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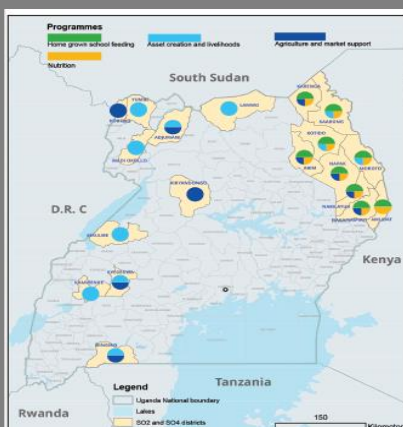
# WFP Uganda Country Brief June 2024



## 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.



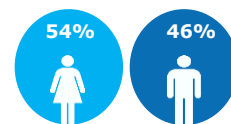
Income Level: **Lower-middle**

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

Population: **45.7 million**

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

## In Numbers



**1,564,993 people assisted** in June 2024

**3,982 mt** of food assistance distributed

**USD 3.5 million** in cash-based transfers

**USD 124 million** six months (July – Dec 2024) net funding requirements.

## Operational Updates

### Support to refugees

- In June, WFP provided **3,543** mt of in-kind food assistance to **519,756** refugee beneficiaries and disbursed **USD 3,125,060** of cash-based transfers (CBT) to **801,919** beneficiaries.
- WFP also provided nutrition support to children, and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, distributing a total of **292.6** mt of specialised nutritious foods under the Maternal Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) programme and Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP). A total of 10,400 beneficiaries were treated under the TSFP and 107,940 were supported under the MCHN.

### Financial Literacy and Scaling up of Digital Cash-Based Transfers (CBT):

- By end of June 2024, WFP had successfully transitioned 38,570 of the targeted 82,828 phase 1 households, which represents 46.6 percent of the target caseload, to digital cash delivery channels (mobile money or agency banking) through its digitalization efforts.
- With the scale up of mobile money, a total of 7,709 households (30,836 beneficiaries) received assistance through mobile money for the June distribution cycle. WFP is continuing to carry out new mobile money enrolments.
- Financial and digital literacy education activities continue for the targeted beneficiaries across ten settlements. By end of June, 36,764 households were under-going training out of the targeted 83,751 households, with the aim to impart knowledge and skills in financial management.

### Social Protection and System Capacity Strengthening

- In June, WFP reached 8,266 of the targeted 10,434 active Nutricash beneficiaries across the eight districts of implementation. Breastfeeding mothers received Nutricash worth USD 150,129 during the June distribution cycle with each beneficiary receiving a double-ration transfer cash-based transfer. This represents 79.2 percent of the overall target. Complementary activities such as social behaviour change communication, financial literacy, and backyard gardening were also provided to 4,442 targeted Nutricash beneficiaries in 373 household support groups.
- WFP supported the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development (MGLSD) to develop a national shock responsive social protection framework as well as assess the shock responsiveness of the Social Assistance Grant for Empowerment (SAGE) in support of systems strengthening priorities. The feasibility study report for the proposed national social registry was validated by an inter-ministerial

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Photo Caption: A WFP partner distributing specialized nutritious food commodities to mothers in Moroto District in Karamoja courtesy of WFP.

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\* Beneficiaries figures are based on estimates.

## Country Strategic Plan (2018-2025)

Total Requirement (In USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>1.94 b</b>	<b>1.18 b</b>	<b>124 m</b>

### 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.

and development partner technical working group. WFP coordinated the sub-regional consultative activities in West Nile, Karamoja and Southwest sub-regions, engaging all the nineteen proposed programme districts to seek their views. The consultations fed into the second design exercise that reflected on the feedback from the field and unpacked the programme components, agreeing on priority interventions across the life cycle.

## School Meals Programme (SMP)

- In June, school feeding activities continued across all 315 WFP-supported schools in Karamoja sub-region. To enhance the quality and diversity of school meals, WFP working with partners supported land opening in preparation for additional planting of Orange Fleshed Sweet Potatoes (OFSP) in school gardens and communities. To promote clean cooking methods and prevent further environmental degradation that may be associated with meal preparation for school feeding, WFP is scaling up installation of energy-efficient cooking stoves.

## Nutrition

- WFP implements nutrition-specific activities (nutrition education, promotion of kitchen gardening as well as sanitation and hygiene) with a focus on treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in Karamoja sub-region. The integrated nutrition program is currently rolling out nutrition specific sensitive activities in nine districts within the Karamoja sub-region. In June, a total of 31 mt of special nutritious foods (11 mt of Ready to use Supplementary Foods, and 20 mt Corn Soya Blend) were distributed to 7,215 clients (3,253 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, and 3,962 children under five) who were enrolled into the treatment program. A total of 1,823 adults, 998 children under five and 155 pregnant and breast-feeding women and girls received deworming, Vitamin A supplements and antenatal services respectively.
- To ensure preparation of nutrient dense foods, WFP working with partners conducted 27 food preparation sessions in June, reaching 2,066 caregivers, 22 health workers, 34 Village Health teams.

## Agriculture and Market Support (AMS)

- To provide a comprehensive knowledge on essential aspects of Post Harvest Management (PHM), including crop harvesting techniques, grain quality and the monetary impact of quality, WFP working with partners and agricultural officials from the Karamoja sub-region, conducted a Training of Trainers (ToT) exercise on PHM. The sessions also covered hermetic storage options and good community storage practices, and processing and value addition. A total of five exhibitors showcased storage facilities and primary processing equipment like maize shellers, sorghum threshers, and groundnuts shellers. The knowledge gained from the training will be utilised for enhancing the capacity of smallholder farmers and Micro and Small Enterprises to create employment opportunities for young people.

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