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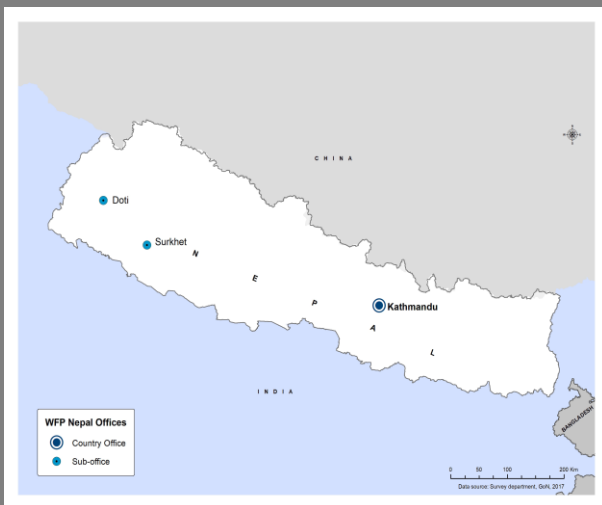


Operational Context

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 embed Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 in national policies, budgets, and sub-national plans within 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



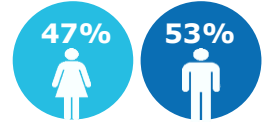
In Numbers

4.6 million food-insecure people

1.4 million malnourished pregnant and lactating women

US\$ 6.34 million six-month (July-December 2019) net funding requirements

202,625 children received WFP school meals in June 2019



Operational Updates

- In cooperation with the Nepal Engineers' Association, WFP and other UN Agencies celebrated International Women in Engineering day on June 26th. Over 150 women took part in the event held in Kathmandu to raise the profile of women engineers and increase awareness of opportunities in the engineering sector.
- The construction of roads under the United Kingdom-funded Build Back Better, or 'B3', project, has been completed. The B3 project started immediately after the 2015 earthquake.
- Meanwhile, the construction of two forward logistics bases in Nepalgunj and Dhangadi has started. These will support provincial and national emergency response operations across the country.
- In collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs, WFP Nepal and the Nepal Red Cross Society organized a 72-hour assessment approach workshop on 20 June. The event was attended by a wide range of stakeholders from the Government, UN agencies, research centres, and humanitarian organizations.
- WFP Nepal hosted a delegation of Programme Managers from the UK Department for International Development at the Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) in June. The visitors received a tour of the HSA and were briefed on how it was used during the 2015 earthquake response.
- A report following a study on the prepositioning of Mobile Logistics Hub has been published and disseminated to the Government and donors.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Land Management and Cooperatives (MoALD), WFP Nepal held meetings of the Nepal Food Security Monitoring System (NeKSAP) Technical Coordination Committee to discuss the capacity development of local government and the expansion of technical collaboration between MoALD and WFP on food security monitoring and analysis.
- In collaboration with MoALD and the Ministry of Land Management, Agriculture and Cooperatives of Sudurpaschim Province, WFP Nepal organized an orientation and interaction event in three Rural

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Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Jul – Dec Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
125.8 m	45.19 m	6.34 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), 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 2: End Malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: Food-insecure people in targeted areas have improved nutrition throughout 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 social safety nets.

Strategic Result 3: 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 4: Nepal has Strengthened Capacity to Implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 4: Strengthened government 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 5: 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.

Municipalities of Bajura and Doti districts to pilot information centers as part of the integration of NeKSAP into the federal structure of the Government.

- The Government of Nepal has allocated US\$ 53 million (2019) for the National School Meals Programme covering 44 districts across the country.
- WFP conducted Phase I of a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion assessment in Rukum East/West, Jajarkot and Dailekh districts of Karnali province. The assessment will help to provide more equitable and inclusive service delivery of the school meals programme. The findings will be available in July.

Dilip benefits from WFP's nutrition programme in Karnali province



13-month-old Dilip Bam is from Chayanath Rara Municipality in the Karnali province. His parents – Urmila and Mahendra Bam – rely on agriculture as their main source of income.

Dilip has been a regular beneficiary of WFP's Mother and Child Health and Nutrition programme (MCHN) since August 2018. During his earlier visits to the health clinic, Dilip was diagnosed with chronic acute respiratory infection (ARI), which prevented him from gaining weight. Dilip was provided with deworming tablets, medication for the treatment of ARI and a nutritious supplement of Super Cereal.

In the months that followed, Dilip's health improved. His mother also received counselling at the health facility on breast feeding practices, maintaining sanitation and hygiene at home, as well as on complementary feeding.

The MCHN programme is an essential social safety net for pregnant and lactating women and girls, and children aged 6–23 months in remote areas. It ensures the targeted populations receive an integrated package of assistance to prevent malnutrition and improve diets.

The shock-responsive programme also supports disaster response by providing emergency stocks of specialized nutritious foods for targeted nutrition interventions.

Donors

Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Government of Nepal, United States of America, United Kingdom, United Nations and private donors.