

## Food Distribution 2026 Lean Season Assistance (through WFP)

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, Deputy Head of Mission, Ms. Kaoru Yokotani handed over maize, pulses, vegetable oil and other essential items procured through the 2025 Food Assistance (through WFP) to vulnerable people suffering from food insecurity in Mberengwa District, Midlands Province.

In Zimbabwe, due to the impacts of climate change, the country frequently experiences severe impacts from droughts, floods, pests and other environmental challenges. On the Hunger Map compiled by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the proportion of the total population that is undernourished in Zimbabwe stands at 19.7% (the average from 2022 to 2024), placing it at the third most severe level out of six and indicating a high level of urgent need for food and nutrition assistance. Through this assistance, more than 83,000 vulnerable people will be able to overcome food insecurity during this lean season.

The food distribution was held at the WFP food distribution point in Ward 4 of Mberengwa District (Zvomukonde Secondary School), and was attended by the Deputy Head of Mission, Ms. Kaoru Yokotani; WFP Zimbabwe Deputy Representative, Mr. Billy Mwiinga; Deputy Director in charge of Social Development, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Mr. Totamirepi Tirivavi; Mberengwa District Development Coordinator, Mr. Vafias Hlabati; as well as approximately 300 residents of the same ward who gathered to receive the food.



Food being handed over



Remarks by Deputy Head Yokotani



Handing over of food to people  
by Deputy Head Yokotani



Checking the nutritional status of  
infants and young children



Distribution of food to people

