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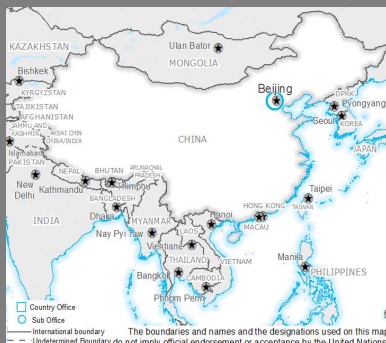
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Operational Context

China attained all of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) ahead of the 2015 target, including reducing the number of hungry people by more than half. Since the initiation of reforms in 1978, China has lifted more than 800 million people out of poverty. Despite this impressive progress, China faces challenges in reducing residual poverty, inequality and malnutrition. There are still 30.45 million people in China living below the national poverty line. The Chinese government has set the ambitious goals of eliminating absolute poverty and substantially reducing relative poverty in China by 2020 and reducing stunting levels in children under 5 to 7%.

WFP has been present in China since 1979. Following the phase out of operations in 2005, WFP maintained a liaison office in Beijing until 2016. Recognising China's expertise in ending hunger and poverty, WFP and China entered a new era of partnership in 2016, including the establishment of the WFP China Centre of Excellence. In March 2017, the WFP China Country Strategic Plan 2017-2021 was launched. This 5-year plan focusses on three interrelated pillars: sharing China's expertise through South-South and Triangular Cooperation; Innovative small-scale demonstration projects inside China; and Resource Mobilization.



Population: **1.3 billion**

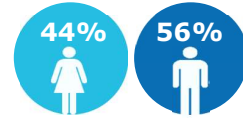
2015 Human Development Index: **90 out of 188**

Income Level: **Upper middle income**

Stunting: **8.1% of children under the age of 5**

In Numbers

1,559 preschool children (691 girls, 868 boys) are provided with free lunch with WFP funding support.



Operational Updates

- On 4 September, Mr. Stanlake Samkange, Senior Director for Strategic Coordination and Support from the WFP Headquarters, attended the 2018 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing. The summit issued the Beijing Declaration – Toward an Even Stronger China-Africa Community with a Shared Future. The FOCAC Beijing Action Plan (2019-2021) was also adopted at the summit to confirm that China and Africa will cooperate on the implementation of the eight major initiatives.
- September is the start of a new school year in China. WFP nutrition improvement programme in Hunan Province officially started meal provision for the registered 1,559 preschool children who will receive nutritional lunch at the cost of 4 RMB (approximately USD 0.58) per meal for 200 school days per year. Standard kitchen facilities and equipment were procured for the pilot schools.
- A professional pro-poor cooperative for Kiwi production in Meishan Town, Jinzhai County has been established absorbing 150 poor smallholder farm households. A total of 300 mu of kiwi production bases will be centralized through land transfer from individual farm households for standardized scale operation.
- A mission led by Dr. Sixi Qu, Country Director of WFP China, took a technical study on food processing and fortification in Jiangsu and Zhejiang Provinces, China during 16-19 September 2018. The mission, composed of WFP China and one nutrition expert from Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, visited the processing plants and technical providers to collect first-hand information about the solution for South-South Cooperation from provider perspective. The mission findings will support the WFP China Centre of Excellence's South-South Cooperation engagement in area of food processing and fortification. The mission also served as an internal technical review to support the preparation for a training workshop on Food Processing and Rice Fortification in late October.

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Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
29,136,414	4,510,210	2,594,549

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition.

Strategic Outcome 1: Malnutrition rates among children in targeted “poverty counties” reduced in line with national norms by 2020.

Focus area: *Root causes.*

Activities:

- Activity 1: Provide advice and technical assistance for extending nutrition programmes to hard-to-reach areas.

Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition.

Strategic Outcome 2: Year-round livelihoods among smallholder farmers in frequent need of food assistance in areas such as Anhui, Gansu, Guangxi, Hainan and Hunan provinces are enhanced.

Focus area: *Root causes.*

Activities:

- Activity 2: Advice on and assistance in integrating into national food supply chains.

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable.

Strategic Outcome 3: Populations regularly affected by natural disasters in Anhui, Gansu and Guangxi provinces and other poor disaster-prone areas better able to withstand and respond to shocks all year round.

Focus area: *Resilience-building.*

Activities:

- Activity 3: Advice on and assistance in strengthening response mechanisms for shocks –supply chain interventions asset creation in drought-affected areas and insurance systems.

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs.

Strategic Outcome 4: Selected developing countries assisted in enhancing food security and nutrition in line with their prioritized SDG2 targets by 2030.

Focus area: *Root causes.*

Activities:

- Activity 4: Provide government with expert advice and policy support on food security and nutrition issues.
- Activity 5: Knowledge-sharing through study-tours training technology transfer and online exchange platforms
- Activity 6: Foster leadership among a new generation of smallholder farmers.

Strategic Result 7: Developing countries access a range of financial resources for development investment.

Strategic Outcome 5: Work to enhance food security and nutrition in targeted “poverty counties” and selected developing countries supported year-round by increased private-sector resources and public-private partnerships

Focus area: *Root Causes.*

Activities:

- Activity 7: Development and formalization of partnerships.
- Activity 8: Facilitation of enhanced support from the Chinese Government.

Monitoring

- The baseline survey for the Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project was conducted during 5-19 September by the IFPRI led Evaluation Team. The main methodology of the survey is a questionnaire targeted to children, caregivers, teachers, cooks and farmers. Children in both treatment and control groups also received physical examinations (height, weight and haemoglobin test) as well as cognition test using Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence-IV (WPPSI-IV). The data collected will be analysed and a baseline report will be formed that will be the key benchmark to compare the potential changes of key indicators before and after the intervention.

Partnerships

- A Letter of Intent was signed between WFP China, Teck Resources Limited and the Government of Gansu signalling the joint intentions to develop a partnership in support of zinc-rich potatoes in Gansu Province. The signing ceremony was witnessed by the Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Mr. QU Dongyu.
- On 5 September, Mr. Stanlake Samkange participated in the 2018 XIN Philanthropy Conference in Hangzhou organised by Alibaba and delivered a speech on youth engagement in philanthropy. A follow-up meeting with Mr SUN Lijun, Partner of Alibaba, was arranged to further discuss the potential cooperation between Alibaba and WFP on online fundraising, technical collaboration, South-South Cooperation, etc.
- Mr. Muhannad Hadi, WFP Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa, Central Asian and Eastern Europe visited Beijing. The Regional Director met with Dr. Tang Shengyao, Deputy Director General of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and Mr. Yan Dong, Director General of China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE).
- 18-22 September, WFP attended the 2018 Alibaba Computing Conference and discussed the cooperation with Alibaba at the technical level. Jonathan Rivers and Rogerio Bonifacio from WFP Headquarters attended the meeting and had bilateral meetings with AliCloud’s technical and CSR teams on digitalizing VAM.

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