



# WFP Cambodia Country Brief October 2019

World Food Programme

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CHANGING LIVES



## Operational Context

Cambodia has achieved remarkable economic growth in the last two decades. The poverty rate has decreased from 47.8 percent in 2007 to 13.5 percent in 2014. The Government is committed to reaching middle-income country status by 2030. However, a significant portion of the population remains 'near poor' and still at high risk of falling back into poverty at the slightest shock.

Undernutrition remains a public health concern; 32 percent of children under 5 years suffer from stunting, 24 percent are underweight, and 10 percent wasted. Micronutrient deficiencies are widespread. Cambodia is highly vulnerable to natural disasters, with regular monsoon flooding in the Mekong and Tonle Sap basin and localised droughts in the plains. Limited access for the poor to education and health services and low levels of investment in public infrastructure further perpetuate food insecurity and undernutrition.

WFP has been present in Cambodia since 1979.



Population: **15.6 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **146 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **32 percent of children between 6-59 months**

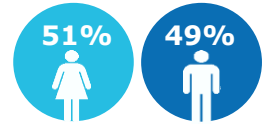
## In Numbers

**577 mt** of food dispatched

**US\$ 0** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 1.3 million** six months (November 2019 to April 2020) net funding requirements

**0 people assisted** (school break)  
In October 2019



## Operational Updates

- Thanks to the Government of Japan's in-kind contribution of US\$ 3.2 million, WFP and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS) could continue providing daily nutritious breakfast to pre-primary and primary school students in 850 targeted schools in five provinces. The grant signing ceremony between Japan and WFP was held at MoEYS on October 17 and presided over by the Minister of Education.
- WFP, FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries co-organized this year's World Food Day in Pursat Province with the participation of farmers, entrepreneurs, students, the UN, NGOs and the Government. The theme for World Food Day 2019 is: **"Our Actions Are Our Future, Healthy Diets for A Zero Hunger World."**
- WFP and the Primary Education Department of MoEYS conducted a workshop to 61 government officials on the information management system of the school feeding programme. National, provincial and district education officers and schoolteachers were given the opportunity to learn, trial and give feedback on the digital information management system. This system will support the programme management and operations of the national school feeding programme. The training included government officials from Oddor Mean Chey, Kampong Thom, Siem Reap, Preah Vihear, Stung Treng and Kampong Chhnang provinces.

**Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)**

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	November 2019 – April 2020 Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>50.24 m</b>	<b>20.02 m</b>	<b>1.32 m</b>

**Strategic Result: Everyone has access to food**

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Vulnerable communities in Cambodia have access to nutritious, safe, diverse, convenient, affordable and preferred foods by 2025.  
Focus area: Root Causes

**Activities:** Provide implementation support and technical assistance, including support to evidence-based policy and programme development, to national and subnational public and private sector actors engaged in social safety nets, particularly home-grown school feeding.

**Strategic Result: Food Systems are sustainable**

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Poor and vulnerable communities in Cambodia are more resilient to shocks and stresses in the food system by 2023.  
Focus area: Resilience

**Activities:** Provide implementation support and technical assistance to national and subnational public and private sector actors engaged in food production and transformation. (CAR: Climate adaptation and risk management activities)

**Strategic Result: Developing Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs**

**Strategic Outcome 3:** National and subnational institutions have strengthened capacities to mitigate risks and lead coordinated shock preparedness and response efforts by 2025.  
Focus area: Root Causes

**Activities:** Provide technical support and backstopping to national stakeholders engaged in shock preparedness and response mechanisms and risk informed coordination.

**Strategic Result: Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs**

**Strategic Outcome 4:** National and local governance institutions and social protection systems are better Informed and strengthened toward improved services delivery by 2030.  
Focus area: Resilience

**Activities:** Develop and integrate digital information systems and provide technical assistance in their use to government officials and their counterparts.

**Activities:** Provide technical, coordination and organizational assistance to the Government and other food security, nutrition and social protection actors at the national and subnational levels.

**Strategic Result: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs**

**Strategic Outcome 5:** Development and humanitarian partners in Cambodia have access to common supply chain services throughout the year.  
Focus area: Resilience

**Activities:** Provide on-demand supply chain services to other United Nations agencies and humanitarian actors.

**Operational Updates (continued)**

- WFP’s Cambodia Country Director met with the newly appointed ambassadors of the US and Japan respectively to discuss collaborations and partnerships. These countries are key donors for WFP Cambodia, particularly in the areas of school feeding and emergency preparedness and response.

**UN-DAY 2019**



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WFP joined UN agencies and thousands of youth to celebrate UN-Day. WFP hosted a cooking competition and helped young people to learn more about the importance of healthy diets and food safety.