

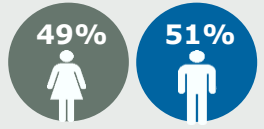


In Numbers

27 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 0 m through to the end of 2018 (June – December 2018)

26,575 people assisted in MAY 2018



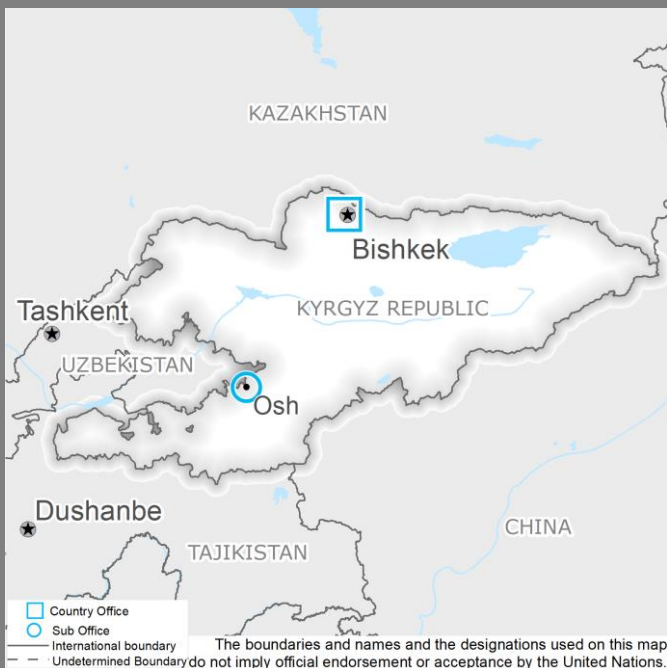
WFP Kyrgyz Republic Country Brief

May 2018

Operational Context

Two-thirds of the Kyrgyz Republic's multi-ethnic population live in rural areas, which are the poorest areas, and quarter of the population live below the national poverty line of USD 1.3 per day. As of 2016, GDP per capita stands at USD 1,077.

The country's high dependency on the import of basic food items, particularly wheat, continues to negatively affect the most vulnerable food insecure households, who spend over half of their household income on food. Poor food diversification can lead to malnutrition; 12.9 percent of children under 5 suffer from stunting and 43 percent suffer from anaemia.



Population: **6.1 million**

2016 Human Development Index: **120 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

2015 Gender Inequality Index: **90 out of 159**

Operational Updates

- In May 2018, WFP jointly with Mercy Corps conducted a two-day workshop for the regional staff of the Ministry of Education and Sciences, and the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, including 60 newly appointed focal points from both ministries, as a part of school meals handover process of first five rounds of schools. During the Training-of-Trainers, 113 participants were given information on the programme, trained on effective monitoring, and follow up the different components of the programme. In addition, a session on nutrition was provided.
- Between 15-16 May 2018, WFP staff participated in the first joint coordination meeting of the Peacebuilding Fund "Cross-border cooperation for sustainable peace and development" project, held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Further to scheduled activities, the participants discussed communication strategy and M&E plan of the project and further improvement of interagency cooperation.
- Following a UN Country Team (UNCT) meeting in Jalal-Abad province administration, WFP organised an oversight mission for the heads of the UN Agencies between 15-16 May. There, a number of WFP projects, including school meals optimisation, rural infrastructure improvement, and income generation were visited.
- On 25 May 2018, WFP facilitated an oversight mission for the Council General of the Russian Federation in Osh, led by Mr. Roman Svistin, to the project sites in Aravan district. The Council General was accompanied by Deputy Head of the district administration and the Head of district departments for the Ministry of Labour and Social Development. The representatives visited various WFP income generating activities, as well as a pilot school cultivating a vegetable garden.

Main Photo

Credit: WFP, Ms. Olga Niiazalieva
Caption: School children in Novopokrovka school of Chuy province

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Kyrgyz Republic Country Strategy Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Seven Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
59 m	17.6 m	0

* June 2018 – December 2018

WFP Country Activities

- SO 1** Provide school meals to primary school-aged children and strengthen the capacity of government institutions and schools to implement school meals
- SO 2** Provide support in productive assets creation to vulnerable communities and food insecure smallholders
- SO 3** Provide capacity strengthening to food insecure smallholders
- SO 3** Provide capacity strengthening to local community members and authorities
- SO 3** Provide support for protective and risk reduction assets creation and rehabilitation to communities vulnerable to climate-change and natural disasters
- SO 4** Provide capacity strengthening to national institutions
- SO 4** Provide evidence-based analysis to relevant national institutions

Challenges

- The Kyrgyz Republic faces severe micro-nutritional deficiencies, in part due to low quality of food and poor dietary diversification, contributing to high levels of anaemia. Anaemia is prevalent in 43 percent of children and 35 percent of girls and women of reproductive age 15 to 49. Moreover, 13 percent of children aged 24 to 59 months suffer from chronic malnutrition (stunting), as a result of the inadequate consumption of nutritious food in the Kyrgyz Republic (National Statistics Committee Demographic Health Survey, 2012). WFP is working to tackle problems related to Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) through a combination of efforts, including strengthening government capacity in FSN management, raising awareness in vulnerable communities and implementing nutrition sensitive approach for WFP programming.

Monitoring

- Under the Country Strategic Plan (CSP): In May, 559 field monitoring visits to schools were conducted under Outcome 1 in order to assess the progress of implementation and provide coaching to project stakeholders (94 percent of the monthly plan). Under the CSP: Outcome 2 and 3, 137 sub-districts were visited to monitor project implementation process.

- WFP Kyrgyz Republic is working on expanding the use of mobile data collection through WFP's corporate Mobile Data Collection and Analysis (MDCA) tool. This will include all progress monitoring and reporting systems, serving as the key data provider on the planned and actual activity results. Under CSP: Outcome 2 and 3, more than 300 households were randomly visited to check for beneficiary targeting criteria errors, prior the start of field activity implementation. All households assessed were verified as meeting the criteria, spending more than 60 percent of their household budget on food, due to limited assets.
- WFP's beneficiary hotline is fully operational and incoming feedback is regularly tracked by M&E unit. During May 2018, no high-risk issues were reported through monitoring visits or WFP's hotline.

Partnerships

- WFP's activities are implemented in collaboration with the Ministries of Education and Science; Health; Labour and Social Development; Emergency Situations; Agriculture; the State Agency for Environment Protection and Forestry; the Vocational Education Agency; the National Statistics Committee; and National Institute of Strategic Studies, and Bishkek City Administration.
- WFP, in partnership with FAO and UNICEF, co-chairs the Agriculture and Rural Development Food Security and Nutrition working groups of the Development Partners' Coordination Council (DPCC). WFP, FAO and UNICEF have been assisting the Government in developing a national food security and nutrition programme, and are working together in the Scaling-up Nutrition (SUN) movement.
- Starting from 2018, WFP, FAO and UNDP co-chair a working group on Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management in the Kyrgyz Republic.
- In May 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan informed about USD 600,000 contribution for third phase of Enhancing the role of women in the rural economy in the Kyrgyz Republic. Japan requested WFP to maximize the local visibility and publicity of this donation.

Donors

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