



## WFP Tanzania Country Brief

### WFP Assistance

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
<b>Tanzania Country Strategic Plan</b>			
(July 2017 – June 2021)	<b>487.6 m</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>24 m</b>

WFP Tanzania implements its activities under its Country Strategic Plan (2017-21), assisting half a million people in chronically food-insecure regions through five Strategic Outcomes (SOs).

**SO1: Support to Refugees:** Tanzania currently hosts over 315,000 Congolese and Burundian refugees at Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli Refugee Camps in Kigoma region. WFP provides a food basket of cereals, SuperCereal (fortified blended food), pulses, vegetable oil and salt to each refugee. WFP assistance is the main source of food for refugees.

WFP also runs a Supplementary Feeding Programme in all three camps to provide additional nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women, children under five years, People with HIV/AIDS and hospital in-patients. In addition, hot meals are served to newly arriving refugees at transit and reception centres, and high energy biscuits provided to those in transit.

**SO2: Nutrition:** To prevent stunting, pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and children under two years receive a monthly take home ration of SuperCereal under the Mother and Child Health Nutrition programme, implemented in Dodoma and Singida regions. The communities also receive support to improve diet diversification through production of diversified crops and behaviour change communication.

Under the Maisha Bora project, the construction of rainwater harvesting tanks and the provision of inputs for school and community gardens helps to improve the food security in the districts of Longido and Simanjiro in northern Tanzania. WFP also supports the Government to accelerate implementation of the National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) by improving data management and capacity through a catalyst team which facilitates the collaboration and manage the data systems.

Photo Credit: WFP/ Max Wohlgemuth  
Caption: Supplementary Feeding Programme in Mtendeli Refugee Camp.

## Highlights

- Recent contributions from Denmark (DKK 10 million) and Sweden (SEK 10 million) help WFP to continue providing life-saving food assistance to refugees.
- Despite the contributions, chronic funding shortfalls have forced WFP to continue with reduced rations for refugees. Rations are being distributed at 72 percent of the 2,100 recommended kilocalories to prevent a complete pipeline break within the coming months.
- WFP is actively raising funds with the aim to return to full rations as prolonged rations reductions have far-reaching and potentially life-altering consequences for refugees.

**SO3: Support to Smallholder Farmers:** Through its Market Access initiative, WFP helps farmers transition from subsistence farming to market-oriented agriculture by connecting the demand for crops with commercial markets and by providing access to fair contracts before planting.

By providing improved market access, WFP supports farmers with the means to improve their yields and reduce post-harvest losses, increasing household income while reducing food insecurity at the community, national and global level.

**SO4: Support to Government and Service Provision:** WFP co-ordinates the transportation of food and non-food items, warehousing and clearing and forwarding formalities, and provides information to NGOs and UN agencies to help improve efficiency in transport and logistics. WFP also provides support through the Global Commodity Management Facility in Dodoma and providing common ICT services to 21 UN agencies operating in Dar es Salaam under the One UN initiative.

**SO5: Innovation Field Hub:** In partnership with WFP's Munich Innovation Accelerator, WFP Tanzania is developing its function as an Innovation Field Hub for testing and scaling up of innovations from WFP and both the public and private sector. Innovation projects are being explored that have the potential to impact hundreds of thousands of Tanzanians by providing new tools for smallholder farmers, increasing access to education for remote populations and partnering with the Government to run a nationwide open innovation challenge.

### In Numbers

**315,000** refugees living in camps in Tanzania

**51,000** smallholder farmers to be assisted through Farm to Market Alliance

## Operational Updates

**Support to Refugees:** Funding shortfalls have led to reducing general foods distributions to only 72 percent of the recommended kilocalories. The table below provides shortfalls over the coming 3, 6 and 12 months based on WFP's planning figure for the Refugee Operation.

Period	Shortfalls (US\$)*
Feb 2018 - Apr 2018	11.2 million
Feb 2017 - July 2018	34.9 million
Feb 2018 - Jan 2019	88.5 million

\*Cumulative

WFP continues to deliver full rations for hot meals and supplementary feeding programmes. Tanzania is currently [hosting](#) 315,000 refugees in three camps, Nyarugusu (150,993 refugees), Nduta (118,635 refugees) and Mtendeli (45,528 refugees) as of 31 December. Almost 1,800 refugees from Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo arrived in Tanzania in December after the country didn't receive any new arrivals in November. To date over 13,000 Burundian refugees have been assisted to voluntarily repatriate to Burundi.

**Global Learning XPRIZE:** [In December 2017](#), tablet distribution was completed for over 2,400 children participating in the competition's field trial. The competition officially began 20 December 2017 and the winner will be announcing in April 2019.

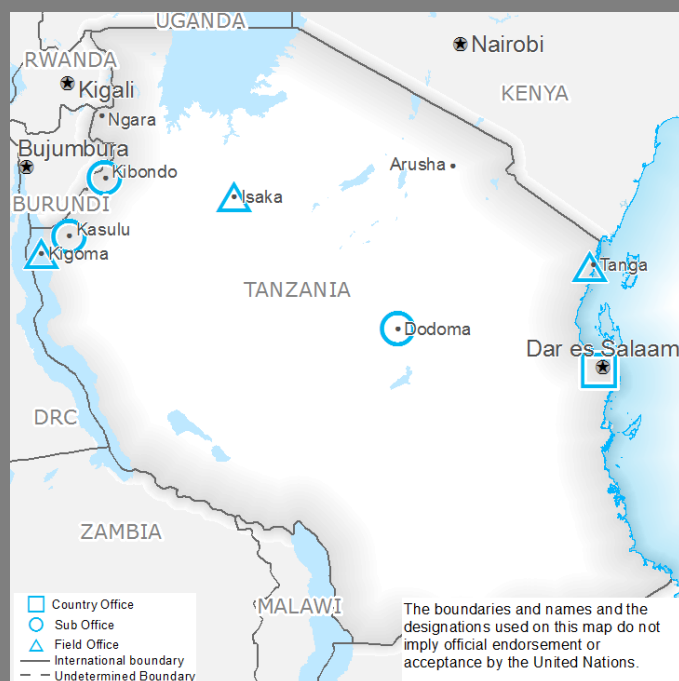
## Strategic Partnerships

WFP is part of a consortium of actors who provide support to refugees residing in refugee camps in Tanzania. WFP's co-operating partners include: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), World Vision Tanzania, Relief to Development Society (REDES), Tanzania Red Cross Society, Danish Refugee Council, Caritas, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Farm from a Box and Médecins Sans Frontières.

WFP works with several line ministries and has formal partnerships with NGOs and local government authorities at the district level. Partners include: CEFA Tanzania Registered Trustees, Childreach Tanzania, Building Rural Income Through Enterprises (BRITEN), Rural Urban Development Initiative (RUDI), Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS), Good Neighbours Tanzania, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and Agricultural Cooperative Development International and Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA) and the district councils of: Kwimba, Misungwi, Magu, Nzega, Igunga, Chamwino, Singida Rural District Council, Bahi, Ikungi and Bunda.

**Kigoma Joint Programme:** A UN Joint Programme has been developed by the WFP-led Resilience Thematic Results Group (TRG) under the United Nations Development Assistance Plan (UNDAP II). The programme, involving 16 UN agencies, targets refugee host communities in three districts. WFP is leading the agriculture sub-component.

## Country Background & Strategy



Tanzania is food self-sufficient at the national level. However, localised food deficits occur at regional, district and household levels mainly due to dependence on rain-fed agriculture and limited use of modern farming techniques. 80 percent of the population relies on subsistence farming and 28 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. Tanzania is classified as a Least Developed Country, ranking among the lowest on the Human Development Index. According to the National Nutrition Survey (2015), 35 percent of children under the age of five are stunted in Tanzania.

Over the last three years, Tanzania's economy has grown at a rate of 7 percent annually, driven mainly by telecommunications, financial services, transport and construction. The discovery of large reserves of natural gas and crude oil offers promise of a new and significant revenue stream for the Tanzanian economy.

WFP has been present in Tanzania since 1963.

Population: **53.5 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **151 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower**

Chronic malnutrition: **34.7% of children between 6-59 months**

**Donors (2017/18):** Belgium, Canada, Denmark, European Union, France, Republic of Korea, One UN, USA, Germany, UK, Ireland, Global Learning XPRIZE and Sweden.

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