Highlights

WFP provides food assistance to refugees in Kenya as a combination of cash transfers and food distributions. From December, insufficient funding has forced WFP to cut rations by half for the 430,000 refugees in Dadaab and Kakuma camps. WFP urgently needs US$23.4 million to cover general food distributions and cash transfers for its refugee operations from January to June 2017.

Funding for cash-based assistance will be exhausted by the end of January if new resources do not become available. Ration cuts, particularly if severe and prolonged, have serious consequences on refugees’ food consumption, nutrition and health.

WFP appreciates the support of the donor community to WFP’s Kenya refugee operation. If donors respond immediately, WFP can quickly resume the much needed food assistance by using its mobile phone-based system to disburse cash to refugees and by mobilising food commodities from regional stocks.
With the reduced rations in December, there are partial resources to cover January 2017. A multi-year confirmed contribution will be used to cover the food pipeline gaps in February, also at a reduced ration. In-kind contributions are expected to arrive in May for cereals, and June for oil and pulses; this will cover much of the gaps in May and June 2017.

A multi-year confirmed contribution available for 2017 will be used to cover cash-based transfer requirements for January. Significant pipeline gaps exist between February and March 2017. Another multi-year contribution will be available in April 2017 and will be used to cover cash-based transfer requirements for that month.

Cash requirements will increase between January and June due to the increasing refugees in Kalobeyei - where WFP provides food assistance almost entirely in the form of cash.

The pipeline for nutrition activities is fully covered for the next 6 months. Activities include: (i) Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition; and (ii) providing a food supplement for members of vulnerable groups (pregnant/lactating women and children under 2).

Other activities include the following activities; school meals, asset creation for resilience for host communities, food for training, nutrition support for people living with HIV/TB and institutional feeding. These activities are relatively well covered apart from gaps in April and May 2017.

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