



WFP Tanzania Country Brief

Highlights

- From September 2016 to March 2017, Tanzania experienced an increasing influx of refugee arrivals from Burundi. In a span of seven months, 89,000 refugees arrived, accounting for over a quarter of the current population (312,000).
- This influx forced WFP to increase its planning figures and resulted in critical funding shortfalls. As a result of limited funding, WFP reduced rations and issued a funding appeal to development partners at the end of May.

WFP Assistance

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
Country Programme			
Dev 200200 (Jul 11 – Jun 2017)**	192.6 m	80.7 m (42%)	N/A
Food Assistance to Refugees in North-Western Tanzania			
PRRO 200603 (Jul 14 – Jun 2017)**	137 m	105 m (77%)	N/A
Tanzania Country Strategic Plan***			
(July 2017 – June 2021)	487.6 m	N/A	24 m

*June - November 2017

**Project ending in June, new Country Strategic Plan is under approval

***CSP to be presented at the Executive Board in June

WFP Tanzania assists half a million people in chronically food-insecure regions through its various development programmes and assistance to refugees.

Since the 1970s, Tanzania has hosted refugees fleeing to north-west Tanzania from neighbouring countries. Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli Refugee Camps in Kigoma region currently host over 312,000 Congolese and Burundian refugees. Through its Refugee Operation, WFP provides a food basket of Super Cereal, pulses, vegetable oil and salt to meet a minimum dietary requirement of 2,100 Kcal per person per day. WFP assistance is the main source of food for refugees.

WFP is the only agency in the country providing supplementary food rations to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and children under the age of five. To treat Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), WFP provides a monthly take home ration of fortified blended food to these two vulnerable groups through its Supplementary Feeding Programme. To prevent stunting, pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and children under two receive a monthly take home ration of Super Cereal (fortified blended food) under the Mother and Child Health and **Nutrition programme**. WFP's nutrition interventions are focused in Dodoma and Singida regions, which have high rates of stunting and wasting.

Photo Credit: WFP/ Max Wohlgemuth

Caption: In WFP's refugee operation, pregnant and breastfeeding mothers as well as children under two receive additional rations of Super Cereal to prevent stunting.

In partnership with WFP's Munich Innovation Accelerator, WFP Tanzania is developing its function as an **Innovation Hub** for testing and scaling innovations from WFP and both the public and private sector. WFP and its partners in Tanzania are facilitating to foster, test, refine and scale up innovation that contributes to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

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.

Supporting farmers with improved market access, as well as the means to improve their yields, can help increase household income while reducing food insecurity at the community, national and global level.

Improved market access can have a profound effect on achieving the Global Goal of achieving Zero Hunger by 2030, in addition to contributing to the other Sustainable Development Goals.

Under its **Climate Change** initiative, WFP works with local governments in Dodoma, Arusha and Manyara regions to provide access to information on climate and weather to enable farmers and livestock keepers to determine the best agronomic options to pursue in order to mitigate effects of climate change.

In Numbers

312,000 refugees in need of food assistance

51,000 refugee women and children receiving additional rations of specialized fortified food to help prevent stunting

50,000 smallholder farmers to be assisted through Farm to Market Alliance in 2017

29,000 people supported with food distributions and nutrition programme in Dodoma and Singida regions



May 2017

Operational Updates

Refugee Operation: Tanzania is currently hosting 323,725 refugees. The population at Nduta Refugee Camp is 125,000 and Mtendeli Refugee Camp, with 51,000 refugees, has reached capacity. (21 May, <http://data.unhcr.org/burundi>).

Rations of maize meal will be distributed at 80 percent of the entitlement for May and June. The remaining commodities are to be distributed at 100 percent.

A pipeline break is anticipated from August for cereals and vegetable oil. If funds are not made available WFP will have to further reduce rations.

Cash Based Transfers: France confirmed a contribution of Euro 250,000 towards the Cash Based Transfers programme in WFP's Refugee Operation.

The plan is to scale up to 80,000 refugees in Nyarugusu Camp by the end of 2017. To meet this goal, WFP will require an additional USD 8 million by the end of the year.

Market Access: Implementation of the Post-Harvest Management Training (PHL) started with trainings for 100 trainers in Mbeya (09-10 May) and Dodoma (12-13 May).

Field implementation began on 17 May in south and central Tanzania with over 2,500 farmers in 16 farmer organizations reached. Trainings will continue through July. Demand is high for the PHL equipment including hermetic bags, plastic silos, and tarpaulins.

Strategic Partnerships

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation: 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, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Tanzania Water & Environment Sanitation (TWESA), Relief to Development Society (REDESO), Tanzania Red Cross Society, Danish Refugee Council and Airtel.

Country Programme: 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, Project Concern International (PCI), Childreach Tanzania, Building Rural Income Through Enterprises (BRITEN), Rural Urban Development Initiative (RUDI), Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS), Good Neighbours Tanzania, Kwimba District Council, Misungwi District Council, Magu District Council, Nzega District Council, Igunga District Council, Chamwino District Council, Singida Rural District Council, Bahi District Council, Bunda District Council, Ikungi District Council, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and Agricultural Cooperative Development International and Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA).

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

DEV 200200 (2016/17): Belgium, European Union, Republic of Korea, and One UN

PRRO 200603 (2016/17): France, Canada, USA, Germany, CERF, UK, Japan, ECHO, Belgium, Switzerland, Ireland, Denmark and Italy.

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