



# WFP Cambodia Country Brief

June 2018

## In Numbers

**817 mt** of food distributed

**US\$1.06m** six months (July-December 2018) net funding requirements

**281,500 people** assisted in June 2018



### 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 reaching middle-income country status 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**

### Operational Updates

11-13 June: WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, organized a consultation workshop on school meal programme with various participants from different ministries, development partners, experts and sub-national authorities. The workshop explored global, regional, and local lessons learned on the implementation of school meals and homegrown school meals programmes. The workshop provided important information and recommendations to support the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport to prepare an action plan, including the review of key strategic direction and institutional mechanisms to realize an effective transition from WFP management to a sustainable national school meal programme. According to the signed Road Map between WFP and the Government, the Royal Government of Cambodia aims to lead the full implementation and coordination of the school meal programme by 2021.

March-June: WFP arranged community school nutrition day in 585 schools in three provinces to raise nutrition awareness and dietary diversity among schoolchildren, communities, local authorities and schools. Relevant reading materials such as flyers, posters, and brochures were distributed and discussed among participants including parents, teachers, cooks, caretakers, school children and local authorities to improve their knowledge and practice on nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, vegetable gardening and fortified foods. School nutrition day also aims to encourage participation of communities to support school activities, particularly the school meals programme.

#### Main Photo

Credit: WFP/Ratanak LENG  
Caption: WFP and NGOs partners have organized school nutrition day in 585 schools from March to June. Such an important community event helps to raise community's awareness on nutrition and encourage their participation to support school meal programme.

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## WFP Cambodia Strategy

Total Requirement 2018 (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions in 2018 (in USD)	July-December Net Funding Requirement (in USD)
<b>Country Strategic Plan 2018</b>		
<b>22.48 m</b>	<b>16.90 m</b>	<b>1.06 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 1:</b> <i>Everyone has access to food</i>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 1:</b> Children in poor and least resilient areas have reliable access to adequate and appropriate food throughout the year Focus area: Root Causes		
<b>18.65 m</b>	<b>12.55 m</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Strategic Result 4:</b> Food Systems are sustainable		
<b>Strategic Outcome 2:</b> Poor and vulnerable communes benefit from food systems that are more resilient and responsive to seasonal and long-term shocks and stresses. Focus area: Resilience		
<b>1.97 m</b>	<b>1.57 m</b>	<b>0.45 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 5:</b> Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs Focus area: Root Causes		
<b>Strategic Outcome 3:</b> National institutions strengthened for effective, coordinated and harmonised action towards ending all forms of malnutrition by 2030 Focus area: Root Causes		
<b>0.40 m</b>	<b>0.20 m</b>	<b>0.17 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 5:</b> Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs Focus area: Resilience		
<b>Strategic Outcome 4:</b> National and local governance institutions and social protection systems are better Informed and strengthened toward improved services delivery by 2030. Focus area: Resilience		
<b>1.23 m</b>	<b>0.67 m</b>	<b>0.41 m</b>

## WFP Cambodia's Activities

- 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.
- SO 2** Enhance community resilience by building climate sensitive assets and integrating climate change and disaster risk reduction into local government development planning.
- 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.
- 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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