This Country Strategic Plan shares the Government’s vision of “a prosperous country, with a healthy population, free from food insecurity, malnutrition and poverty”.

It demonstrates WFP’s strategic direction for strengthened national and local capacities to enable the Government and communities to own, manage and implement food and nutrition security programmes by 2030.

**COUNTRY CONTEXT**

Laos PDR is one of the fastest growing economies in the region with GDP growth of about 7%. It has reduced the proportion of hungry poor people from 33% to 23% over the past decade. However, the country faces challenges:

**CHALLENGES FACED:**
- Poverty
- Lack of basic health care
- Low levels of education
- Poor sanitary conditions
- Low agricultural productivity
- Gender norms, beliefs, traditions
- Availability of land
- Disease
- Geographic isolation
- Poor access to water
- Volatile farmgate prices

**GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX**
- Serious

**POP. BELOW POVERTY LINE**
- Approx. 30% - US$ 1.25 per day

**STUNTING AFFECTING**
- Boys 37.6% | 33.6% Girls

**VULNERABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

**PARTNERSHIP APPROACH**

As a trusted partner, WFP will leverage its long-term relationship with the Government to achieve maximum impact towards a shared vision for 2030, together with the ministries of planning and investment, agriculture and forestry, education and sport, health, labour and social welfare, and natural resources and environment.

**STRATEGIC GOALS AND OUTCOMES**

The Country Strategic Plan addresses the challenges and implements the priority actions from the Strategic Review. WFP will continue providing food assistance in the short term whilst strengthening national and local capacities and investing in sustainable food and nutrition security programmes to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030.

- Provide schoolchildren sustainable access to food
- Reduce stunting rates among children under 2
- Build more shock resilient households
- Strengthen local and national governance