



# WFP Sao Tomé and Príncipe Country Brief

June 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. WFP assistance is focused on education, which is central to the poverty reduction strategy.

With Sao Tome, heavily dependent on food imports, food availability is unpredictable: there is no deep-sea port and, in bad weather, landing is difficult on the country's one short airstrip. In Addition, 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**

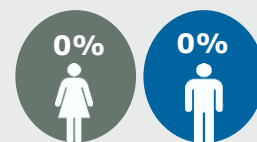
Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

## In Numbers

**US\$ 0.1 m** five months (July-August 2018) net funding requirements, representing 45% of total

**0 m people assisted** in June 2018



\* WFP assistance is focused on capacity strengthening of PNAE to support the government-owned school meals programme.

## Operational Updates

- WFP STP took part in a conference convened on 4 June 2018 with the President of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and other development partners in Sao Tome and Principe. The AfDB President presented opportunities for the Bank in STP. Each participating agency shared information about its activities in the country before highlighting partnership opportunities.
- The country office attended the official inauguration ceremony of the Photovoltaic Solar System of the UN House in Sao Tome on 5 June 2018. WFP is involved in this innovative project that was designed to reduce the consumption of non-renewable energies and pollution in STP, and to stimulate the consumption of the environmental friendly resources.
- From 24 to 26 June 2018, the country office welcomed the WFP regional director, M. Abdou Dieng. Together with the country director, they paid courtesy visits and held meetings with the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, the President of the National Assembly, members of the Government and other development partners.
- After meeting with the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister who expressed their interest in continuing to benefit from WFP technical assistance, WFP took the decision to continue the approval process of the STP Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023. The Government committed to provide USD 1 million to support the school meals programme.
- On 26 June, the country office organized a staff retreat to review the 2018 mid-year annual performance plan and to conduct the 2018 mid-year evaluation of the Minimum Preparedness Actions (MPAs) and key performance indicators (KPI) for the country.

WFP Country Strategy		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>S. Tome and Principe- - Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (Jan 2018- Feb 2019)</b>		
<b>0.3 m</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.1 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 5:</b> Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement SDGs.		
<b>Strategic Outcome 1:</b> The Government of Sao Tomé and Principe has enhanced capacity to implement food security and nutrition focused safety nets nationwide. <i>Focus area: Root causes</i>		
<b>0 m</b>	<b>0 m</b>	<b>0 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 1: N/A</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 2: N/A</b>		
<b>0 m</b>	<b>0 m</b>	<b>0 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 3: N/A</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 2: N/A</b>		
<b>0 m</b>	<b>0 m</b>	<b>0 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 4: N/A</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 3: N/A</b>		

## Monitoring

- The process of the acquisition of a software for integrated management, and monitoring of the school meals programme is ongoing.

## Challenges

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

## Partnerships

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

## WFP Country Activities

<b>SO 1</b>	Provide technical assistance to the Government to design, finance and manage its national home-grown school meals programme.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide financial support to PNASE for acquisition of a software for the integrated management of the school meals programme.</li> <li>Support the strengthening of a communication programme for development (C4D) centred on school meals.</li> </ul>
<b>SO 2</b>	Provide targeted technical assistance for hunger-focused cost analysis and evidence generation for improved programme.

## Donors

Multilateral, Australia, Brazil, Sao Tome & Principe

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