



WFP Cambodia Country Brief

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Operational Context

Cambodia has achieved remarkable economic growth in the last two decades. The poverty rate has decreased from 47.8 percent in 2007 to 13.5 percent in 2014. The Government is committed to be a middle-income country by 2030. However, a significant portion of the population remains 'near poor' and still at high risk of falling back into poverty at the slightest shock. Undernutrition remains a public health concern; 32 percent of children under 5 years suffer from stunting, 24 percent are underweight, and 10 percent wasted. Micronutrient deficiencies are widespread. Cambodia is highly vulnerable to natural disasters, with regular monsoon flooding in the Mekong and Tonle Sap basin and localised droughts in the plains. Limited access for the poor to education and health services and low levels of investment in public infrastructure further perpetuate food insecurity and undernutrition.

WFP has been present in Cambodia since 1979.



Population: **15.6 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **143 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **32% of children between 6-59 months**

Main Photo

Credit: WFP/Ratanak LENG
Caption: school children are having their breakfast before class in a WFP-supported school in Preah Vihear Province.

In Numbers

52 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$0.67m six months (May-October 2018) net funding requirements for representing 7 percent of total requirements

277,200 people assisted in April 2018



Operational Updates

- On 25-29 April, WFP provided Training for Trainers to officials of the Scholarship Department of Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport. Participants in the training were provided training on food storage, handling and preparation, including food safety and hygiene practice. The officials who received training will further provide the training to 18 education officials in Stung Treng province who are in charge of coordinating and facilitating home grown school meal activities in their coverage areas. The training is a part of WFP's long term commitments to ensure that foods are safely provided to school children. Capacity on programme implementation and management has been strengthened among partners at sub national level for sustainability of the programme.
- On 20-27 April, in Preah Vihear and Battambang provinces and with the support of WFP, the School Health Department of Ministry of Education Youth and Sport arranged a third cooking competition among the school meal programme's volunteer cooks. The competition aims to encourage volunteer cooks and to introduce them to the public for their contributions to the programme. The competition also raises awareness about school meal programme and provide cooks opportunities to explore and exchange ideas related to meals provision to school children. 72 candidates participated this year's competition.

WFP-school meal programme is working with 3000 school cooks, most of whom are female, who have volunteered to get up early in the morning and cook meals for 280,000 school children every school day. Communities have contributed some incentive to support volunteer cooks for their dedication to the programme.

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WFP Country Strategy		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	May - October Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)		
18.23 m	20.53 m⁽¹⁾	0.67 m
Strategic Result 1 : Everyone has access to food		
Strategic Outcome 1: Children in poor and least resilient areas have reliable access to adequate and appropriate food throughout the year Focus area: Root Causes		
14.52 m	16.97 m⁽²⁾	0.39 m
Strategic Result 4 : Food Systems are sustainable		
Strategic Outcome 2: Poor and vulnerable communities benefit from food systems that are more resilient and responsive to seasonal and long-term shocks and stresses. Focus area: Resilience		
2.23 m	1.86 m	0.02 m
Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs Focus area: Root Causes		
Strategic Outcome 3: National institutions strengthened for effective, coordinated and harmonised action towards ending all forms of malnutrition by 2030 Focus area: Root Causes		
0.40 m	0.22 m	0.08 m
Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs Focus area: Resilience		
Strategic Outcome 4: National and local governance institutions and social protection systems are better informed and strengthened toward improved services delivery by 2030. Focus area: Resilience		
1.15 m	0.74 m	0.17 m

(1)&(2). Including multi-year contribution from USDA and Japan

Challenges

- WFP and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport had a discussion on multi-year funding proposal submission to Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) for possible support on home grown school meal programme in the future. WFP plans to submit the proposal to KOICA's country office by the end of May.

WFP Cambodia's Activities

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- SO 1** Provide services delivery, policy and implementation support, technical assistance and evidence-base for acceleration of the implementation of the Government's Roadmap towards National School Feeding in 2021.
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- SO 2** Enhance community resilience by building climate sensitive assets and integrating climate change and disaster risk reduction into local government development planning.
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- SO 3** Provide technical support to the national SUN network to ensure that national action for nutrition is based on effective knowledge management and stakeholder engagement.
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- SO 4** Provide technical assistance to national, subnational government institutions to strengthen integrated knowledge and information management systems, to facilitate evidence based, responsive and shock resistant social sector, social protection and emergency response mechanisms.

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