In numbers

1.5 million people affected by food insecurity at the peak of the lean season (Jan-March 2016)

WFP, with government, plans to assist an estimated 821,460 people in 38 districts during this season, at a cost of US$46.6 million.

281,286 received WFP lean season assistance in December cycle

Funding Update:

US$19.3 million required for WFP’s lean season response through March 2016

Contributions received (10 January 2016):

USAID: US$18.5 million
UN CERF: US$4.25 million
Switzerland: US$514,000
WFP Internal Resources: US$4 million

In Zimbabwe, WFP supports activities that aim to develop livelihoods and augment the nutritional status of vulnerable groups, including people living with HIV and tuberculosis, pregnant & nursing mothers, and young children, by addressing the root causes of food insecurity and under-nutrition. WFP has had an operational presence in the country since 2002.
Support to Refugees

- Some 7,380 refugees received food assistance in December at Tongogara Refugee Camp from WFP, in partnership with UNHCR and Christian Care.
- In line with WFP’s global shift towards increased use of cash-based transfers where feasible and appropriate, WFP will transition to the use of cash for its refugee assistance activities for the first time in Tongogara. As informed by a recent joint assessment mission with UNHCR, preparatory work for the commencement of cash-based transfers in January are at an advanced stage.

Health and Nutrition

- Through its Health and Nutrition programme in support of the Ministry of Health and Child Care, in December, WFP provided some 7,614 malnourished people living with HIV and/or TB, pregnant and nursing women, and children under age five with Super Cereal—a corn-soya blend fortified with vitamins and minerals—for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition at clinics in Mutasa District, Harare and Bulawayo Metropolitan Province.
- In partnership with NGOs, WFP is developing social and behavior change communication (SBCC) tools to optimize the nutritional impact of all its programme activities in 2016. SBCC messages will include promotion of diet diversity and improved infant and young child feeding practices.

Food/Cash Assistance for Asset Creation

- Under WFP’s 2015 productive asset creation (PAC) cycle, which ended in November, 114 community assets, such as small irrigation schemes and nutritional gardens, in 10 priority districts were created and rehabilitated—for which some 105,390 people (19,770 workers and their household members) received food or cash-based assistance.
- Projects are selected through a community-based participatory planning process. In 2015, over 70 percent of communities participated in the identification of the assets. The 2016 PAC cycle is planned to start in May.

### LSA Resourcing Update

- Total received contributions under the LSA remained unchanged at $27.27 million as at 10 January 2016. Contributions include US$18.5 million from USAID, US$4.25 million from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, US$514,000 from the Government of Switzerland, up to 30,000 mt of in-kind maize from the Government of Zimbabwe, and US$4 million from WFP’s internal resources. These confirmed contributions will cover the needs of 431,916 food insecure people up to March 2016, leaving some 389,544 food insecure people in 22 districts without assistance unless an additional US$19.3 million is received.

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### Partnerships

- WFP continues to work with the Department of Social Services and other humanitarian actors at national and district levels to enhance coordination and complementarities in planning and monitoring lean season assistance.
- In partnership with FAO, WFP’s Food Security Climate Resilience Facility (FoodSECuRE) released funding for the government to implement activities promoting climate-smart agriculture for smallholder farmers in Mwenezi district in November. Triggered by weather forecasts, the replenishable fund enables early responses to help communities withstand the impact of climatic shocks such as those linked to El Niño.
- As part of the Humanitarian Country Team’s Disaster Risk Management task force, WFP is leading inter-agency contingency planning for El Niño to monitor risks and set up advanced preparedness measures for multi-sectoral action.

### Beyond its lean season response, WFP’s ongoing interventions in Zimbabwe include...

- Partnerships
- LSA Resourcing Update
- Health and Nutrition
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- WFP Operation

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