



JOINT PROGRAMME EXCELLENCE AND TARGETING HUB



About the Hub

In April 2020, the joint WFP-UNHCR Programme Excellence and Targeting Hub began activities aimed at bringing together the work of WFP and UNHCR in providing assistance and support to refugees. The Hub aims to facilitate **greater collaboration** between the two agencies at country, regional and global level in thematic areas, and to **build awareness** and support the **operationalization of UNHCR-WFP global frameworks**.

Hub support focuses on joint needs assessments, developing targeting strategies to enable the transition from status to needs-based assistance, data sharing and systems interoperability, strengthening accountability to affected populations, as well as developing joint strategies to promote refugee livelihoods and self-reliance.

The Hub is co-funded by two US government entities, USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, and the US Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM) with current funding until mid-2021.

Hub support countries to date



Following the receipt of joint Expressions of Interest, the Hub is now in the process of providing support in eight countries. In two countries, **Cameroon** and **Rwanda**, the Hub is providing a full range of thematic support, and in-country **Joint Coordinators** have been recruited for both operations.

In a further six countries, **Algeria**, the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, **Jordan**, **Mauritania**, **Mozambique**, and **Zambia** the Hub is providing modular technical support specific thematic areas. The Hub also supports joint global and regional technical initiatives.

Thematic areas of Hub support



Assessment and analysis



Targeting and prioritization



Joint programming



Accountability to affected populations



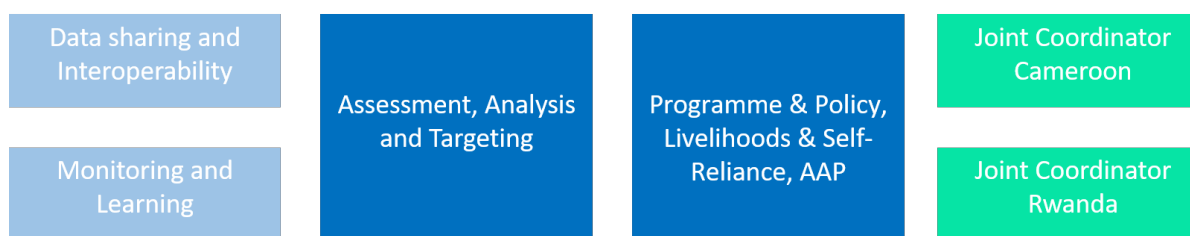
Livelihoods and self-reliance



Learning

The Hub team

The Hub staff are a team of jointly recruited roving experts who provide **technical support** in different **thematic areas** (shown below), with guidance from both UNHCR and WFP global and regional technical teams. The Hub team works remotely and are **deployable to support country operations** when possible (currently limited due to COVID restrictions). Cameroon and Rwanda have in-country coordinators supported by UNHCR and WFP technical teams in-country.



Hub thematic support in focus: Joint assessments, remote monitoring, and targeting support

The Hub has started providing technical support to UNHCR and WFP country offices on a number of **upcoming joint assessments** in **Cameroon, DRC, Mozambique, Rwanda, Mozambique** and **Zambia**. This includes support on the development of the assessment methodology, tools and data analysis.

The Hub is also providing targeting support and has set up a joint **UNHCR-WFP targeting task force in Cameroon**, currently analyzing existing data to inform a targeting strategy for CAR refugees. The Hub will also provide **joint targeting support** in **DRC** (for Burundian, CAR and South Sudanese refugees), and in **Jordan** (non-Syrian refugees), **Mauritania, Mozambique, Rwanda, and Zambia**.

The Hub is also facilitating the development of innovative tools and processes such as **joint remote monitoring collaboration in Cameroon** - to inform efforts in other countries.

UNHCR-WFP collaboration in response to COVID-19

UNHCR-WFP have been working together closely on COVID-19 response and preparedness, including collaboration on **emergency cash distributions** in operations such as Iraq, Lebanon, Mauritania and Uganda, **collaboration on vulnerability assessments** and **targeting** in countries such as Jordan, Libya, Mauritania, Turkey and Zambia.

In addition, the two agencies have been working on **social distancing, hand-washing measures** and **awareness raising** for distributions in countries such as Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda.

UNHCR and WFP have issued Joint Appeals for COVID-19 response in Tindouf, Algeria and conducted **joint emergency food distributions** for the COVID-19 response in Libya. For an example of cash collaboration on the COVID-19 response, see the short report on [UNHCR-WFP food and cash assistance in the context of COVID-19 in Mauritania](#).

Hub highlights: Resources for enhanced collaboration

The [UNHCR-WFP Joint Targeting Guidelines](#) were designed to support UNHCR and WFP country offices to jointly assess and adopt a people-centered, protection-focused, evidence-based approach to targeting in-kind and/or cash assistance to meet basic needs in a transparent, accountable and coherent manner. The Hub will co-facilitate an upcoming webinar for UNHCR and WFP staff on the guidelines in November 2020.

The new [e-learning section of the WFP VAM Resource Center](#) has training materials available to all partners, including UNHCR staff. This includes online trainings on **Food Security Assessment, Minimum Expenditure Baskets, and Data Management**. There will be forthcoming courses on **Essential Needs Assessments** and **Targeting and Prioritization**.

To get in touch with the Hub team, you can email us at

WFP.UNHCR.hub@wfp.org