Food Security

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Key Achievements

- 332,661 refugees received monthly general ration consisting of cereal, pulse, v.oil, super cereal and salt
- A total of 66,712 (under-five children and PLW) received nutritious products through BSFP and TSFP programs in partnership with experienced NGOs such as AAH, GOAL, IMC and Concern Worldwide
- A total of 45,636 students received hot meal in the refugee schools of Pugnido I, Okugu, Tierkidi, Jewi and Kule (except for Pugido I, school meal was started in 2017)
- Finger print based biometric verification was undertaken in all camps during distribution, except for newly established Nguenyyiel camp
- HEB was provided for the first 3 days upon arrival to all new arrivals at entry point and during relocation to camps
- Despite funding constraints, nutrition activities were not affected by cuts in Gambella camps



Major Challenges

- Funding constraints, as a result, WFP had to implement ration cuts reaching about 20% for 9 months and 37% for 3 months in 2017
- Poor food consumption pattern, according to representative survey conducted in Dec 2017, only 32% of the respondents for Gambella camps indicated acceptable food consumption; which is very low compared to the average of about 65% for all camps in the country
- High malnutrition:- the GAM rate was found above the emergency threshold for all camps in Gambella
- Poor diet diversity, the recent survey found a DDS of 4.05 for Gambella camps while the average for the camps in the country was 4.52
- Heavy dependence on food assistance and no or limited livelihood opportunities
- Overcrowding in some of the camps such as Nguenyyiel is associated with protection risks for vulnerable individuals during distribution
- Difficulty to fulfill commodity preferences of refugees





Priorities for 2018

- Minimizing or avoid pipeline break
- Establish additional distribution centers for large camps such as Nguenyyiel; where least 3 distribution centers are needed
- Introduce biometric verification during distribution for Nguenyyiel Camp
- Support self-reliance activities to selected households to mitigate the food gap
- Undertake joint assessments to consider different transfer modalities
- Improve storage facilities
- Strengthen joint monitoring during distributions
- Enhance implementation capacity of partners



Summary of Estimated Beneficiary Number by Activity, Commodity Required in MTs and Budget Required in USD for 2018

	Beneficiary	Commodity	
Activity	Number	Required (MTs)	Total Cost (USD)
GFD	485,000	119,310	83,188,531
BSFP	97000	7377	10,378,143
TSFP	24250	803	3,164,057
School Meal	60,000	1320	1,188,993
New Arrivals	66,108	60	109,068
Total		128,870	98,028,792



Thank you!

