



SAVING
LIVES
CHANGING
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Feeding health, the last mile on HIV

WFP'S GLOBAL STRATEGY 2025 - 2030

CONTEXT

HIV remains one of the world's most persistent public health challenges. Forty million people live with HIV, including 1.7 million children under the age of 15. Every year 1.3 million people become infected, and 630,000 die from AIDS-related illnesses.

Food insecurity and HIV are interwoven in multiple ways. People living with HIV have higher nutritional needs, yet the disease often reduces appetite and the body's ability to absorb nutrients. Without sufficient food, antiretroviral treatment is harder to tolerate and less effective, leading to poor adherence and

worse health outcomes. At the same time, HIV can erode livelihoods through loss of income and higher medical costs, making households more vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition. When families face food insecurity, they may adopt harmful coping strategies that increase their exposure to HIV.

As a UNAIDS cosponsor and the world's largest humanitarian organization fighting hunger, WFP has a unique responsibility: ensuring people living with HIV can access the nutritious diets essential for survival, health, and resilience.

OUR VISION

By 2030, people living with HIV and HIV-affected households are food secure, socio-economically empowered, and have equitable access to safe, healthy, and nutritious diets.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Support food security and nutrition for people living with HIV in emergency contexts as part of our work to address humanitarian needs.

Build livelihoods and resilience to support HIV-affected households recover from shocks, reducing longer-term humanitarian needs.

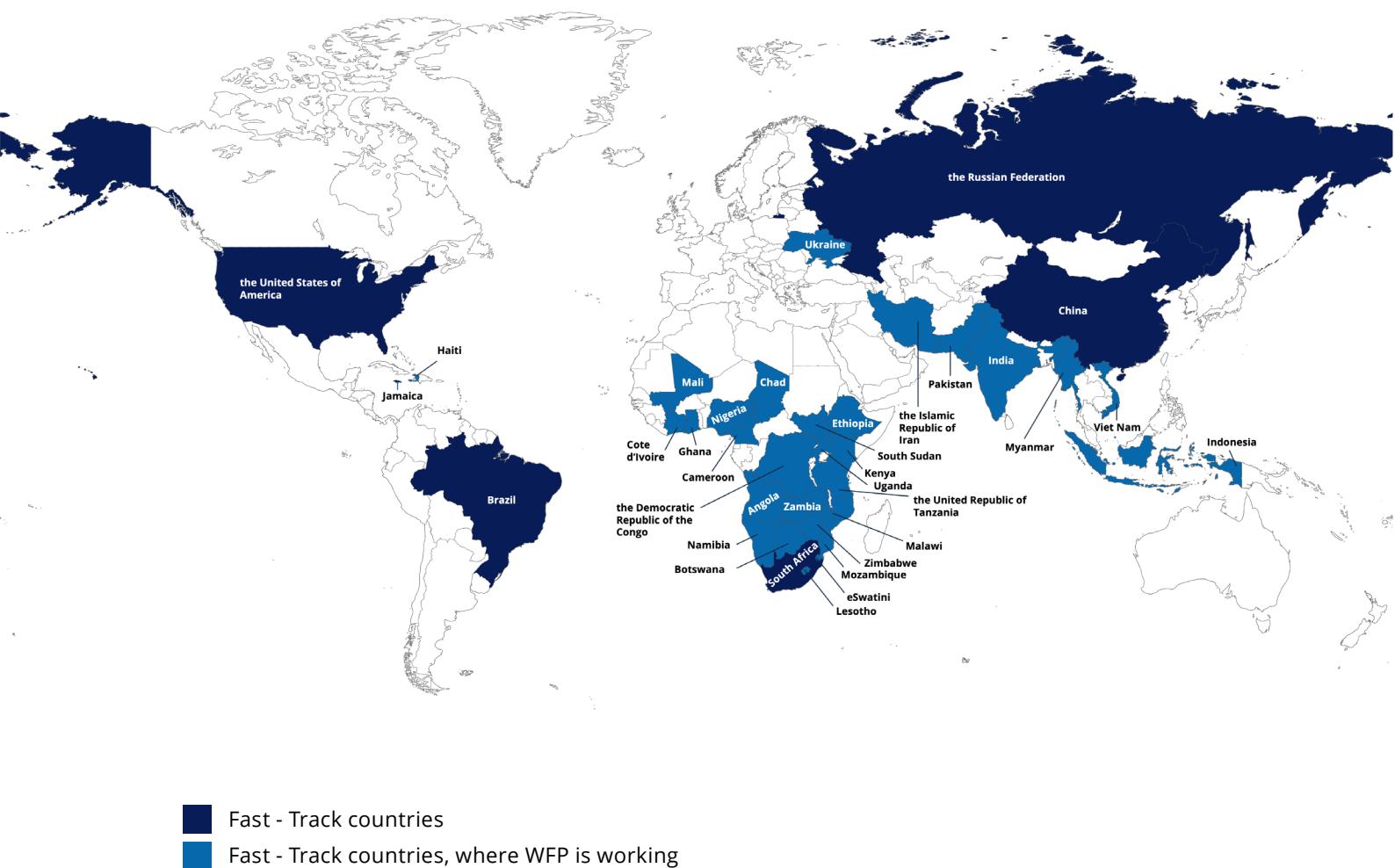
HOW WFP WILL FOCUS OUR EFFORTS

The 35 UNAIDS Fast-Track countries account for approximately 90 per cent of all HIV infections and 90 per cent of AIDS-related deaths worldwide. WFP works in 29 of these countries and can make a significant contribution by optimizing its programmes in these contexts.

Context 1 – Fast-Track countries with recurrent humanitarian response and other emergencies

Context 2 – Fast-Track countries without ongoing or recurrent humanitarian emergencies

Context 3 – Non-Fast-Track countries



WHAT WFP WILL DO

Enhanced focus on emergency preparedness and response

- Harness WFP's emergency preparedness and response programming to ensure people living with HIV are systematically reached and supported to meet their essential needs.
- Collaborate with governments, NGOs and peer-led networks to ensure that people living with HIV are safely identified, targeted, and engaged to fully benefit from our humanitarian efforts.

Inclusion of HIV in social protection and livelihoods programming

- Strengthen national systems to ensure the needs of people living with HIV are met, while reducing stigma and discrimination.
- Ensure that WFP's cash, food and nutrition assistance are inclusive of people living with HIV, and address their economic vulnerabilities.

ENABLERS

WFP will optimize its impact on HIV through three key enablers:

- Partnerships – deepen collaboration with UNAIDS, United Nations agencies, governments, civil society and peer-led networks.
- Resource mobilization – diversify funding, leveraging WFP's expertise in emergency response and social protection programming.
- Evidence and learning – invest in research and data to adapt interventions and ensure impact.

A WFP-WIDE APPROACH

To sustain impact, WFP will:

- Integrate HIV into corporate **processes** (needs assessments, CSPs, preparedness plans).
- Strengthen the skills of our **people** to consider HIV in all relevant programming, in close collaboration with inclusion and protection teams.



WFP's HIV Strategy 2025–2030 builds on decades of experience. By uniting food security, nutrition, and HIV responses, WFP will help ensure that malnutrition and hunger no longer fuel the epidemic — and that people living with HIV live healthy, dignified lives.



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