HIGHLIGHTS:
- On 10 December 2020, Executive Director David Beasley officially accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of WFP during a virtual ceremony in Rome, Italy.
- In December, WFP Zimbabwe provided in-kind food assistance to 1,063,516 people under the Lean Season Assistance (LSA) programme and cash-based assistance to 296,240 people under the Urban Social Assistance programme.
- WFP activated emergency preparedness channels in response to the threat of Tropical Storm Chalane and remains on high alert for other extreme weather events as the cyclone season continues.

Spotlight: Chalane, a Trial Run for Emergency Response
Near the end of December, Zimbabwe was advised of a potentially dangerous tropical weather system forming in the Indian Ocean. Early projections indicated that Tropical Cyclone Chalane would travel over Madagascar and Mozambique before hitting Zimbabwe’s Manicaland province, where Cyclone Idai made landfall in March 2019. Chalane was expected to bring heavy rains and high winds to Zimbabwe, which heightened fears of the sort of damage experienced during Cyclone Idai — flash flooding and severe damage.

In response, WFP activated early emergency preparedness channels and leaned on its experience responding to Cyclone Idai to ensure that it was ready to respond to scale displacement with food assistance and logistics support, if necessary. WFP worked closely with sister UN agencies, such as the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to determine how assistance, such as food and nutrition assistance and logistics support, could be sent to affected areas in case of damage to traditional access points. Evacuation centres were set up by the Government of Zimbabwe in areas expected to be impacted by the storm.

Unfortunately, Chalane passed through Zimbabwe causing only minimal damage after being downgraded to a tropical depression, although high winds and flooding were experienced in flood-prone areas. The majority of the Government’s evacuation centres went unused or were only temporarily occupied. Once the storm passed, authorities worked to return evacuees to their homes.

WFP was cautious to avoid creating a “pull effect” in drawing people to the evacuation centres by providing assistance that might not be needed or to take steps to supplant the role of the Government. Although WFP did not end up needing to provide food assistance in the centres, it was adequately prepared to do so.

In the immediate aftermath of Chalane passage over Zimbabwe, WFP was among the agencies promoting a rapid verification exercise focused on assessing the status of the vulnerable displaced persons still living in camps since Idai struck in March 2019 as the camps were now exposed to Chalane. The report from this exercise which identified these gaps will be available soon. Through the FSL Cluster, and in coordination with other clusters and the Government, the verification exercise took place on 5 January 2021, only a few days following the storm passage, and included WFP staff participation in the field, together with other active FSL partners.

Fortunately, Tropical Depression Chalane provided WFP and other humanitarian actors in Zimbabwe with an emergency preparedness exercise. WFP has sufficient quantities of cereals, pulses and vegetable oil stocked in country to support more than 1 million people in the event of an emergency, however, these stocks would need to be re-prioritized based on donor flexibility and approval. Small quantities of buffer stocks are flexible and ready for immediate deployment to mitigate delays that would be associated with emergency procurement. While weather patterns have now returned to normal across the country, WFP remains on high alert for other extreme weather events, as cyclone season is set to continue through March.

PEOPLE ASSISTED IN DECEMBER:
- Lean Season Assistance - 1,063,516
- Urban Resilience - 296,240
- Health and Nutrition - 2,932
- Support to Refugees - 13,695
- Food Assistance for Assets - 22,905

CSP 5-Year Requirement: USD 468.4 million
CSP 2020 Requirement: USD 382.2 million

Pictured above and below: Residents of areas anticipated to feel the impact from Tropical Storm Chalane are transported by government authorities to evacuation centres. Some of their belongings were also brought to the centres.
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Activity Updates

**Strategic Outcome SO1: Ensure Food Security**
- Under WFP’s Lean Season Assistance (LSA) programme, 1,063,516 people of the 1,064,538 target received assistance under the November distribution cycle, representing an achievement rate of 99.9%.
- Under WFP’s Urban Social Assistance programme, 296,240 people of the 326,004 target received assistance under the November disbursement cycle, representing an achievement rate of 90.87%. Cash-based transfers continue to be delivered via e-voucher and remittance modalities.
- In November, WFP provided food assistance to 13,695 refugees at Tongogara Refugee Camp.
- WFP, through its Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) unit, conducted emergency vulnerability analysis for districts projected to be impacted by Tropical Storm Chalane. Results were used to inform emergency preparedness activities, such as the establishment of buffer stocks and the coordination of potential delivery sites.

**SO2: Health & Nutrition**
- The nutrition team remained on standby for response to Tropical Storm Chalane. WFP, in coordination with UNICEF, prepared to respond with specialised foods for vulnerable groups, including Super Cereal Plus for the elderly, chronically ill and children under the age of two.
- WFP conducted an in-depth analysis of the relationship between resilience capacities and food and nutrition security for HIV/AIDS affected households in rural areas to inform future programming.

**SO3: Support to Smallholders**
- WFP continues to train smallholder farmers on the use of eMakambo market information systems. To date, 300 farmers have been trained. A total of 30 lead farmers and 15 extension workers received android devices and data to access the ecommerce platform.
- Trainings on small grain production and climate smart agricultural practices were conducted in 12 rural districts, reaching 220 ward extension workers. Seed inputs are expected to be distributed in January.

**SO4: Resilience to Seasonal Shocks**
- In December, an R4 Rural Resilience gender analysis study was completed and a validation workshop was held with relevant stakeholders.
- R4 concluded preparations, including enumerator trainings, for the upcoming R4 outcome monitoring and baseline study. The study is now postponed until after the current lockdown period.
- FFA activities for the 2020 cycle concluded in all 15 districts during December. The next FFA cycle will commence in May 2021.
- While trainings continued in December for all participants, only 22,905 people received food assistance under FFA in Chipepe and Chimanimani as the majority of the caseload received the last cycle in November.

**SO5: Social Protection (SP)**
- In December, WFP participated in various national and international social protection forums focused on developing a unified beneficiary MIS system and enhancing integration between WFP and government-led activities.

**SO6: Supply Chain Support**
- WFP activated contingency plans for the prepositioning of buffer stocks in country in an effort to mitigate potential shortages due to the impacts of COVID-19 restrictions and possible La Nina flood and cyclone events.

In Focus: WFP Receives Nobel Peace Prize in Rome

On 10 December 2020, WFP Executive Director David Beasley, officially accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the United Nations World Food Programme during a small, COVID-19 safe, ceremony in Rome. This day marked an important milestone for the work WFP has achieved over the years in using food assistance to create pathways for peace, while saving and changing lives in the countries that it serves.

It is thanks to your support that, despite enormous challenges faced in 2020, WFP was able to continue lifesaving operations to reach 3.7 million of Zimbabwe’s most food insecure people at the peak of the lean season, expanding to meet growing humanitarian needs while responding to the long-term socio-economic impact of COVID-19. An estimated 1.2 million people, of the total 3.1 million currently facing ‘stressed’ levels of hunger, would have fallen into crises had it not for the food assistance they received from WFP. Similarly, during 2020 WFP was able to scale up the Urban Social Assistance programme from 19,000 people in December 2019 to a planned 326,000 people in December 2020, of which 296,240 have been reached to date.

Looking ahead to 2021, WFP will continue to increase lifesaving food and nutrition support while scaling up resilience programming, which serves as a buffer against food insecurity by strengthening solidarity between communities, creating social safety nets, and offering economic opportunities for people experiencing socio-economic crises.

At a recent food distribution point in Bikita, communities celebrated WFP’s Nobel Peace Prize win by dancing and singing “There is more joy in giving than receiving.”

Kudakwashe, a mother of four, said, “I am happy that the WFP has won this prize. Food contributes to love, peace and harmony here in Zimbabwe.”
## WFP Operations

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*This figure is inclusive of Maternity Waiting Home (MWH) activities only. Stunting prevention activities are suspended.

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