In Numbers

1,547,878 people assisted in June 2023

7,820 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 3.746 million in cash-based transfers distributed

USD 141 million six months (July 2023 – December 2023) net funding requirements.

Operational Updates

Support to refugees

- In June, WFP provided 7,041 mt of in-kind food assistance to 503,505 beneficiaries and USD 3,560,087 was disbursed in cash-based transfers (CBT) to 812,303 beneficiaries.
- WFP also provided nutrition support to children, and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, distributing a total of 102 mt of specialised nutritious food under the Maternal Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) programme and Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP). A total of 12,942 beneficiaries were treated under the TSFP and 213,177 were supported under the MCHN programme.
- Beneficiaries have been informed about their categories for prioritization which starts in July 2023. In preparation for the rollout of phase 3 prioritisation, all the 13 refugee settlements across the country have completed stakeholder engagements as well as security briefings in preparation for distributions which will officially start mid-July.

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

- Since May 2023, WFP has halted the enrolment of new cash beneficiaries due to funding shortfalls. In June, WFP continued to offer CBT assistance to existing beneficiaries while working with Financial Service Providers (FSPs) to ensure beneficiaries continue to receive their assistance effortlessly.
- To diversify its existing cash delivery channels, enrolments onto mobile money continue with Airtel in the two pilot refugee settlements of Kiryandogo and Kyangwali. A total of 2,696 individuals in Kiryandongo and 401 individuals in Kyangwali settlements will receive their food assistance through Airtel money starting July 2023 cycle.

Asset Creation and Livelihoods

- In June, WFP engaged CIYOTA, a refugee led organization to build the capacity of refugees in Kyaka and Kyangwali refugee settlements on mindset change.
- The Harmonized Cash Transfer (HACT) framework under the memorandum of understanding with ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development and ministry of finance will be signed with the respective DLGs to support the activities.

* Beneficiaries figures are based on estimates.
**School Meals Programme**

- In June, WFP continued to promote climate-smart technologies and practices by scaling up the production of Orange Fleshy Sweet Potatoes (OFSP) in communities using schools to promote dietary diversity and as a community of practice. WFP has scaled up OFSP production from 77 to 83 schools, covering 13.33 acres of land. Under this initiative a vine multiplication centre supported by micro-irrigation has been established to ensure further scale up of OFSP in the communities.
- WFP also continued to strengthen systems to enable the institutionalisation and scale up of school feeding as a national program. WFP supported the government of Uganda to participate in the regional launch of school meals coalition in Rwanda, a network that is intended to serve as a community of practice for the strengthening and scale up of government led quality school meals programs in the region. At the sub-national level, WFP has already established and continues to monitor a pilot that has integrated school feeding data into the national education management information system covering 126 out of the current 315 schools.

**Nutrition**

- In June 2023, WFP continued implementing the Community Based Supplementary Feeding Program (CBSFP) supporting routine nutrition and health activities including screening for malnutrition, treatment using specialised nutritious foods and delivery of complimentary health and nutrition services. A total of 2,573 new admissions (1,427 children 6-59 months and 1,146 pregnant and breastfeeding women) were made into Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP), 102,126 mt of specialized nutritious foods was dispensed to 25,451 community-based supplementary feeding program clients across Karamoja and refugee settlements.

**Research, Assessment and Monitoring (RAM)**

- The Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries working with WFP, FAO and UNICEF conducted a joint Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (FSNA) for Karamoja, which informed the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report disseminated on June 15. Results indicate 45 percent of households in Karamoja are acutely or severely food insecure. Results are informing WFP's early actions, anticipatory actions for 2023.

**Agricultural Market Support (AMS)**

- By the end of June, WFP had procured 3,000 silos for 313 schools across nine districts in Karamoja where School Feeding programme takes place. Silo delivery started in June and distribution to the schools will continue into July. Once silos are installed, it is expected to contribute to the reduction of post-harvest losses, transportation, and procurement costs by allowing the school capacity to purchase grains at the lowest price (at harvest) and transport once in a school term instead of several times due to the lack of storage capacity.

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