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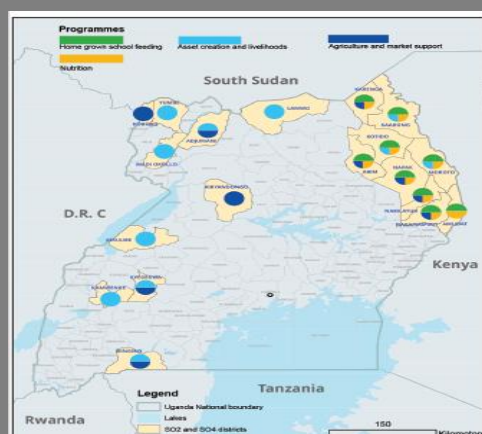
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Operational Context

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, while building strategic partnerships, including through South-South and Triangular Co-operation.



Income Level: **Lower-middle**

2021 Human Development Index:
161 out of 191

Population: **45.7 million**

Stunting: **29 percent of children**
between 6-59 months

In Numbers

1,501,651 people assisted in October 2023

3,780 mt of food assistance distributed

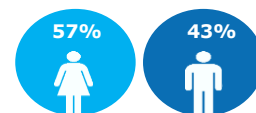
USD 3.447 million in cash-based transfers

USD 109 million six months (November 2023 – April 2024) net funding requirements.

Operational Updates

Support to refugees

- In October, WFP provided **3,044.3 MT** of in-kind food assistance to **471,045** beneficiaries and disbursed **USD 3,231,637** in cash-based transfers (CBT) to **788,869** beneficiaries.
- WFP provided nutrition support to children, and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, distributing a total of **152.2 MT** of specialised nutritious food under the maternal child health and nutrition (MCHN) programme and targeted supplementary feeding programme (TSFP). A total of **7,331** beneficiaries were treated under the TSFP and **80,530** were supported under the MCHN.
- The claim reception window closed at the end of September 2023 following the establishment of the prioritisation review mechanism (PRM) in July 2023 to support beneficiaries lodge their claims. WFP and UNHCR are jointly reviewing and analysing the claims. The findings will be given to the review committee for a final decision, which will be informed to the claimants in November 2023.



Scaling up of Digital Cash-Based Transfers (CBT):

- To increase the use of digital cash transfers, WFP continued to disburse cash assistance mobile money delivery mechanism to refugees in the two settlements of Kiryandongo and Kyangwali. The mobile money payment solution was utilized to provide food assistance to 1,034 HHs and 4,883 individuals in October 2023. Voluntary enrolments continue in Kyangwali and Kiryandongo refugee settlements.

Social Protection

- WFP through the child sensitive social protection (CSSP) programme supported eight local governments in refugee-hosting districts of West Nile sub-region to roll out nutrition-sensitive cash transfers (NutriCash) worth USD 215,395, reaching 12,023 women and children. The cash assistance was paired with backyard gardening support (to 1,336 people), Social and Behaviour Change (to 3,094 people), and financial literacy (to 7,897) to drive adoption of desired nutrition and health behaviours and to promote household resilience.
- WFP supported the Uganda parliamentary forum on social protection and the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development to organise the inaugural national social protection week under the theme investments in social protection across the life cycle. The week featured activities showcasing gains in expanding social protection in Uganda as

* Beneficiaries figures are based on estimates.

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Photo Caption: A refugee mother preparing a meal for her family in Palabek Refugee Settlement in Northern Uganda.

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Country Strategic Plan (2018-2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
1.88 b	961 m	109 m

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 5: 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 8: 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.

well as calls for renewed commitment towards greater investment. WFP also supported government of Uganda to review the draft National Social Protection strategy—a key step towards finalisation. Informed by this review, the strategy will be expanded to include costs for social protection instruments and a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework.

Refugee Self-Reliance Model

- WFP authorized cooperating partners' budgets for livelihood (Self Reliance Model) in the October Cooperating Partner Committee, and contracts procedure is being finalized for implementation to begin in November 2023. Relatedly, start-up activities such as social behaviour change communication and stakeholder engagement are progressing well with baseline assessments ongoing.

School Meals Programme

- In October, WFP conducted back to school and stay in school campaigns across the Karamoja region. Different community engagements channels were used (radio talk shows, disseminations of messages within marketplaces and community meetings). Key stakeholders in this campaign included community members, education officers, local leaders and teachers. Radio talk shows were conducted on Heritage radio, Ateker radio, Kalya radio, Etoil Karamoja radio and Karibu radio. Themes of discussion focused on Children's rights and education, community and school relationship, roles of parents and food management committees and barriers to education.

Nutrition

- In October, WFP engaged beneficiaries in community mobilization and sensitization on community based supplementary feeding programme activities, active case finding and referrals by Community Health Workers (CHWs), enrolment of new Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) cases, routine testing and treatment during the integrated outreaches, and the dispensation of Specialized Nutritious Foods (SNFs). A total of 125,919 children aged 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition across the 9 districts of Karamoja and 11,849 referred for MAM management at respective outreach posts. 6,619 ((4,090 children under 5 and 2,529 Pregnant and breastfeeding women) were enrolled in the supplementary feeding programme. A total of 8,441 exits were made during the month (5,200 children and 3,241 Women).

Agriculture and Market Support (AMS)

- WFP participated in the Young Africa Works showcase during the visit of Mastercard Foundation Executive Committee. WFP's five-year partnership with the Foundation in Uganda aims to create employment opportunities for youth in agriculture through production and post-harvest management, market access, digital and financial inclusion, and national capacity strengthening. During the event, a youth project participant showcased maize sheller fabricated based on the training received on PHM equipment production.

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