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JULY – SEPTEMBER 2026



2 million+

refugees and asylum-seekers in Uganda – the largest refugee population in Africa

673,000+

people facing food insecurity in drought-hit Karamoja – nearly half the region's population

784,000

refugees currently receiving WFP food assistance

247,000

learners in 284 schools in the WFP school feeding programme in Karamoja

Drought in Uganda's Karamoja Region: Hunger Peaks as El Niño Arrives

El Niño-linked failed rains have left over 673,000 people in Karamoja food insecure – nearly half the region's population. **Early action reached 110,000 people in May**, and WFP now provides monthly nutrition cash to **30,000 people in the hardest-hit districts**.

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She Arrived Hungry. Now She Feeds Uganda's New Refugees

With refugees still arriving from South Sudan, the DRC and Sudan, **WFP provides hot meals at reception centres such as Ocea in Rhino Camp** – serving new arrivals daily – before families move on to cash or food assistance once registered. This issue features Rebecca, **who now cooks the meals she once received**.

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ANTICIPATORY ACTION

Government Urges Shift from Disaster Response to Early Action

Opening Uganda's 3rd **National Anticipatory Action Dialogue** in Entebbe, Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Permanent Secretary Alex Kakooza urged partners to move beyond responding after disasters strike and act earlier on forecasts and risk information. WFP joined OPM, FAO, the Uganda Red Cross and other partners at the September meeting.

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Karamoja: Bringing Life-Saving Services Closer to Communities

A UN monitoring mission to Moroto, Kotido and Kaabong reviewed the joint WFP–UNICEF nutrition response, with WFP dispatching supplementary foods to health facilities and outreach posts. In Loputuk sub-county, the prevalence of **acute malnutrition fell from 18.1 to 6.8 percent over five rounds of screening and treatment.**

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Uganda Launches a Nutrient Profile Model to Curb Unhealthy Diets

Uganda launched a **Nutrient Profile Model** in August, setting thresholds for sugar, salt and fats in packaged foods; products exceeding them will be flagged as unhealthy and are set to carry front-of-pack warning labels. WFP participated in developing the model, providing technical input, and joined the launch during World Breastfeeding Week, stressing support for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

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Farm Associations Turn Karamoja Harvests into Income

Membership of WFP-supported farmer groups in Karamoja's Apeitolim sub-county in Napak district has grown from about 300 farmers across 32 groups in 2023 to more than 2,200 farmers. With **improved seeds, modern practices, and post-harvest handling**, their productivity has increased. WFP buys from the supported associations for school feeding in the sub-region.

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Nutri-School Bus 2.0 Hits the Road Across All Nine Karamoja Districts

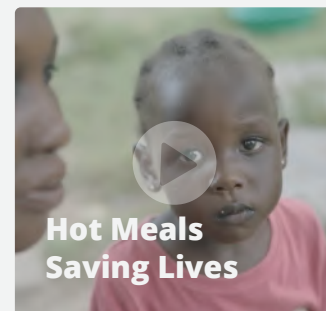
The second edition of WFP's school nutrition campaign will visit 64 schools (up from 19 in 2025), **reaching 183,000 people with school feeding and community nutrition advocacy.**

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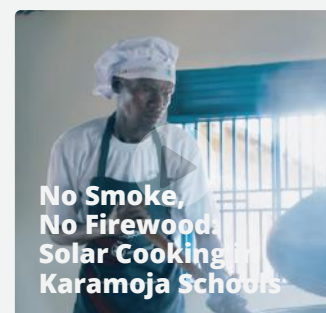
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Karamoja Schools**



SUPPLY CHAIN

Meet the Team Keeping Aid Moving: 7 Questions with Lamex Odokonyero

For World Humanitarian Day, WFP Uganda's Logistics Hub Manager describes running corridor operations from the Gulu Central Delivery Point, **supporting more than 2 million vulnerable people in Uganda and the wider region, including South Sudan, the DRC, CAR and Burundi.** His day starts at 7:00 a.m. with briefings for support staff, stock forecasting and pipeline management.

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