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GENDER MARKER **2A** T-ICSP

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.

Sao Tome is heavily dependent on food imports, and the 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 assistance is focused on education, which is central to the poverty reduction strategy. WFP technical assistance to the school meals programme affects over 45,000 children (around 25 percent of total population) attending schools. WFP has been present in Sao Tome and Principe since 1976.



Population: **178,739**

2015 Human Development Index: **142 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

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Caption: CONSAN-STP 1st workshop chaired by the Prime Minister.

WFP Country Strategy

Transitional-Interim Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
0.3 m	0 m	0.1 m

*August 2018 – January 2019

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 1: Provide technical assistance to the Government to design, finance and manage its national home-grown school meals programme.

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Provide financial support to PNASÉ for acquisition of a software for the integrated management of the school meals programme.
- Support the strengthening of a communication programme for development (C4D) centred on school meals.

Strategic Outcome 2: Provide targeted technical assistance for hunger-focused cost analysis and evidence generation for improved programme.

Focus area: Root causes

Operational Updates

- WFP in Sao Tome and Principe initiated, supported and funded the first workshop organized by the National Food Security and Nutrition Council on 5 July 2018. The event was chaired by the Prime Minister of Sao Tome and Principe and aimed at finding a national intervention strategy and actions in the area of food security and nutrition.
- Within the framework of the elaboration of the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2019-2024, the following technical missions were undertaken:
 - 8 to 14 July: scooping mission combined with technical support for the school meals programme;
 - 8 to 12 July: Supply Chain Gap Assessment for Capacity Strengthening engagement into CSP;
 - 26 July to 2 August: technical support mission for the smallholder market access.
- The S-PRP to review the concept note for STP took place on 26 July, resulting in the recommendation to revise the concept note for another S-PRP at a later date.

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 PNASÉ remains the main cooperating partner for WFP in addition to other local and international NGOs.