



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES



Tanzania

COUNTRY BRIEF FEBRUARY 2026

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Despite funding shortfalls, the World Food Programme (WFP) sustained lifesaving food and nutrition assistance- for approximately 173,000 refugees from Nyarugusu and Nduta camps in the Kigoma region.
- WFP hosted a United State Government mission that visited Nyarugusu camp to observe food and nutrition assistance and kitchen gardens, met partners, and joined a convoy to Burundi to witness voluntary refugee returns.
- WFP advanced the Clean Cooking Transition in Schools (CCTIS) initiative, with kitchen refurbishments completed in 16 schools across Dar es Salaam and Dodoma, enabling a shift from firewood to electric pressure cookers.

IN NUMBERS



231,933 people assisted in January 2026



48%
Male



52%
Female



2362.266 MT food distributed



USD 25.8M (Jan-Jun) net funding requirement

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Tanzania, with an estimated population of 68 million, continues to demonstrate strong economic resilience despite regional instability and global uncertainties. Macroeconomic indicators remain stable, with real GDP growth of 6.0 percent in 2025 and 6.3 percent in 2026, according to the World Bank Macro Poverty Outlook (October 2025).
- Despite this, food and nutritional insecurity, climate-related shocks, structural inequalities, and protracted refugees continue to place pressure on national systems. Funding gap has further limited operational space, requiring ongoing preparedness and efficiency measures.
- With all these pressures, WFP continued providing lifesaving assistance to refugees while enhancing resilience, improving nutrition, strengthening smallholder farmers support, and building national capacity in adaptive social protection, disaster risk reduction and sustainable food systems aligned with government priorities.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Refugee Assistance

- WFP provided monthly in-kind food assistance to 173,000 Burundian and Congolese refugees residing in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps in Kigoma Region.

WFP/David Sambwe: Pashimana Jeanine harvests fresh vegetables from her homestead garden, part of WFP's kitchen garden initiative that supports households to improve nutrition and diversify their diets.

- Due to funding shortfalls, GFD rations remained at 65 percent. Supplementary feeding was provided to 42,197 nutritionally vulnerable individuals at full rations. Hot meals were also provided for new arrivals, repatriation cases, and protection-related beneficiaries.
- WFP operational environment continued to be shaped by accelerated voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees, with 20,670 individuals returning during January.

Nutrition and HIV

- In January, WFP, together with government nutrition and health officers, conducted supportive supervision of food-fortification millers in Kigoma. Through WFP’s fortification training and support from the Ministry of Health, eight councils received 20 dosifiers, and three councils have already installed the equipment. As a result, the number of active fortifying millers increased to 22, enhancing local fortification capacity and improving micronutrient intake among vulnerable households.

School-based Programme

- WFP advanced implementation of the Tanzania School Feeding Project in Mtwara and Lindi, building on the December 2025 kick-off workshop. By January, school profiling was completed in 94 of 124 targeted schools. Parents in 58 schools began contributing maize and pulses to support meal provision while school systems and structures are being established.
- To strengthen governance and accountability, WFP oriented 127 School Feeding Committee members from 39 schools on the National School Feeding Guidelines and corresponding implementation plans. Capacity strengthening efforts included Training-of-Trainer’s sessions for 26 extension officers on Good Agricultural Practices, Climate-Smart Agriculture, and Post-Harvest Management, enabling follow-up cascade training for 158 ward and village officers.
- In January, through the Clean Cooking Transition in Schools (CCTIS) initiative, and in partnership with SEforALL, WFP refurbished school kitchens in 10 schools in Dar es Salaam and 6 in Dodoma

supporting shift from firewood to electric pressure cookers in schools.

Climate-smart agriculture and Access

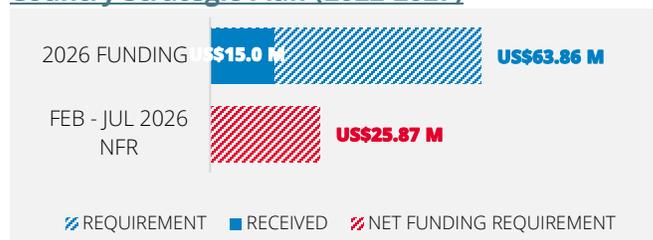
- WFP expanded public-private partnerships and climate-smart agriculture initiatives particularly with Tanzania Breweries Limited which increased sorghum procurement capacity to 9,000 MT, benefiting 3,487 farmers and strengthening market access and income opportunities.
- Through youth-focused resilience programmes, WFP supported 280 young farmers, primarily women, to establish block farms, enhancing agricultural productivity, entrepreneurship, and employment opportunities.

Partnerships

- In January, WFP hosted a high-level- United States Government (USG) mission from US Regional Hub Nairobi and US Embassy in Dar es Salaam. The delegation visited Nyarugusu camp in Kigoma to observe WFP’s food and nutrition assistance, Kitchen Gardens and engage with key partners and government counterparts. As part of the mission, the delegation also accompanied to Burundi a convoy of voluntarily repatriating refugees, gaining insight into cross border return processes.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2022-2027)



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