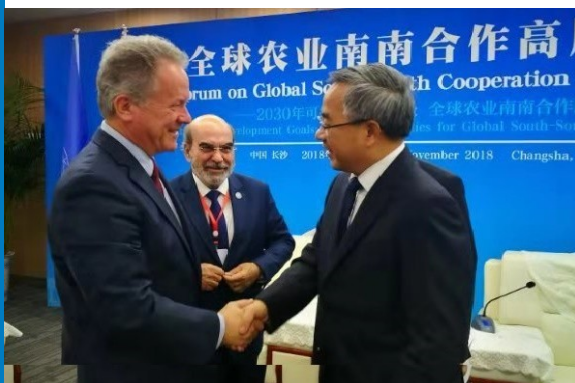




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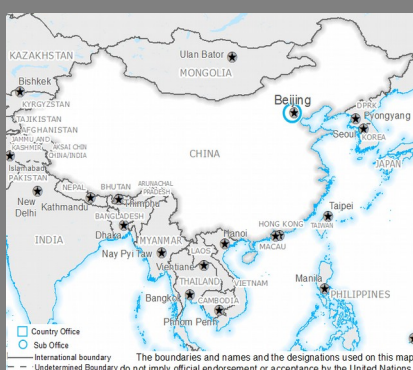
## WFP China Country Brief November 2018



### 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**

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### Operational Updates

- During 13 – 17 November, WFP China organized a study visit for 6 members of project management authorities of the Xiangxi Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project to Guizhou Province, which is the first province in China to engage in preschool nutrition improvement and has taken proactive steps to promote and extend the preschool nutrition improvement at the policy, financial, institutional, and programme levels. The participants visited the kindergartens and food distribution centres, and had meetings with the local government authorities. The lessons and experiences learned in Guizhou will greatly inform the scale up of WFP's initiative in Guangxi.
- During 19 – 21 November, a monitoring mission to the Kiwi Smallholder Farmer project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province, was fielded headed by the Deputy Director, Caroline LEGROS, with colleagues from the domestic programmes and communication teams. Mr. Imed KHANFIR, technical officer from P4P unit of the HQ joined the mission. The mission members checked the project's progress against the work plan, visited the pro-poor farm cooperative and the aggregator, interviewed the farm households, and had discussions with the project management. Key areas of improvement were identified and a timeline for follow-up activities was agreed upon.
- On 27 November, a side event on South-South and triangular cooperation was convened on the margins of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board in Rome. The event focused on WFP's role in brokering South-South and triangular cooperation in the areas of nutrition, school meals, and shock-responsive safety nets, which are at the heart of equipping countries to bridge the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. H.E. Ambassador NIU, Permanent Representative of China to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture, attended the event and shared China's experience in linking smallholder farmers to markets to highlight the strengthened China-WFP joint efforts for South-South Cooperation.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 5th, Mr. David BEASLEY, the Executive Director of WFP, visited China. He participated in the Ministerial Forum on Global South-South Cooperation in Agriculture in Changsha, delivered a keynote speech highlighting China's success in reducing hunger and poverty, as well as the strong leadership and commitment China has shown on South-South Cooperation. He met with Chinese Vice Premier H.E. Hu Chunhua and had a bilateral meeting with the Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs H.E. Qu Dongyu. On 3 November, the ED visited the Alibaba headquarters in Hangzhou where he signed a Letter of Intent for partnership between Alibaba and WFP - a milestone for the strategic cooperation between the

WFP Strategy		Country	Gender and Age Marker
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	3,208,305	

#### 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.

Conference on Poverty Reduction and Child Development organized by the China Development Research Foundation. Dr. QU made a presentation to share the lessons and experiences from WFP's preschool nutrition improvement project.

- On 7– 9 November, the Country Director was invited to the Fifth World Internet Conference (Wuzhen Summit) held in Wuzhen, Zhejiang Province where he spoke on the Sub-Forum "Internet-Driven Poverty Alleviation."
- On 15 – 17 November, the 2018 E-agriculture Solutions Forum took place in Nanjing, China. The event was hosted by MARA and organized by the Chinese Academy for Agricultural Engineering. The Forum brought together representatives from FAO-ITU member countries, e-agriculture solutions providers, and other key stakeholders. The WFP was invited to present WFP China's engagement in South-South Cooperation, practice and smallholder's linkage to better value chain development with innovative technologies.

## Partnerships

- Mr. Chris KAYE, Director of Government Partnerships Division, WFP HQ, visited Beijing during 13-14 November and met with the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA). During these meetings, Mr. Tian Lin, the Director General at CIDCA reaffirmed that WFP is a trustworthy partner for humanitarian assistance. Chris introduced WFP's operations, management, accountability, and donor visibility. Cooperation with China in South-South was discussed as well as the possibility of in-kind support from China.
- On 12 November, the regular meeting of the UNTG-Ag was co-organized by the WFP and FAO under the theme of China's agricultural foreign investment in the Belt and Road framework. Director Yang Yi of the Foreign Economic Cooperation Center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs was invited by WFP China to give a presentation on agriculture, foreign aid, and investment.

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## Events

- On 5 November, Country Director of the WFP China Office, Dr. Sixi QU, was invited to the International