

Lauren Landis Assumes Leadership as WFP Uganda Country Director

Ms. Lauren Landis began her role as WFP Uganda Country Director in July 2025. She presented her credentials to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on 27 July. She joins at a time when Uganda faces its most severe refugee funding crisis, and she brings vast WFP experience from Kenya and other operations.

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Innovation & Self-Reliance

Refugee Farmers in Uganda's West Nile Reap Big from Agricultural Innovation

UN Uganda featured Mary's Anika farmers group impact story in Bidibidi. Through WFP suport, Anika earned UGX 4 million from bountiful tomato harvests boosted by solar irrigation. This project brings together the local private sector and WFP to support 5,000 refugees and host communities in West Nile to reduce dependence on humanitarian assistance.

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From 8kg Food Rations to 1,000kg Harvests: A Refugee's Journey to Self-Reliance

Emmanuel's transformation from receiving 8kg monthly food rations as humanitarian assistance to harvesting 1,120kg of cassava demonstrates WFP's Self-Reliance Model impact in Bidibidi settlement. The feature highlighted how 57,000 refugees gained market-oriented skills, with Emmanuel's group mastering drought-resistant cassava farming while creating community benefits.

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School Meals & Nutrition

School Meals feed healthy futures in Karamoja

The story highlights the impact WFP's school meals initiative in Karamoja. Today, WFP reaches 255,000 children in a region where local procurement from smallholder farmers is boosting the local economy. WFP is also promoting 'greener' school feeding through afforestation and installation of energy-efficient stoves in schools.

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Nutri-School Bus Initiative

Government, WFP Roll Out Campaign for **Nutrition and School Meals Awareness** Ministers Peace Regis Mutuuzo and Davinia Esther Anyakun flagged off the "Nutri-School Bus" during Karamoja Cultural Festival 2025, a mobile educational unit supported by WFP and its partners. The 14-day roadshow visited 19 primary schools with interactive sessions and is part of WFP's broader nutrition and school meals programmes in the Karamoja region.

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Government Launches Social Cash Transfers for Elderly Refugees

This collaborative effort involving the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), UNHCR, and the Ministry of Gender—with support from Ireland and WFP now provides elderly refugees in Lobule and Bidibidi with monthly stipends, promoting dignity, nutrition, and enabling women and girls' increased workforce participation through enhanced caregiving support.

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World Humanitarian Day Feature: Supporting Communities as I Once Was

WFP warehouse manager in Gulu Moses fled conflict as a child in the 1990s. This feature contrasted past assistance levels (20kg per person monthly) with current rations of just 3kg monthly, highlighting how funding cuts affect both operations and the personal stories of humanitarian workers.

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WFP and Government Complete Drought Preparedness Simulation in Karamoja

WFP Uganda and government partners conducted a groundbreaking anticipatory action simulation exercise in Karamoja from September 22-26, 2025, testing drought preparedness protocols to shift from reactive crisis response to proactive disaster management.

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