

# State of the global AIDS epidemic

- 33 million people living with HIV
- 2.7 million newly infected last year  
(96% in low and middle income countries)
- 3 million on ART (31% of need)
- Africa: 7 million in need of ART  
(2.1 million receiving)
- High food prices affected clinic attendance  
and treatment adherence
- \$0.71/day for nutritional support (PLHIV & family)

# WFP's AIDS Response

## HQ

- Strengthen HIV/nutrition staff
- Forge new partnerships
- Roll-out training/guidance and M&E toolkit

## Field

- Country-specific programme support
- OMJ HIV team
  - Intensify specialist staff in hardest hit region
  - Reinforce WFP's activities with gov't, UNAIDS cosponsors & civil society
  - Help develop Global Fund and PEPFAR proposals that include food and nutrition support

# Challenges and Actions

- Develop new policy framework and paper that reflect changing epidemic and evolving response
- Work with govt's, UN and civil society partners to build capacity and support national responses
- Pursue new food products (R&D) to enhance nutritional impact for PLHIV in ART programmes

# Funding Constraints

- Despite massive global \$\$ increase for HIV, food and nutrition components remain under-funded
- Better advocacy with gov'ts to ensure that food and nutrition are included in national action plans
- Provide leadership and strengthen partnerships to ensure adequate nutritional response to epidemic
- Revisit how WFP funds programmes vis-a-vis quality of food basket and HIV programming

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