Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development, and the Office of the Prime Minister to identify their capacity gaps. Among other gaps, it was identified that a lack of Social Protection knowledge and skills at both national and sub-national levels was a key hindrance to Social Protection delivery. To address this gap WFP has deployed the TRANSFORM Social Protection training approach. TRANSFORM is an innovative learning initiative on the implementation of national Social Protection floors in Africa. 321 people in total will receive training while 72 Subnational practitioners and 23 National practitioners have received training to date.

School Meals Programme

- Four farmer organizations continued to provide schools with beans and maize, and numerous schools praised the high quality of these commodities.
- WFP continued to pursue the digitization of the school meals reporting with the Ministry of Education and Sports digital department (DEMIS). The tool has been reviewed and is being pre-tested at selected schools with the food focal persons. The tool testing is designed to generate feedback from the end users for further improvement.

Agriculture Market Support (AMS)

- In September 2022, AMS facilitated Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), a government agency that handles business registration, to guide business owners through the registration process. As a result, 36 enterprises, including those owned by refugees, successfully registered and received business registration certificates from the bureau.
- AMS collaborated with a specialised vocational institution, Munyengera Agro-machinery workshop, to skill 11 local artisans with hands-on skills in designing, fabricating, and servicing post-harvest handling equipment e.g., motorized shellers. In strengthening local capacity, AMS is bridging the gap to access affordable locally manufactured equipment as alternatives to imported ones.

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