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Operational Context

Pakistan is making significant investments to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and its national development programme – Vision 2025. However, high levels of malnutrition, frequent natural disasters, political instability and a volatile security climate in parts of the country are challenges that continue to obstruct socio-economic progress.

WFP Pakistan's Country Strategic Plan seeks to support this progress. Alongside the provision of critically needed relief and nutrition support to vulnerable population groups, WFP assistance in the country aims to complement the Government's efforts in enhancing food and nutrition security of the people of Pakistan. WFP also provides technical support to the Government by conducting research to generate evidence to guide Government policy makers and assistance for developing relevant national strategies. WFP Pakistan's work also encompasses community resilience building, disaster risk management and preparedness elements for sustainability and national ownership.

WFP has been present in Pakistan since 1968.



Population (2017 census):
207.7 million

2016 Human Development Index:
147 out of 188

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

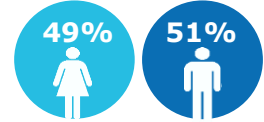
In Numbers

1,729 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 613,000 cash-based transfers made

US\$ 19.3 m six months (September 2019 - February 2020) net funding requirements

226,000 people assisted in July 2019



Operational Updates

- **Drought Response in Sindh and Balochistan:**
 - **The shock responsive safety net project** will be launched in three drought-affected districts of Balochistan Province soon. Two districts, Killa Abdullah and Noshki, are confirmed. The third is under approval, following a request from the Balochistan Provincial Disaster Management Authority.
 - WFP implemented the second cycle of its UN Central Emergency Response Fund-funded **livelihood support programme** in drought-affected Killa Abdullah District, for which cash disbursements are ongoing. WFP also requested proposals from potential cooperating partners in August for a planned expansion of the programme in two additional districts of Balochistan (Chaghi and Washuk).
 - WFP is implementing **Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)** activities in Tharparkar and Killa Abdullah districts. In other nutrition support programming, WFP has finalized agreements with Nutrition Cells, of the respective Provincial Government Departments of Health and practical implementation will start in September.
- In August, WFP provided **relief food assistance** to 15,000 families who remain displaced in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as a result of other law enforcement operations in the region.
- WFP continues to implement **a livelihood support programme** in five tribal districts of former FATA to help them recover critical livelihood assets. Invited participants (who are selected based on vulnerability) receive and conditional cash or food transfer for attending vocational skill trainings.
- WFP is coordinating with the School Education Department, Government of Punjab to initiate an extensive **school meals programme**. WFP has shared a draft project document and memorandum of understanding with the department for their review.

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Country Strategic Plan (2017 - 2021)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Sep 2019 - Feb 2020 Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
446.9 m	112.5 m	19.3 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Affected populations in Pakistan have timely access to adequate food and nutrition during and in the aftermath of natural disasters and shocks (SDG 2.1).

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food
- Asset creation and livelihood support activities.

Strategic Outcome 2: The social protection system at the federal and provincial levels provides the populations most in need, especially women, adolescent girls and children, with improved and sustained access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food by 2022.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities
- School meal activities.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: The entire population of Pakistan, especially children under 5, adolescent girls and women of reproductive age, has improved nutrition in line with national targets for 2025.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Malnutrition prevention activities
- Enhanced social and public-sector capacity to identify, target and assist nutritionally vulnerable populations

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Communities in disaster prone districts have more resilient food systems and development gains are better protected by disaster risk management systems at all levels by 2022.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Climate adaptation and risk management activities.
- Emergency preparedness activities

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs (SDG target 17.9)

Strategic Outcome 5: Federal and provincial systems have strengthened capabilities to provide food security and essential services by 2022.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities.



Women participating in a vocational training session, organized under the recovery support livelihood assistance project in FATA

- WFP attended a district Technical Working Group meeting alongside stakeholders in the operational research initiative for **stunting prevention through social protection in Rahim Yar Khan**. During the meeting, which took place in Islamabad, the research partner, Agha Khan University shared the final project progress and process evaluation results. WFP is in the process of hiring an international consultant to carry out the cost-effectiveness for the study.
- As part of the **Chakki wheat-flour fortification project**, the selection process for partners to procure micro-feeders, conduct a chakki mapping activity and run a media campaign is in process.
- In August, WFP also conducted a three-day extensive fortification training session for staff from food department officials and mills on hazard analyses and critical control plans, fortification monitoring and quality assurance/quality control. This training session was organized in Islamabad

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