



# In Numbers

**USD 0.1 m** six months (March-August 2018) net funding requirements, representing 45% of total

**0 People assisted** in February 2018



## WFP Sao Tomé and Príncipe Country Brief

February 2018

### Operational Context

In 2015, the country benefited from strong cacao production, and GDP has grown by 4-5 percent in recent years. However, more than 60 percent of the population was estimated to be living below the national poverty line of USD 1.70 per person per day (more than 40 percent live on less than USD 1.25). The mortality rate for children aged 6-59 months was high, at 51 per thousand. Central to poverty reduction strategy is education, where WFP assistance is concentrated.

With Sao Tome, heavily dependent on food imports, food availability is unpredictable: there is no deep-sea port; in bad weather, landing is difficult on the country's one short airstrip. No cereals are cultivated on the island. The country is prone to natural disasters such as floods and landslides, which negatively affect crops and road access as well as destroy houses and household assets.

WFP has been present in Sao Tome and Principe since 1976.



Population: **178,739**

2016 Human Development Index: **142 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **51% of children between 6-59 months**

### Operational Updates

- WFP continues to support capacity-strengthening initiatives, working with the Government to train staff from PNASE and key ministries and departments. WFP provides technical assistance to the PNASE personnel to manage its own school meals programme through ongoing implementation of activities identified and recommended by SABER workshop and decentralized evaluation in 2016.
- A meeting was held with FAO to brainstorm potential ways of creating synergies. The two RBAs are developing a joint proposal to reduce post-harvest losses for the smallholder farmers in Sao Tome and Principe.
- The second Advisory Board meeting with all relevant stakeholders was organized to discuss the second draft of the ZHSR.
- The country office continues to do the advocacy for potential donors to provide financial assistance to the national school meals programme and the Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan.
- A meeting was held with the National Institute Gender Promoting (INPG), to continue the campaign against gender-based violence, and advocacy for gender equality. Indicators suggest a strong improvement in the area during the development project implementation.

Main Photo

Credit: WFP/Andreia Fausto  
Caption: Second Advisory Board meeting with Government support by WFP

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## WFP Country Strategy

Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
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### S. Tome and Principe- - Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (Jan 2018- Feb 2019)

0.3 m	0	0.1 m
Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement SDGs.		
Strategic Outcome 1: The Government of Sao Tomé and Príncipe has enhanced capacity to implement food security and nutrition focused safety nets nationwide. <i>Focus area : Root causes</i>		
0 m	0 m	0 m
Strategic Result 1: N/A		
Strategic Outcome 2: N/A		
0 m	0 m	0 m
Strategic Result 3: N/A		
Strategic Outcome 2: N/A		
0 m	0 m	0 m
Strategic Result 4: N/A		
Strategic Outcome 3: N/A		

## Monitoring

- WFP's financial support for PNASE, to be continued in 2018, provides technical support, including the acquisition of a software for integrated management, and monitoring of the school meals programme.

## Challenges

- Funds availability and resources mobilization for T-ICSP implementation, including Government as a donor.

## Partnerships

- The Ministry of Education remains the main cooperating partner for WFP.
- WFP is also partnering with local and international NGOs.

## WFP Country Activities

**SO 1** Provide technical assistance to the Government to design, finance and manage its national home-grown school meals programme.

**SO 2** Provide targeted technical assistance for hunger-focused cost analysis and evidence generation for improved programme.



## Donors

Multilateral, Australia, Brazil, Sao Tome & Principe