



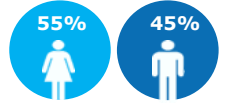
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In Numbers



1,823,883 people assisted in September 2024

3,081 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 4.6 million in cash-based transfers

USD 83 million six months (Oct 2024 – Mar 2025) net funding requirements.

Operational Updates

Support to Refugees

- In September, WFP provided food assistance to more than 1.4 million refugees hosted in Uganda. Of these, 487,000 received in-kind food assistance and 947,000 Cash Based Transfers (CBT) amounting to USD 4.1 million.
- The Maternal Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) programme and Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) were also implemented in refugee settlements to treat and prevent acute malnutrition. More than 7,700 children under five years and pregnant and breastfeeding women received nutrition support to treat moderate acute malnutrition. Under the MCHN programmes, 7,793 children under 5 as well as pregnant and breastfeeding women received 431 mt of specialized nutritious foods.

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

- To ensure cost efficiency, WFP is transitioning people assisted under general food assistance from in-kind assistance to cash assistance. By the end of September 2024, WFP had successfully transitioned 74 percent of the targeted 82,828 households to cash assistance including digital cash delivery channels such as mobile money or agency banking. New enrolments are ongoing in all settlements where mobile money has been rolled out (Rhino, Kiryandongo, Adjumani, Kyaka, Kyangwali, Rwamwanja, Oruchinga, and Nakivale Refugee Settlements).
- More than 32,700 households (38 percent of the targeted households) have received training on digital financial literacy. A second cycle of training commenced in August targeting an additional 35,659 households.

Social Protection and System Capacity Strengthening

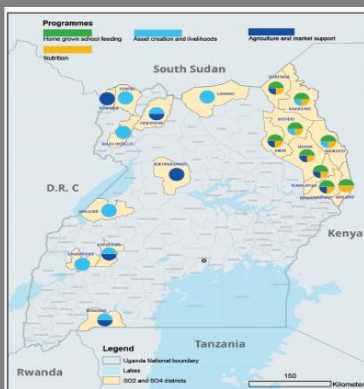
- WFP provided CBT worth USD 234,260 to 12,947 pregnant and breastfeeding women and children to improve their health and nutrition outcomes. Complementary to cash assistance, 8,196 individuals (8,023 females, 173 males) in supported households received financial literacy and saving kits.
- WFP conducted Maternal Infant Young Child and Adolescent Nutrition trainings across the West Nile subregion to build the capacity of Care Group Volunteers (CGVs) and village health teams in delivering support in complementary feeding and childcare.

* Beneficiaries figures are based on estimates.

Operational Context

Uganda has a longstanding history of hosting refugees, with more than 1.7 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: **45.9 million**

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

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Photo Caption: A family enjoys a meal of orange fleshed sweet potatoes in Kiru Subcounty in Karamoja courtesy of vines supplied by WFP.
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Country Strategic Plan (2018-2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
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1.94 b

1.21 b

83 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.

- More than 900 lead mothers and 124 village health team members were trained to deliver these sessions to members of household support groups (HSGs). The trainings aim to improve infant and young child feeding practices for children aged 6-23 months, with an emphasis on dietary diversity and the inclusion of iron-rich foods. Additionally, backyard gardens were promoted to provide households with direct access to nutritious vegetables.
- WFP also provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development in the completion of the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) aimed at ensuring the National Social Protection Policy is efficient, effective and aligned to the country's social and economic goals.

Support to Crisis Affected Nationals

- WFP provided 200 mt of food assistance and CBT totalling USD 460,000 to 17,125 people in Ntoroko district affected by floods. The assistance enabled supported households to replenish their food stocks and purchase food and non-food items. Ntoroko district was affected by floods in August 2024 due to heightened rainfall that caused the River Semliki to overflow. The floods displaced nearly 25,000 people, destroyed 497 hectares of crop fields, damaged three health facilities, submerged 11 schools, and destroyed 66 kilometres of roads and 67 safe water points.

Nutrition

- WFP implements nutrition-sensitive activities (nutrition education, promotion of kitchen gardening, sanitation, and hygiene) as well as treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in Karamoja. In September, WFP provided specialised nutritious foods to more than 6,000 pregnant and Breastfeeding Women and girls, and 3,500 children under five years enrolled in the malnutrition treatment programme. Through community-based outreaches, treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (supplementary feeding) services were integrated with health care/medical services, which enabled community members within the catchment areas to receive different health services. A total of 273 women received Antenatal Care (ANC) services, and 660 children were given Vitamin A supplements.

Agriculture and Market Support (AMS)

- As part of sub-national capacity strengthening, WFP supported the rolling out of the Cooperative Registry Information Management System by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives. The online system is meant to help overcome challenges that farmer cooperatives have been facing to access services such as e-registration of cooperatives, payment using mobile money and VISA, e-certification, e-search, onboarding of already existing cooperatives and other services along the delivery chain of registration of cooperatives. Activities included a radio talk show to create awareness on the management information system and mobilize cooperative leaders to register at the booths set up at the venue where the rollout took place.

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