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Operational Context

Pakistan is making significant investments to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and its national development programme – Vision 2025. However, high levels of malnutrition, frequent natural disasters, political instability and a volatile security climate in parts of the country are challenges that continue to obstruct socio-economic progress.

WFP Pakistan's Country Strategic Plan seeks to support this progress. Alongside the provision of critically needed relief and nutrition support to vulnerable population groups, WFP assistance in the country aims to complement the Government's efforts in enhancing food and nutrition security among vulnerable populations and provides technical support in developing relevant national strategies. WFP Pakistan's work encompasses community resilience building, disaster risk management and preparedness elements for sustainability and national ownership.

WFP has been present in Pakistan since 1968.



Population (2017 census):
207.7 million

2016 Human Development Index:
147 out of 188

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **44% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

2,063 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$124,000 cash based transfers made

US\$20.5 m six months (August-Jan 2019) net funding requirements

249,000 people assisted
in June 2018



Operational Updates

- After the merger of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas into the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province, WFP received formal endorsement of its education support activities in the region from the Director of Education and Secretary of Social Sector Development. The programme is now awaiting endorsement from the Additional Chief Secretary KP. These education support interventions target all primary and girls secondary schools in all newly merged districts in KP.
- Pakistan is one of the four pilot countries of the WFP-IFRC (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) National Society Capacity Strengthening Initiative. The pilots will test how WFP and IFRC can work together to build strong, sustainable National Societies. Under this initiative, WFP Pakistan supported the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in conducting a pre-disaster cash-transfer programme baseline, including market assessments.
- After a series of meetings with the country strategic team of the Food and Agriculture Organization in Pakistan, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being finalized. Under this MoU both organizations seek to work together on strategic and operational interventions in common thematic areas in different tribal districts of former FATA. The areas of collaboration include outcome formulation, programme formulation, food security assessments, capacity development, resilience initiatives, and emergency preparedness and response operations.
- The Government of Balochistan and WFP has prepared a Multi-sectoral Nutrition project, under which the Government of Balochistan has agreed to fund WFP's stunting prevention intervention in District Pishin in 2018-9.
- The Provincial Government of KP has pledged USD 600,000 to resource WFP's Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) intervention in districts Shangla and Kohistan for two years. Release of funds is in the pipeline, and the Government has pledged the release of the first tranche amounting to PKR 34 million (USD 280,000) by September 2018.

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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
447.5 m	77.3 m	20.5 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Affected populations in Pakistan have timely access to adequate food and nutrition during and in the aftermath of natural disasters and shocks (SDG 2.1).

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food
- Asset creation and livelihood support activities.

Strategic Outcome 2: The social protection system at the federal and provincial levels provides the populations most in need, especially women, adolescent girls and children, with improved and sustained access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food by 2022.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities
- School meal activities.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: The entire population of Pakistan, especially children under 5, adolescent girls and women of reproductive age, has improved nutrition in line with national targets for 2025.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Malnutrition prevention activities
- Enhanced social and public-sector capacity to identify, target and assist nutritionally vulnerable populations

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Communities in disaster prone districts have more resilient food systems and development gains are better protected by disaster risk management systems at all levels by 2022.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Climate adaptation and risk management activities.
- Emergency preparedness activities

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs (SDG target 17.9)

Strategic Outcome 5: Federal and provincial systems have strengthened capabilities to provide food security and essential services by 2022.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities.



Operational Updates (continued)

- The WFP-ECHO partnership for the implementation of the CMAM Surge programme in district Umerkot, Sindh has been extended until 2020. ECHO has also allocated an additional EUR 2 million to this programme to ensure uninterrupted programme implementation. Concurrently, WFP has also finalized a non-budgetary agreement for partnership with People Primary Health care Initiative (PPHI). According to the agreement, PPHI will assist WFP in establishing the CMAM Surge model in district Umerkot. WFP in collaboration with the Nutrition Support Program and Government Health Department of Sindh, conducted a CMAM training course for Government health professionals who will be directly involved in establishment of CMAM Surge model in the district.
- Formulation of provincial fortification strategies is underway in all provinces of Pakistan. WFP is providing the relevant line departments, technical support for the formulation of these strategy documents. The Punjab fortification strategy has already been launched and endorsed by the Government and other stakeholders. Other provinces are in process of reviewing their strategies with all stakeholder and the endorsed documents are due to be launched in August 2018.
- Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Government has agreed to support the CMAM programme in districts Shangla and Kohistan. WFP will provide technical assistance for the capacity development of Government for the implementation of programme in KP.
- Under the umbrella of the National Fortification Alliance (NFA), WFP and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) supported a consultative workshop on a national management information system to collect and manage data on fortification of all food items countrywide.
- WFP is providing technical and supply chain assistance to the Directorate of Malaria Control, Ministry of Health Services, Regulation and Coordination, Government of Pakistan (DOMC) in order to assist their efforts to control Malaria in Pakistan. The Global Fund to fight against Tuberculosis, AIDS and Malaria has funded this initiative, and it is implemented in coordination with The Indus Hospital and the World Health Organization. Under this project, WFP will distribute 3.1 million Long Last Insecticide Treated Nets (LLINs) to a million households across 10 districts and two tribal districts of Pakistan. Warehouse assessments and hiring of staff has been completed, and the training of staff is currently underway.

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