Operational Context

Uganda has a longstanding history of hosting refugees, with nearly 1.5 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 their daily need. 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, including through South-South and Triangular Co-operation.

In Numbers

- **1,547,852 people assisted** in July 2023
- **4,198 mt** of food assistance distributed
- **USD 4.035 million** in cash-based transfers
- **USD 115 million** six months (August 2023 – January 2024) net funding requirements.

Operational Updates

Support to refugees

- In July, WFP provided **3,599 mt** of in-kind food assistance to **507,993** beneficiaries and disbursed **USD 1,310,000** of cash-based transfers (CBT) to **808,996** beneficiaries.
- WFP through the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) reached 12,470 beneficiaries, while the Maternal Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) programme extended its support to 109,900 beneficiaries. In total, WFP distributed 247 mt of specialized nutritious food to children, and pregnant and breastfeeding women as part of these initiatives.
- In July, WFP commenced implementation of phase 3 prioritization for refugee beneficiaries with food assistance being provided on a household vulnerability and needs-based approach. WFP working with other stakeholders in the refugee response has put in place a prioritization review mechanism to address complaints from beneficiaries who are dissatisfied with their categorized group.

Cash-Based Transfers (CBT) Digital Scale UP:

- As priority to scale up the use of digital cash transfers, Mobile Money as a cash delivery mechanism commenced in Kiryandongo and Kyangwali refugee settlements during the July distribution cycle. A total of 606 Households with over 3,097 individuals received their food assistance through the mobile money payment solution. In collaboration with the financial service provider (airtel Uganda), beneficiaries were supported to cash out at the nearest mobile money agent points within the target settlements while ensuring agents have enough liquidity to serve the demands.

Social Protection

- In July, WFP supported the development of the national social protection strategy and the capacity development strategy. These strategies will be vital in shaping the national social protection agenda as well as strengthening technical capabilities required to design and deliver social protection programmes at national and sub-national levels.

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Photo Caption: Pupils at Moroto Municipal Primary School in Moroto district in Karamoja making use of a silo delivered by WFP with support from USAID.
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* 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.

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**July 2023**

**Strengthening Shock Response Systems**

- The Ministry of Water and Environment in collaboration with WFP is currently carrying out preparedness and readiness activities to implement anticipatory actions in the Karamoja region, aiming to mitigate water scarcity caused by drought. In July, the Ministry completed the identification and quantification of costs for repairing crucial water infrastructure, which encompasses nine piped water systems and three micro-irrigation systems within the Karamoja region.

**School Meals Programme**

- WFP has made tremendous progress in the acceleration of using school meals provision as a platform for improving livelihoods through community participation in school feeding. In July, WFP continued to strengthen the capacities of small holder farmers in Karamoja for improved local production and access to the school feeding market. WFP organised under 20 farmer organisations and procured 2,505.7 mt of food commodities for school meals from these farmers. WFP also carried out a head count of all pupils in schools enrolled into the school meals programme to inform better planning for school term III of 2023 which is expected to commence in September 2023.

**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 12,470 beneficiaries received treatment for moderate acute malnutrition under TFSP programme while 29,700 people received 116 mt of specialized nutritious foods for prevention of moderate acute malnutrition.

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

- In July, WFP working with UNICEF, UNHCR, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture, Animal industry and Fisheries UNICEF conducted a joint Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (FSNA) for Refugees and Host communities in Uganda whose preliminary results are expected in late August that will inform the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis expected in September.

**Agricultural Market Support (AMS)**

- In the month of July, WFP supplied and installed 3,000 plastic silos to 314 schools enrolled in the Karamoja school meals programme where the silos are 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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