

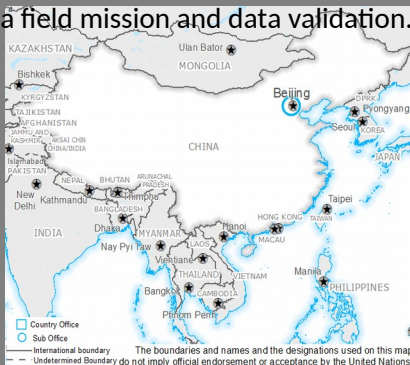
Operational Updates

- As an important activity of SBCC component of the Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme, WFP China Office organized a nutrition training session on 23-24 March in Jishou, capital city of Xiangxi Prefecture, Hunan Province, for 56 kindergarten principals, teachers, cooking staff and parents coming from the two project counties. Two experts from the Institute of Food and Nutrition Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (IFND) shared the knowledge of preschool children's nutrition with the participants. The training session is one of the series of activities under the WFP-IFND partnership agreement. Follow-up activities include online knowledge sharing and messaging to caregivers through social

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. In the local community for the caregivers, mainly mothers and grandparents of the preschool children.

- The Project Progress Report for the above project covering the period of June 2018 to February 2019 and reducing stunting levels in children under 5 to 7%. WFP has been 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 partnership in 2017. The WFP China Country Strategic Plan 2017-2021 was launched. This 5-year plan focusses on three inter-related pillars: sharing China's expertise through the local government counterpart for the targeting and identification. An operational plan has been drafted for further refinement in the coming month through a field mission and data validation.



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

Number of children received school meals	1565 Female 692 Male 873
Number of schools covered by the programme	25
Number of people exposed to WFP-supported nutrition messaging	2936 Female 1673 Male 1363
Number of SHF who have received support/training	421 Female 302 Male 119
Share of foods purchased from SHF	14.86%
Number of SHF who sold food to the programme	50 HH (Female-headed household accounts for 35)

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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	10,230,700.11	3,361,744	

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.

South and Triangular Cooperation, Dr. Jia Yan attended the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA +40) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During the conference, WFP China hosted a side event featuring China and WFP’s collaboration towards achieving zero hunger and poverty reduction through South-South and triangular cooperation. High-level officials from the Chinese government, World Bank, WFP and Alibaba spoke at the event. Dr. Qu also participated in a side event jointly organized by the Chinese Government and the Rome-based agencies (RBAs) and the Side Event of South-South Cooperation for Agricultural Development: Local Practices and Global Partnership for SDGs.

- On 21 March, Deputy Director, Caroline LEGROS, gave a speech at 2019 Sustainable Development Forum organized by Phoenix New Media Limited in Beijing University. She gave an overview of the world hunger issue and WFP’s efforts inside and outside of China to fight hunger, reduce poverty and help smallholder famers to improve their livelihoods.

Partnerships

- On 8 March, WFP and Alibaba Cloud signed a partnership agreement to develop a Global Hunger Monitoring System for WFP.
- On 26-27 March, a RBB delegation led by Regional Director Mr. David Kaatrud visited China. He introduced the Regional Country Strategic Plan (CSP) Portfolio to WFP’s key government partners in China. The CSP Portfolio consisted of 14 CSPs, 50-plus projected strategic outcomes and over 90 activities. It also highlighted the overlay of WFP’s work with China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), especially in countries such as Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, and Lao PDR.

Donors

China International Development Cooperation Agency, China’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, AliExpress, Mastercard, Royal DSM, Meituan.com and the Chinese public.

Events

- On 20-22 March, the Country Director of WFP China Office, Dr. Qu Sixi and Programme Officer for South-