East Africa Regional Overview

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East Africa Food Security Overview

Pre-COVID:
24 million people food insecure

3.3 million refugees and 6.2 million IDPs

1.3 million people are affected by floods and 481,000 displaced

WFP planned to assist 21.7 million people in 2020 (pre-COVID)

Source: WFP/VAM
COVID-19 in East Africa

- Particular concern on the impact of the urban poor
- Effective preventive and control measures introduced by Governments
- Number of food insecure people could increase to 41.5 million
- WFP is targeting 3.9 million new beneficiaries due to COVID. WFP has a USD 1 billion funding shortfall in East Africa from July-December 2020
WFP’s COVID Preparedness and Response

WFP has adjusted existing programmes, scaled up its monitoring systems and worked with Governments to meet the needs of vulnerable urban populations.

WFP has kept food moving and operations going. 275,000 MT of food have been moved along RBN Corridors since mid-March 2020.

WFP and the Government of Ethiopia have launched the Humanitarian Air Hub in Addis Ababa.

Technology and innovation have been central to the COVID-19 response.
Desert Locust Update

2.5 million people could be affected by desert locusts

Governments and FAO are leading the control operations

WFP is supporting assessments in affected countries and preparing to scale-up operations
Emergency response in South Sudan

Providing **3.8 million people** with food assistance

Prepositioned **146,448 MT** of food items - enough to serve over 2.8 million people for six months

Scale up, *if resources are received*, to target an additional **1.6 million people**, including urban, due to COVID-19 socio-economic impact

**Food security situation remains dire...**

More than **6.48 million people** projected to be food insecure, *before the impact of COVID-19*

**Fragile security** situation, due to increased *sub-national conflict* across the country, during the height of the hunger season

**Resilience building activities** continue to reach *over 600,000 people* across the country

WFP Regional Bureau for East Africa
Peaceful transition of power: New President Evariste Ndayishimiye and new government (30 June)

Time of great need in Burundi but also of opportunities

WFP plans to assist 600,000 vulnerable people affected by acute food insecurity and the impact of COVID-19

WFP working on national COVID-19 vulnerability mapping and targeting with Government & OCHA

The School Connect pilot project won the WFP Innovation Award
Emerging Partnerships & other good news

**LEWIE Studies**
WFP operations have a multiplier effect through resource injections in local economies

**Local and Regional Procurement**
In 2019, WFP purchased 322,000 MT of food locally and regionally for a value of USD 158 million
Looking Ahead 2020

Continued support to COVID-19 and Locust Response and Recovery

Investing in climate resilience

Supporting self-reliance in Eritrea

New WFP Regional Innovation Hub in Nairobi
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