



Regional Bureau for **Eastern Africa**

Cooperating Partners

2022 Regional **Achievements and Outlook**

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Cooperating Partners in Eastern Africa Region in 2022



CP expenditures incurred by WFP through international and local partners



Working with Partners to Deliver Assistance

Cooperating Partners remain an essential part of the implementation and achievement of WFP's Country Strategic Plans (CSP) in the region. Collaborating with the best fit Cooperating Partners has ensured WFP programme excellence in implementation and support to its beneficiaries across geographic coverages. Overall, WFP was able to reach 39.9 million beneficiaries across the 9 nine country offices in collaboration with its Cooperating Partners.

WFP and its Cooperating Partners ensured timely humanitarian response in the region particularly in hard-to-reach areas. For instance, WFP worked with 130 partners in the Horn of Africa region in implementing drought response initiatives in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia. WFP reached more people in Somalia than ever before doubling its relief food assistance to reach 4.4 million beneficiaries monthly through its Cooperating Partner who were mostly local NGOs.

WFP Efforts towards Localisation Agenda

In 2022, more than 50 percent of WFP cooperating partnerships were local partners, including government entities, NGOs, and communities. Regionally, approximately 30 percent of WFP Cooperating Partner expenditures were to local partners, which is above the 25 percent Grand Bargain commitment threshold.

WFP **strengthened the capacity of local partners** in the implementation of WFP activities to enhance sustainability and ownership, in line with WFP's commitment to the Grand Bargain commitment. For instance, in Burundi, WFP collaborated with the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) societies to strengthen the capacity of the Burundi Red Cross in anticipatory action activities.



In Ethiopia, WFP collaborated with the federal and regional governments to improve access to early warning in climate shock response. Further, Kenya's government disaster risk management and relevant ministries continue to take lead in the drought response initiatives supported technically by WFP.



WFP in **Somalia** is aiming to strategically partner with the Somalia NGO Consortium (SNC) in 2023. This partnership will broaden WFP engagements with local partners while targeting the women-led Cooperating Partners to collaborate with WFP in Somalia.

WFP worked with the 9 host governments in the implementation of the CSPs. This collaboration extended to either federal, state, county, national or local government bodies and the communities. In seven out of nine countries, WFP strengthened the capacity of governments and communities to prepare for, respond to and recover from the increasing climatic shocks and stresses. WFP will continue to drive and support the localisation agenda in 2023.

Performance-based Capacity Strengthening of Cooperating Partners

Annual performance evaluations conducted by both WFP and partners continue to inform capacity gaps and capacity strengthening plans in the region. Continuous feedback and engagement with Cooperating Partners as well as regular spot checks in collaboration with other key stakeholders, including UN agencies, have also proven to be key in driving capacity strengthening initiatives.

Digitisation of Cooperating Partner Process

WFP in collaboration with other UN agencies has continued to develop digital tools to streamline Cooperating Partner Management processes and improve efficiency. WFP fully rolled out the **United Nations Partnership Portal** in nine country offices, simplifying and strengthening the UN partnership selection process, increasing transparency, and reinforcing WFP engagement with all partners.

WFP initiated the use of the **UN Implementing Partner Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Capacity Assessment Tool**, a screening tool developed in collaboration with UNFPA, UNICEF, and UNHCR for all its partners. This robust tool will be rolled out to partners in 2023 and WFP will support partners in addressing capacity gaps related to the PSEA as per their capacity assessment reports.

Partner Connect digital tool, an online WFP system that allows partners to carry out real-time reporting, was rolled out in parts of the region in 2022. Digitizing the partner reporting processes will enhance the timeliness, data quality, visibility, traceability, and transparency of the reporting process. WFP strives to roll out the tool further fully in 2023 and 2024.

Development of Regional Cooperating Partner Management Strategy

WFP Eastern Africa region developed its first **Cooperating Partner Management Strategy**. This is following the outcomes and recommendation of the thematic evaluation of cooperating partnerships management conducted in 2020. The strategy aims to achieve effective and efficient implementation, strengthen strategic engagement with actors in the humanitarian and development sectors, and improve accountability and transparency in resource management. These 3 key objectives will improve partnership management practices while strengthening partners' capacities and performance.

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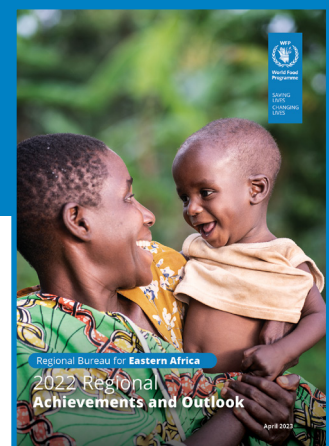
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