WFP operational update

Inter-Agency meeting

20th November 2020
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Pipeline status: Needs Based Plan (100% ration)
Pipeline Status

• Recent confirmation secured the 70 percent ration until end of the year
• However, there is a pulses pipeline break (timing/procurement issue): some settlements will receive maize instead of pulses in Nov/Dec distributions
• Outlook for Q1 2021 extremely bleak: further ration reductions likely in new year
  • Even at 70 percent ration, only secured $5.7m of $16.6m required for Jan/Feb 2021 distributions
  • Pipeline break expected for all food commodities
• Overall requirements for next six months: USD 40.2 million
Operations update

• Distributions for November-December ongoing in all settlements, except for 4 settlements in the West-Nile region;

• In December, another distribution, covering the months of December and January 2021 will start for the settlements of Palabek, Palorinya, Imvepi and Kiryandongo;

• Kampala refugees: distribution of cash using the ‘Bank-on-wheels’ model is ongoing, many people showed up at the start of this operation, but the number is gradually reducing. So far, over 16,400 HH and 32,000 individuals have been served. This final distribution is expected to close at the end of November but could be sooner if ongoing trend continues. Previously, through mobile money WFP assisted 6515 HH/20,132 individuals through mobile money. Reminder: this is a temporary assistance to refugees registered in Kampala to support the households during the COVID-19 pandemic;
2021 Outlook

• Upper projection of contributions to General Food Assistance to the refugees in 2021 is $130,000,000;

• This implies that WFP Uganda faces a significant funding shortfall for this activity if it wants to maintain the 70% ration to the people served;

• Based on this projection WFP will lower the food assistance, starting February 2021 to 60% ration, WFP hopes it will be able to maintain a 60% ration throughout 2021 depending contributions.
Reduction of ration

- WFP discussed the different options for ration reduction with key stakeholders such as UNHCR, OPM and Donors;
- Communication strategy and key messages are developed to ensure PoCs are informed well in advance;
- WFP & UNHCR field staff, OPM settlement commandants and CP staff will be on stand-by to start the sensitization campaign of the refugees and other stakeholders.
**Food Commodity Price Monitoring**

- Average maize grain price across all the settlements decreased by 8 percent. The price of maize grain has consistently decreased since May 2020.
- The average price of beans increased slightly by 2 percent.
- The average monthly prices of vegetable oil remained stable.
- The average price of salt decreased by 3 percent.
- Other than beans, prices of crops all lower than Aug 2019 values.

### Market Price trends of key food crops

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