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Strengthening Government Capacity and Systems

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WFP continued to strengthen the national capacities to address food insecurity and malnutrition. Recognizing that governments are the primary responders, WFP investments in capacity strengthening aim to strengthen national programs and systems to contribute to long-term and sustainable development that address Zero Hunger.

In 2022, the success of capacity-strengthening activities was made possible by the strengthened partnership with the governments across the region, extensive WFP footprint and operational presence, and WFP work along the humanitarian-development-peace nexus through the saving lives and changing lives agenda.

WFP supported efforts with a focus on improving the capacity of national and local government on policy and legislation, institutional accountability strategic planning, programme design and delivery, as well as engagement and participation of non-state actors like the national Red Cross Societies.

Investments were also made toward strengthening the government's emergency response and preparedness capabilities. This aimed to enhance governments' national predictive capabilities related to early warning, to promote timely preparedness and anticipatory actions and strengthened national strategies to enable communities to recover after shocks.

1. Policy Development



In Kenya, over the past years WFP has successfully worked with the county governments in northern Kenya to develop disaster risk management (DRM) policies and supported implementation of County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs), backed with Government budget allocation for disaster and relief assistance.



In Djibouti, on the other hand, WFP supported the Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarity to evaluate the national social protection strategy (2018-2022). WFP also supported an institutional capacity assessment of the Ministry to further inform the development of the new strategy. Findings from the evaluation and Integrated Context Analysis will contribute towards the development of the National Social Protection Strategy for 2023-2027.

2. Systems Development



Kenya:

- WFP facilitated the development of a national coordination committee led by the Ministry of Education, ensuring coordination of activities at regional and county levels.
- WFP also worked with the Government to digitize the procurement process for food commodities meant for schools by leveraging the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS).



In Uganda, WFP provided technical support on the strengthening of social protection, targeting procedures and improvement of data systems to enable comprehensive and timely response to shocks. This included the training of 27 government and partner staff on key technical topics.

3. Human Capital



In Rwanda, WFP seconded a DRM Advisor to the Ministry in Charge of Emergency Management (MINEMA) to support DRM policy framework development, implementation, and monitoring.



Further, WFP Seconded WFP staff and expertise to 11 government institutions in **Ethiopia**. The staff provided advisory support to the Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC), and the national food assistance prioritization committee in formulating recommendations for setting the criteria for prioritization of food needs for the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). WFP facilitated the development of training manuals for the Government, focusing on food management and preparation, cascaded at school level for safe and quality meals in schools.

4. South-to-South Learning



WFP facilitated a visit to Senegal for government representatives from **Burundi** to understand programme integration within school feeding and how the Government of Senegal procures food from smallholder farmers for school feeding activities (as one of the countries piloting the decentralized procurement for school feeding).



In South Sudan WFP is engaged in knowledge transfer, transferring knowledge to Ministries in the form of trainings, and development of standard operating procedures and guidelines to mitigate loss of institutional knowledge.



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