In Numbers

- 8,939 mt of food assistance distributed
- USD 4.27 million in cash-based transfers
- USD 153 million six months (November 2022 – April 2023) net funding requirements
- 1,751,888 people assisted in October 2022

Operational Updates

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Response

- The Ebola outbreak in Uganda was first reported on 20 September 2022 in Mubende district, and is now affecting nine districts - Mubende, Kassanda, Kyegowa, Kagedi, Bunyangabu, Masaka, Kampala, Wakiso, and Jinja.
- To stem the spread of EVD in schools, the Ministry of Education and Sports directed all pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools across the country to conclude the third term on the 25 November 2022, two weeks earlier than the official date of 9 December.
- According to the Ministry of Health (MoH), it is clear the EVD outbreak is not a short-term emergency as was envisaged in Scenario I of the Government’s and WFP’s risk scenarios planning. Although the rate of increase is slow, there remains an increasing number of cases.
- WFP has a partnership with the Uganda Red Cross Society (UCRS) to provide cooked meals through catering services to EVD patients and frontline health workers in Mubende and Madulu districts.

Support to refugees

- In October 2022, WFP provided food assistance to 1.38 million beneficiaries, distributing 7,108 mt of in-kind food and disbursing USD 4.1 million in cash-based transfers (CBT).
- WFP provided nutrition support and Social Behavioural Change Communication distributing a total of 467 mt under the Maternal Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) Programme and 23 mt of Ready-to-Use Supplementary Feeds (RUSF) under the Target Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP).

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

- A new Post Bank Agency Banking solution was utilized to provide digital payments worth USD 17,000 to 981 households and 4,185 persons in the Kyaka II refugee settlement. Continuous community engagements are ongoing to empower beneficiaries to use digital channels of payments.
- Discussions with the Finish Refugee Council (FRC) are ongoing, to ensure youth are included as financial literacy training beneficiaries. Between November 2022 and February 2023, FRC is expected to interact with 68,480 youth in 13 refugee settlements.

Karamoja Lean Season Response

- The third cycle of protective rations was distributed throughout the month. By the end of October, protective rations had been delivered to 146,776 beneficiaries in the Amudat, Moroto, Napak, Nabilatuk, Kotido, and Kaabong districts. 1157 mt of cereal and oil were distributed overall.

* 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 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 4:** 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 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.

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

- WFP conducted a Gender and Protection training in the Southwest Area Office co-facilitated with the Gender Mainstreaming Coordinator of UNWOMEN. The objectives included training participants on how to: mainstream gender issues into humanitarian and development programmes, recognize gender and protection as important development and humanitarian issues, and design and implement programmes that fully incorporate gender and protection. The training also provided an overview of WFP’s Gender Policy (2022 - 2026) – to enable Cooperating Partners to develop 2023 proposals aligned to it.

**Strengthening Social Protection Delivery Systems**

- In the month of October, to facilitate the strengthening of national capacities for scaling up anticipatory action in Uganda, WFP supported the Office of the Prime Minister and District Local Governments to undertake a data collection exercise to update the Hazard Risk and Vulnerability profiles for nine districts in Karamoja.
- WFP, in partnership with IGAD’S Climate Prediction and Applications Centre also supported the Uganda National Meteorological Authority to convene a co-development workshop with relevant partners, establishing thresholds and triggers for drought anticipatory actions.

**School Meals Programme**

- Under the School Meals Programme in Karamoja, food deliveries continued with some schools requiring vegetable oil and cereal top-ups across the region. A pipeline break in the School Meals Programme food basket continued to affect timely food distribution in some schools. Rice continued to be a popular delicacy for the students.
- Ordinary-level exams commenced in October and food supplies were set up at secondary schools in advance to support students during the exam period.

**Nutrition**

- WFP continued to support Community Based Supplementary Feeding (CBSFP) activities across nine districts of the Karamoja subregion. 25,492 (16,358 Children Under 5 (CU5), and 9,134 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLWs) clients were reached with specialised nutritious foods to support nutrition recovery.
- Routine Community Based Supplementary Feeding Programme activities were complemented with integrated health outreachs where PLWs and CU5 received antenatal care, vaccination, and immunisation services. A total of 25,492 PLWs and CU5 were reached with routine health services.

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