



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES  
CHANGING LIVES



## WFP Tanzania

COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026



**144,478** people assisted in March 2026  
(52% female)



**48%**  
Male



**52%**  
Female



**1230.8 mt** food distributed in March 2026



**USD 6.6 M** required in the next six months (April – September 2026)

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- With changing dynamics in the refugee caseload due to accelerated repatriation of Burundian refugees in Nyarugusu and Nduta camps, WFP continued to provide life-saving food assistance for 133,271 refugees.
- The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) has announced an additional £4 million contribution to WFP to strengthen food and nutrition assistance for refugees living in Tanzania. The contribution helped WFP extend the food pipeline and safeguard the wellbeing of refugees.
- As a strategic logistics hub under WFP's Global Commodity Management Facility, in March WFP through Dar es Salaam Port hub received Rice vessels (MV Bunnir) with 10,000 metric tons of rice as part of an international procurement for the Democratic Republic of Congo.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Tanzania with an estimated population of 68 million people continues to demonstrate strong economic resilience despite regional instability and global uncertainties. The country maintains overall stable macroeconomic indicators with its real GDP growth of 6.0 percent in 2025 and 6.3 percent in 2026 according to the World Bank Macro Poverty Outlook report October 2025.
- Despite limited promise of additional resources, WFP continued with strategic engagement with several donors including Spain, FCDO and Canada. As part of this engagement, CO hosted two missions from FCDO and Canada. Additionally, CO management met with new KOICA Country director to reaffirm partnerships in support of small farmers' farmers under Kilimo Tija Kigoma (KITIKI) project in Kigoma.
- WFP also strengthened its coordination with other UN agencies. Under the coordination of UN Resident Coordinator Office, WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF and UNFP organized a Joint donor brief on refugee response in Tanzania. Cohosted by Ireland Embassy and United Kingdom, the appeal presented an opportunity for agencies supporting refugees' response in Tanzania to present lifesaving needs, challenges and funding priorities for 2026. As part of this efforts WFP presented a USD 9.4 million appeal to donors on critical lifesaving food assistance for refugees.

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**Photo Caption & Credit:** WFP/Joseph Valerian: A food distributor carefully prepares vegetable oil rations for refugees during the monthly General Food Distribution at Nyarugusu Camp.

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### Refugee Assistance

- WFP continued to provide life-saving food assistance to 123,744 refugees in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps throughout March at 50 percent ration for General food distribution. The supplementary feeding programme was maintained at 100 percent ration, ensuring the most nutritionally vulnerable groups continued to receive full support. WFP also facilitated voluntary repatriation by providing hot meals at departure centres and high-energy biscuits to returnees, supporting safe and dignified journeys.
- The accelerated voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees in March reached a total of 25,719, compared to over 24,650 returnees in February, with the rise in departures reshaping the operational landscape in the camps as WFP adjusts its planning, resource allocation, and assistance to respond to the evolving refugee population and needs. Additionally, the closure of Nduta Camp has been postponed to 30 April 2026, allowing for continued support and coordination as repatriation efforts progress.
- WFP continued to strengthen its engagement with UNHCR to ensure refugee operations are well coordinated and aligned. Following the Regional Conference on Comprehensive Solutions for Burundian Refugees which took place in Nairobi on 18 March 2026, which highlighted the need for the interagency response plan and appeal for large scale returns of Burundian refugees from Tanzania and other countries.

### Nutrition and School Feeding

- WFP together with local authorities, launched a food fortification initiative under the Kigoma Joint Programme Phase II (KJP II) in Kigoma. The initiative aims to reduce micronutrient deficiencies by promoting the addition of essential vitamins and minerals to staple foods, particularly maize flour—to improve health, learning, and productivity.
- WFP Country Director met with the Minister of the Prime Minister's Office – Regional Administration and Local Government (PMORALG) to strengthen strategic collaboration across key government led service delivery systems. Discussions focused on

enhancing the national Community Feedback Mechanism, advancing support for smallholder farmers within local government structures, and scaling the clean cooking transition in schools. This engagement reinforced joint priorities on school feeding and nutrition, with an emphasis on building government capacity and integrating innovations that can improve efficiency, accountability, and sustainability of programme delivery at scale.

- WFP Tanzania participated in the national commemoration of school feeding, jointly marking the African Day of School Feeding and International School Meals Day in Dodoma, where the Government underscored that over 60 percent of students are now benefiting from school meals. Representing development partners, WFP Deputy Country Director (Mrs. Christine Mendes) highlighted the strategic importance of integrating complementary interventions—such as school-based food production, nutrition education, and WASH—to strengthen the National School Feeding Programme, with the event reaffirming strong national commitment to scaling sustainable, community-led approaches.

### Climate Resilient Agriculture

- WFP strengthened its partnership with Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) to support over 30,000 smallholder farmers in sorghum production using climate-smart agriculture. WFP supplied 40 metric tons of seed, delivered extension services, and procured 50 multi-crop threshers to improve post-harvest management. The initiative has increased productivity, reduced post-harvest losses, and enhanced farmer income through reliable market access facilitated by TBL.
- WFP finalized the Climate-Smart Public Works manual for Tanzania's Social Safety Net Programme (TASAF) and completed the Regenerative Agriculture Manual for government endorsement, advancing integrated approaches to strengthen resilience of vulnerable households and smallholder farmers. These frameworks promote sustainable land management, climate-resilient livelihoods, and long-term food security while supporting adaptation to increasing climate shocks.

## Disaster Risk Reduction and Anticipatory Action

- WFP jointly with Prime Minister’s Office Disaster Management Department (PMO-DMD) organized a Humanitarian Cash Transfers workshop to review the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the use of cash transfers in emergencies. Engaging Government, Non -Governmental Organization and UN Agencies, the SOPs will contribute to operationalizing DMD humanitarian cash guidelines.
- WFP designed the Anticipatory Action Cash Transfers SOP to inform the channeling of funds through Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) for anticipatory actions in 2026. The SOPs are expected to be validated in April 2026.

## Supply Chain and Logistics

- The CO through Dar es Salaam Port hub received Rice vessels (MV Bunnir) with 10,000 MT of rice as part of an international procurement for the DRC, reinforcing its role as a strategic logistics hub under WFP’s Global Commodity Management Facility, with the Country Office managing multiple such consignments to ensure efficient regional supply chain operations and pipeline continuity in eight countries.

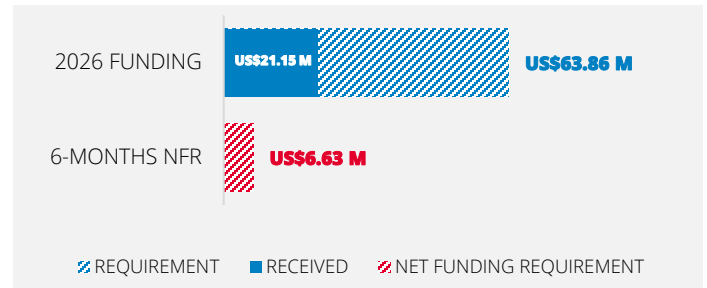
## Partnerships

- WFP hosted Canada donor mission to the Mtwara Region to review progress under the Tanzania School Feeding Project, funded by the Government of Canada. The project currently supports 65,000 schoolchildren with a comprehensive package that includes capacity-building for students, teachers, cooks, and communities, the establishment of school gardens and home-grown school feeding, cash top-ups, and social and behaviour change (SBC) activities.
- Following a recent contribution from FCDO, WFP hosted a mission from 15–19 March to Nduta and Nyarugusu camps, providing a comprehensive overview of operations, including General Food Distribution for Congolese refugees, kitchen gardens, and engagement with local authorities. The mission also accompanied a repatriation convoy to the Burundi border and visited clean cooking interventions, reinforcing donor visibility

and strategic engagement across the humanitarian–development nexus.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Country Strategic Plan (2022-2027)



**Donors:** Belgium, Canada, the European Commission, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mastercard Foundation, Norway, One UN, the Private Sector, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.