



Highlights

- The Ministry of Health has issued a clearance letter allowing WFP to import 60,000 sachets of Micronutrient Powders (MNP) into the country. The permit allows WFP to implement the MNP project in 10 schools in Petauke District thru the end of December, 2017.
- A National MNP Project Steering Committee has been formed, comprising senior officers from the National Food and Nutrition Commission, Ministries of Health, Education, Agriculture and Community Development. The purpose of the Steering Committee is to provide project oversight (Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning).

WFP Zambia Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Country Programme	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
CP 200891 (2016-2020)	33.5 m	10.7 m (32%)	-

*April 2017 – September 2017

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WFP's support to Zambia has shifted from direct implementation to technical assistance over the last five years. The Country Programme's goal is to provide technical assistance with an emphasis on the implementation of long-term programmes such as social protection, nutrition governance for nutrition-sensitive programming and building disaster resilience.

Under the **Home Grown School Feeding (HGSF)**, component, WFP will phase out direct food delivery to produce and procure nutritious foods locally from smallholder farmers. The Government is committed to increasing its financial contribution to the HGSF programme to reach two million primary-school learners by 2020. As a component of the National Social Protection Policy (NSPP), the HGSM programme serves as a social safety net for children from vulnerable households.

The objective of the **Nutrition component** is to support the Government's National Food and Nutrition Policy by building strategic partnerships that foster an integrated multi-sectoral response based on the life-cycle approach to achieve the national target of reducing stunting from 40 to 30 percent by 2021. As part of the Scale Up Nutrition (SUN) movement, WFP aims at fostering strategic partnerships with the government, National Food and Nutrition Commission (NFNC), UN agencies, and civil society to support the national nutrition multi-sectoral response strategy. Cooperating partners will give technical and financial assistance to the implementation of the NSPP for the period 2016-2018.

The **Rural Resilience Initiative (R4)** component targets poor and food insecure households – especially those cultivating less than two hectares of land who are capable of raising their productivity with improved access to yield-enhancing technologies. Half of the assisted households are run by Women. Using the R4 approach, WFP provides smallholder farmers (SHFs) with access to conservation agriculture activities supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) 'Conservation Agriculture Scale Up' programme. SHFs are also given access to risk management services such as drought insurance, credit, and savings. WFP also attempts to create market linkages through synergies with the Purchase for Progress (P4P) initiative, and provide climate information services. The above offers households with a set of climate, financial and market services that can stimulate production over time and help them escape poverty and food insecurity.

In Numbers

164,009 People assisted through the Country Programme

People Assisted
March 2017



Main Photo

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Caption: WFP Zambia Country Director Simon Cammelbeeck addressing participants of the Post-Harvest Losses meeting in Lusaka



March 2017

Operational Updates

Post-harvest Losses (PHL) – On 23 of March, WFP Zambia launched a new Post Harvest Loss (PHL) reduction initiative called, *Waste Not, Want Not* in Lusaka. The objective of the gathering was to bring together stakeholders who can contribute to increasing rural smallholder farmers' awareness and support commercial supply chains of post-harvest handling technologies.

Through this initiative, WFP aims to improve smallholder farmers' food security through reduction in their post-harvest losses. The principle of PHL encompasses the adoption of good post-harvest handling practices and the use of effective hermetically sealed storage solutions.

MAANO - Ten months on from the WFP Innovation Bootcamp in Germany when it was first conceptualised, WFP's new Maano – Virtual Farmers' Market app has been published on [Google Play Store](#). The app offers rural smallholder farmers a chance to advertise their produce through an online market place similar to Ebay, allowing buyers from across Zambia and beyond to bid on their produce. It is hoped that increasing competition for farmers' crops, will increase the prices they receive. Testing of the app will continue throughout the 2017 marketing season that will begin very soon in Zambia.

Social Cash Transfer - The Ministry of Community Development & Social Welfare, in partnership with ZANACO and WFP, officially launched an electronic VISA enabled card for the payment of beneficiary entitlements under the national Social Cash Transfer (SCT) scheme. This launch was the culmination of over three years of contracting, negotiating, and implementation planning by the Ministry, with strong support from WFP at all stages. WFP will continue to support the roll-out of the payment service solution, particularly supporting financial literacy trainings and the creation of Know-Your-Client (KYC) materials for beneficiaries.

WFP has been supporting the Social Cash Transfer in Zambia since 2012. This long standing relationship has established WFP as a trusted partner in SCT systems strengthening efforts.

Operational Partnerships

WFP partnered with the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU), the Ministry of Agriculture, the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWSNET), and several International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) to collect data on food security. The monitoring of key market variables such as prices of staples, direction of trade, marketing conditions will have enabled the Government of Zambia and partners to adequately plan and design interventions to respond to the effects of the El Niño.

WFP also partnered with Mobile Accord Incorporated and PREMISE mobile data to collect real time information on household food security and markets.

Country Background & Strategy



Zambia has an annual population growth rate of 2.8 percent. However, strong economic growth in recent years has not resulted in improved nutrition and food security or equitable social development. WFP has adopted strategies to support the country's vision to become an industrial middle income country by 2030.

Zambia's Gini coefficient is 0.65, making it one of the most unequal countries in the world. Additionally, progress on reducing stunting and poverty has stagnated; roughly 40 percent of children between 6-59 months are stunted. Very low population density and challenges in service delivery render the cost of doing business and delivering strong multi-sectoral development support relatively high compared to the rest of the region.

WFP aims to assist one million primary school students in 2017 in an effort to increase attendance and learners' outcomes in the country's poorest districts. WFP also works to safeguard the nutritional status of vulnerable groups through advocacy and the provision of technical assistance from national to district levels and supports smallholder farmers vulnerable to drought through the Rural Resilience Initiative (R4). WFP provides technical assistance to the Government's Disaster Mitigation and Management Unit. WFP is an active member of the Scaling-Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement and has partnered with other development agencies to reverse stunting trends in the country in Zambia.

WFP has been present in Zambia since 1967.

Population: **15 million**

2015 Human Development Index:
139 out of 188

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Stunting: **40% of children
between 6-59 months**

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