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# FOOD ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET – KENYA

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## FOOD SECURITY SITUATION

- Kenya has the largest and most diversified economy in East Africa. Nevertheless, 40 percent of Kenyans live below the poverty line and more than 1.5 million will require immediate food assistance through February.
- Seventy-five percent of food is produced by small-scale farmers, of whom 70 percent are women with little or no access to farm inputs. With limited irrigation, these farmers are heavily dependent on seasonal rains and vulnerable to crop failure if drought occurs.
- As a result of below-average long rains and subsequent reductions in crop production, the total food insecure population increased by approximately 15 percent between January and August. Acute malnutrition among children has increased by approximately 20 percent since April 2013. Anticipated average to above-average short rains, however, are expected to improve food security through December.



MAP: CIA World Factbook

- Kenya hosts approximately 500,000 refugees, mainly from Somalia and South Sudan, in the Dadaab and Kakuma camps. Since the outbreak of conflict in South Sudan in mid-December, nearly 44,000 additional South Sudanese refugees have entered the country. Joint United Nations, donor, and Government of Kenya assessment missions report that most of these refugees depend on food assistance for survival.

## FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- The Office of Food for Peace (FFP) partners with the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) to provide relief and build resilience to chronic shocks among the most vulnerable populations in Kenya. In the arid and semi-arid areas, FFP supports food-insecure Kenyans through a variety of activities, including direct food distributions, food-for-assets and cash-for-assets.
- FFP also supports refugees living in the Dadaab and Kakuma camps, and their host communities, through direct food distributions, mother and child health and nutrition, supplementary feeding, and therapeutic feeding activities.

## FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

### Total Contributions:

	<u>U.S. Dollars</u>	<u>Metric Tons</u>
Fiscal Year 2014	\$116.4 million	74,780 MT
Fiscal Year 2013	\$106.7 million	86,480 MT
Fiscal Year 2012	\$113.7 million	91,272 MT
Fiscal Year 2011	\$134.8 million	118,617 MT
Fiscal Year 2010	\$112.0 million	109,840 MT

### Fiscal Year 2014 Contribution Breakdown:

	<u>U.S. Dollars</u>	<u>Metric Tons</u>
Emergency:		
Title II:	\$86.4 million	74,780 MT
EFSP:	\$30.0 million	----
Development:		
Title II:	----	----

\*Food Security Situation information is provided by FEWS NET, WFP and UNHCR as of October 2014