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## OPM, UNHCR, WFP JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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### **Re: Update on re-categorization of general food assistance (GFA) to refugees in Uganda.**

The World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) continue efforts to manage the impact of limited resources by prioritizing WFP's general food assistance (GFA), (cash and in-kind), for the most vulnerable refugees in Uganda.

Given the high number of new arrivals since the last prioritization in July 2023, and the reduction of funding, WFP, with support from UNHCR and OPM, will implement a refugee population-wide re-categorization in May 2025. This will be based on a refined targeting model that incorporates lessons learned from Phase 3 of Prioritization using updated proGres data.

Refugees will be re-categorised based on their household characteristics linked to food insecurity, protection risks and their years of stay in Uganda. Due to low funding, WFP will have to reduce the number of refugees receiving humanitarian assistance prioritizing the most vulnerable. Households deemed to be least vulnerable will not be prioritized, ensuring that assistance is directed towards those most in need.

The categories remain as follows:

- Category 1: Highly vulnerable to food insecurity
- Category 2: Vulnerable to food insecurity
- Category 3: Least vulnerable to food insecurity

The revised level of individual assistance (prioritization category) is planned to be communicated to refugees in early April 2025, and implemented in May 2025, allowing the refugees time to adjust and prepare for changes in their assistance.

All refugees registered and categorized as moderately or least vulnerable to food insecurity will be eligible to appeal.

UNHCR, WFP and OPM continue to encourage refugees to keep their registration data updated by notifying OPM of any changes in their living situation. WFP, UNHCR, and OPM are actively advocating for increased funding to sustain the provision of GFA and your continued support in this effort is vital to ensuring we meet the needs of the most vulnerable refugees.

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