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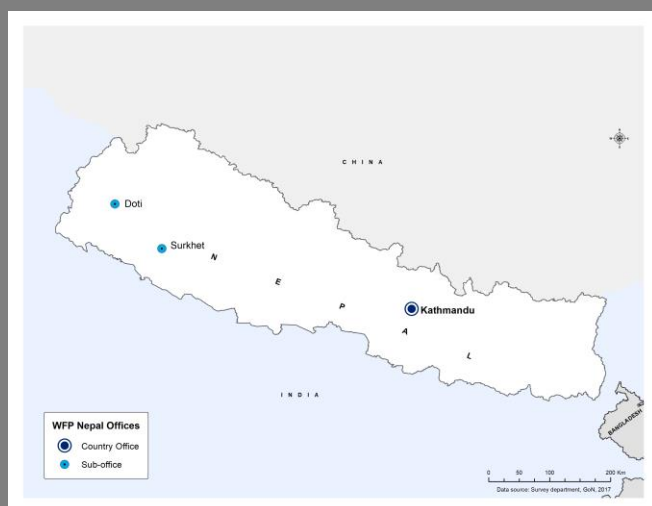


## Operational Context

The Constitution of Nepal, adopted in 2015, restructured the country as a federal democratic republic, representing a new era for the country at an opportune time to make progress on Agenda 2030. The new Right to Food Act enshrines food as a fundamental right of every citizen. Both changes present an opportunity to include Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 in national policies, budgets and sub-national plans in the new federal structure.

The Zero Hunger Strategic Review (ZHSR), conducted in 2017-18, found that the country still suffers from serious food insecurity and malnutrition despite commendable progress on these fronts. It also outlined a series of recommendations to address the problem.

WFP has been operating in Nepal since 1963.



Population: **29.8 million** (Jan 2019)

2017 Human Development Index: **149 out of 188**

Income Level: **Least developed**

Chronic malnutrition: **36% of children between 6-59 months**

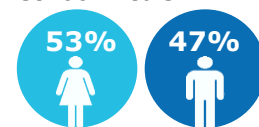
## In Numbers

**4.6 m** food insecure people

**1.4 m** pregnant and nursing women malnourished

**US\$ 5.6 m** six months (February-July 2019) net funding requirements

**210,005 children** received WFP school meals in January 2019.



## Operational Updates

- The recently-approved Country Strategy Plan 2019-2023 (CSP) was briefed to the Chief Minister (Province 6) and cabinet ministers of the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture, Environment, Social Development and Internal Affairs. The Federal government welcomed WFP's CSP and called for a better collaboration to improve the food and nutrition security of the province.
- WFP signed an MoU with the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN) to build a Forward Logistics Base (FLB) in Nepalgunj airport – Province 5. This facility will be the first of seven planned logistics staging areas at the provincial level and will hold 2,000 metric tonnes of cargo and other deployable logistics equipment including those used in search and rescue and emergency operations.
- Preliminary results of the WFP supported study on "Prepositioning of Mobile Logistics Hubs" was presented by Ph.D. Researcher Rajali Maharjan. Attending organizations included DFID, USAID, UNRCO, British Red Cross, US Embassy, Australian Embassy, Tribhuvan University, IOD Parc, RAP 3, UNOPS.
- WFP is in consultation with the National Planning Commission (NPC) in preparation of the 15th Plan Approach Paper (2019/20—2023/24) and 25 Years Vision of the Government of Nepal.
- WFP has placed a secondee nutrition specialist at Health Directorate office in Karnali Province effective February 2019. This role will support - nutrition initiatives as well as budgeting and planning capacity building to enable future management of social safety net programmes.
- The process for signing a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Health and Population for the implementation of the MCHN programme in 5 Karnali districts from 2019 – 2023 has started.
- WFP, LMS and the Department of Health Services supported the Health Directorate in Karnali Province for e-bidding of an estimated 230 mt Super Cereal for Apr-Jun 2019 under WFP's nutrition activity.

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## Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Feb - Jul Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
125.8 m	22 m	5.6 m

### Strategic Result 1: Access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Affected populations in Nepal have timely access to adequate food and nutrition during and in the aftermath of natural disasters and other shocks.

#### Activities:

- Provide food assistance for targeted shock-affected people, including food and cash-based transfers (CBTs) and specialized nutritious foods and related services for the treatment and prevention of malnutrition in children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women and girls.

### Strategic Result 1: End Malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Food-insecure people in targeted areas have improved nutrition throughout the key stages of their lives by 2025.

#### Activities:

- Support the strengthening of national nutrition-sensitive, gender-responsive social safety nets for vulnerable populations and provide specialized nutritious foods, technical assistance, logistics and social behaviour change communication for the prevention of malnutrition.
- Provide gender-transformative and nutrition-sensitive school meals and health packages in chronically food-insecure areas and strengthen the Government's capacity to integrate the national school meals programme into the national social protection framework.
- Provide technical support to the Government for the development of a rice-fortification policy framework and supply chain system for use in social safety nets.

### Strategic Result 2: Sustainable Food Systems

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Vulnerable communities in remote food-insecure areas have improved food security and resilience to climate and other shocks by 2030.

#### Activities:

- Develop and improve risk-resilient infrastructure and strengthen local capacity to identify climate risks and implement adaptive strategies.

### Strategic Result 3: Nepal has Strengthened Capacity to Implement the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 4:** The Government has strengthened capabilities to provide essential food security and nutrition services and respond to crises by 2023.

#### Activities:

- Strengthen preparedness capacity, establish emergency logistics and institutional platforms and improve access to food reserves to enable government and humanitarian partners to respond rapidly to crises.
- Provide technical assistance to enable the Government to strengthen the food security monitoring, analysis and early-warning system and align it with the federal governance system.

### Strategic Result 4: Nepal has enhanced policy coherence on FSN

**Strategic Outcome 5:** Government efforts towards achieving zero hunger by 2030 are supported by inclusive and coherent policy frameworks across all spheres of government by 2023.

#### Activities:

- Provide technical assistance and support evidence generation for government and multisector partners to enhance rights-based food security and nutrition plans, policies, regulatory frameworks and service delivery.

- Three national NGOs have been selected as Cooperating Partners for implementation of Adaptation Fund supported Climate Change Adaptation Project activities. The Climate Change Adaptation for Food Security Project is aimed at increasing adaptive capacity of climate vulnerable and food insecure poor households by improved management of livelihood assets and natural resources in the mountainous districts of Karnali province.
- A total of 461,558 MT food was distributed to 210,005 school children (110,349 Girls and 99,656 Boys) under WFP's school feeding programme.
- The Centre for Human Resource Development (CEHRD) has agreed and finalised six cash-based school meals programme districts to expand home-grown school meals menu planner package (HGSMPP) – an operational research technically implemented by the Partnership for Child Development (PCD) with the support from WFP.

## Monitoring

- WFP has initiated the design for the M&E strategy for the new CSP. Preparatory work and consultation are underway.
- In consultation with major partners and stakeholders including the government, WFP is currently establishing baselines for the implementation of the CSP.

## Challenges

- No operational challenges.

## Zero Hunger Strategic Review of SDG 2 in Nepal

- The National Planning Commission will host the launch of "Towards Zero Hunger in Nepal: A Strategic Review of Food Security and Nutrition", 2018 report in late February. Attendees will include Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health and Population as well as secretaries from ministries and development partners including WFP.

## Donors

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