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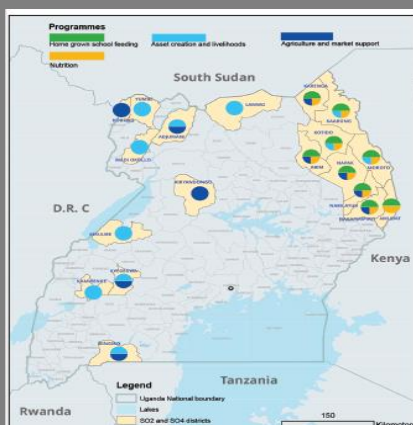
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Operational Context

Uganda has a longstanding history of hosting refugees, with nearly 1.6 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.



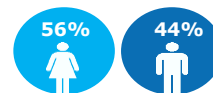
Income Level: **Lower-middle**

2021 Human Development Index: **161 out of 191**

Population: **45.7 million**

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

In Numbers



1,517,651 people assisted in February 2024

3,716 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 3.361 million in cash-based transfers

USD 123 million six months (March – August 2024) net funding requirements.

Operational Updates

Support to refugees

- In February, WFP reached 480,008 people with food and nutrition assistance, providing **3,015 mt** of in-kind food assistance, and distributing cash-based (CBT) transfer totalling **USD 3,102,031** to **777,733** beneficiaries.
- WFP also provided nutrition support to children, and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. Through the Maternal Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) programme and the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP), WFP distributed 273.9 metric tons of specialized nutritious food, benefitting 9,840 and 82,511 beneficiaries through TSFP and MCHN programme respectively.
- WFP has prioritized digitizing cash transfers, including resuming enrolments for agency banking on a digital platform for cash assistance. In February, this initiative supported the opening of 23,504 fully operational beneficiary-owned bank accounts, benefiting a total of 111,481 individuals.

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

- WFP continues to scale up digital cash uptake through mobile money voluntary enrolment in Kiryandongo and Kyangwali refugee settlements. During the reporting period, the mobile money payment solution was used to disburse assistance to 5,369 individuals. WFP has onboarded a new mobile service provider - MTN Uganda who will commence enrolment of General Food Assistance (GFA) beneficiaries onto mobile money in March in Kyangwali refugee settlement with continuous enrolments continuing in Kiryandongo refugee settlement.
- Financial literacy education promotion activities resumed in January 2024 targeting 152,436 refugees, WFP working with partners, has completed the selection and verification of beneficiaries for the 1st training cycle in all selected refugee settlements.

Social Protection, Asset Creation and Livelihoods (ACL)

- WFP successfully launched the Self Reliance Model attracting government dignitaries, donors, UN agencies and other stakeholders. The model is aimed at building self-reliance of refugees and host communities through livelihood opportunities. Over 260 acres of land has been availed by the Government of Uganda for the model. Enterprise selection

* Beneficiaries figures are based on estimates.

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Photo Caption: WFP beneficiaries lining up to receive cash in the Karamoja sub-region of Uganda following drought.

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Country Strategic Plan (2018-2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
1.94 b	990 m	123 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.

continued as plans are underway to start land opening for the on-farm activities.

- WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE) conducted technical assessments of water resources in Moroto, Amudat, and Kaabong districts to facilitate scaling up of horticulture production through micro-irrigation to improve food security, nutrition and build resilience of the communities.
- Working with partners, WFP delivered USD 130,208 in cash transfers to 12,260 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers to support in prevention and treatment of malnutrition in 8 Refugee Hosting Districts of West Nile region, representing 86 percent of the targeted beneficiaries.

School Meals Programme (SMP)

- WFP enhanced the capacity of school food management committees to make use of the Education Management Information System (EMIS) to report on school meals programme indicators. WFP enhanced the capacity of school food management committees to make use of the Education Management Information System (EMIS) to report on school meals programme indicators. WFP still maintains the 20 percent ration cut for school meals since mid-last year to due to funding shortfalls.

Nutrition

- To curb Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), WFP distributed a total of 78 mt (38 mt of Ready to Use Supplementary Foods and 40 mt of Corn Soya Blend) of specialized nutritious foods (SNFs) to 20,338 Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) clients (13,493 children 6-59 months and 6,845 Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women and girls) across the Integrated Maternal Child Health Nutrition (IMCHN) outreach posts across in the nine districts of Karamoja sub-region.
- Additionally, WFP carried out, health and nutrition education sessions, food demonstrations and complimentary health services. To this end, a total of 154 group Nutrition and Health Education sessions were conducted for 11,217 participants (96 percent female) on family led Mid Upper Arm Circumference and early identification and scale up of complimentary health services such as immunisations, vaccinations, and treatment of opportunistic infections. A total of 938 participants were reached with complimentary health services.

Agriculture and Market Support (AMS)

- WFP rolled out the new youth in work (YiW) data collection tool to collect data from the youth assisted in 2023. The information collected include the types of work the youth are engaged in, their perception on their current work, income regularity, as well as their ability to participate in the markets. The information was also collected on enablers ability to continue engaging in their current work without WFP's support. The data indicated that out of the targeted 21,522 youths, a total of 4,787 (62 percent female) are youth in work, who reported an increase in their income because of the project interventions.

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