

Achieving Zero Hunger

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WFP leads the response to hunger and malnutrition

As laid out in the post 2015 agenda, the global community is moving towards ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all. It is doing so within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals – a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative goals and targets.

WFP is leading the response to Sustainable Development Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture. It does this through its humanitarian response in emergency situations, and as a development partner in middle-income countries.

A voluntarily funded member of the United Nations family, globally, WFP assists 80 million people in around 80 countries each year. WFP is committed to leaving no one behind, and to reaching those furthest behind first.

In India, being a middle-income country, WFP supports the government with country capacity strengthening and technical assistance to achieve food and nutrition security.

Following action under Sustainable Development Goal 17, WFP endeavors to build inclusive partnerships to address the challenge of food and nutrition security. In India we partner with the government, private sector and UN agencies.

On any given day, WFP has

**5,000
TRUCKS**



**20
SHIPS**



&

**70
PLANES**



on the move, delivering food and other assistance to those in most need.

The global face of food and nutrition insecurity

815 MILLION
HUNGRY PEOPLE
in the world or around
ONE person out of every **NINE**



Malnutrition affects **ONE** in
THREE people on the planet



HUNGER costs as much as
5 PERCENT of global GDP due to lost
productivity and direct health care costs



Malnutrition in **CHILDREN** under 5 years



155
MILLION
STUNTED



52
MILLION
WASTED



41
MILLION
OVERWEIGHT

Nearly half of all deaths in children
under the **AGE** of **FIVE** are attributable
to **UNDERNUTRITION**





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The Indian landscape



800 million
people covered by Targeted
Public Distribution System



100.3 million
children covered by Mid-Day
Meal Programme



98.3 million
mothers & children covered
by Integrated Child
Development Services



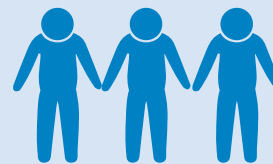
Population:
1.31 billion

(Source: World Bank-World Development
Report, 2015)



Global Hunger Index:
97 (out of 118 countries)

(Source: International Food Policy Research
Institute, 2016)

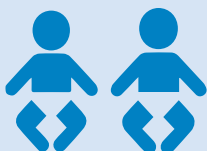


**Percentage of undernourished
population (people consuming
below the minimum level of dietary
energy requirement)**

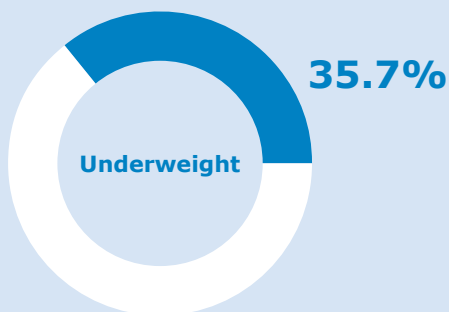
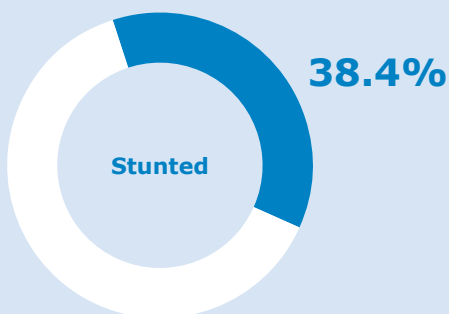
**14.5% = 190.7 million
(2014-16)**

(Source: Food and Agriculture Organization, The
State of Food Insecurity in the World, 2017)

In the last two decades India has recorded remarkable economic growth. It is the ninth fastest growing nation of the world. Self-sufficient in cereal production, India is one of the world's largest producers of wheat and rice. The country is also home to the world's largest food-based social safety nets. However, economic growth and development has been uneven. Malnutrition remains a challenge for India.



Percentage of children under 5 years who are:



(Source: National Family Health Survey - 4, 2015-16)



Prevalence of anaemia among:



58.4%
children aged 6-59 months old (Haemoglobin <11g/dL)



53%
women aged 15-49 (Haemoglobin <12g/dL)



22.7%
men aged 15-49 (Haemoglobin <13g/dL)

(Source: National Family Health Survey - 4, 2015-16)

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WFP is a technical partner to the Government of India, working towards food and nutrition security. We support government food-based social safety nets like the Targeted Public Distribution System covering 67 percent of the population, the Mid-Day Meal Programme in schools, and the Integrated Child Development Services for pregnant and new mothers, and children under six.

The overall aim is to help the government push the needle on food security through efficient, accountable and streamlined systems for food access and delivery, as well as increasing the nutritional impact of government programmes.

We work at the central government level, supporting policy reform, strategy and evidence-based advocacy. We also work through a pilot project approach at the state level.

Our expertise lie in social protection and safety nets, supply chain management, nutrition, and vulnerability assessments and monitoring.

Our efforts are geared towards ensuring that every man, woman and child has access to adequate and nutritious food needed for an active and healthy life.

How we work in India

In India, WFP engages through a multi-year Country Strategic Plan which is in-line with national priorities. We work along the following four strategic pillars:



Supporting government strengthen its food-based social safety nets in an effort to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the National Food Security Act.



Supporting government strengthen nutrition in its food-based social safety nets.



Supporting the establishment of an effective system of food and nutrition security analysis, research and monitoring performance towards Zero Hunger.



Supporting mechanisms for South-South Collaboration in partnership with the Government of India, to share India specific best practices globally.

Recognizing the pivotal role played by women – as mothers, providers of food and nutrition to their families, and breadwinners, WFP is mainstreaming a gender component into its programme.



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WFP – a valued partner



With world class expertise, extensive experience in the field, and a deep understanding of the Indian context, WFP contributes towards achieving food and nutrition security in India. Partnerships are central to our work and drive all programmes, policies and activities at WFP.

In India, WFP has collaborative relationships with the government, private sector, NGOs, United Nations agencies, international and regional organizations, academia and think tanks. It is through these robust partnerships that WFP promotes corporation, coordinates policy, and fosters innovation to equip the nation to ensure access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food for all people all year round.

Working with communities



“The nutrition we are getting through the powder (micronutrient powder) will make us stronger and better at our studies.”

Seven-year-old Rani Raula from Dhenkanal, Odisha who receives WFP supported fortified food through the Government’s Mid-Day Meal programme.

“If I can get basic food at subsidised rates, I will be able to save some money. The savings will take care of my other expenses like medical bills.”

Sushmita from Odisha where WFP is supporting the Government transform the Targeted Public Distribution System to ensure that the rightful beneficiaries are able to access their entitlements.



“I have represented my school at many national wrestling competitions. I understand the importance of good nutrition, and if I want to do well in my sport I need to be strong.”

Twelve-year-old Anil Moharan from Dhenakanal, Odisha who enjoys his fortified Mid-Day Meal at school. WFP supports fortification of food served through the Government’s Mid-Day Meal programme.

“We rely heavily on the rice we get from the Fair Price Shop. If we did not have access to it, we would have to buy it from the open market which we can ill afford.”

Ghansiani Sethi from Ambadal, Odisha where WFP is supporting the Government transform the Targeted Public Distribution System to ensure transparency, accountability and efficiency.





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