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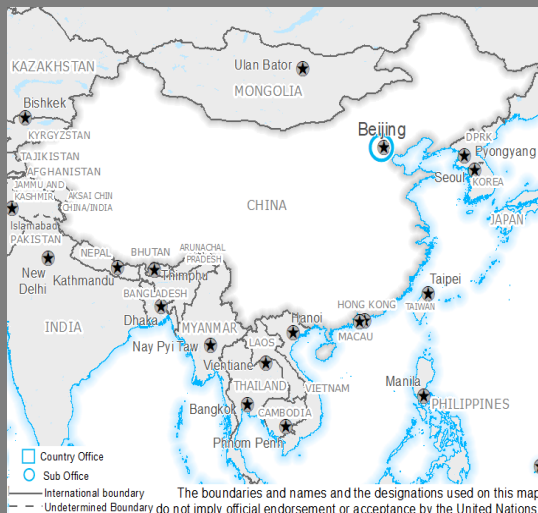
# WFP China Country Brief November 2019



## 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. Nonetheless, 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 percent.

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; it focuses on sharing China's expertise through South-South and Triangular Cooperation; innovative small-scale demonstration projects inside China; and resource mobilization.



Population: <b>1.3 billion</b>	2015 Human Development Index: <b>90 out of 188</b>
Income Level: <b>Upper middle income</b>	Stunting: <b>8.1% of children under the age of 5</b>

## Highlights

**On 7 November, the WFP Guangxi Preschool Nutrition Improvement Pilot Project was successfully launched in Jingxi County of Guangxi province.**

Local government officials and key donors, including Xiangnian Food Company, General Mills Foundation participated in the launch ceremony. This is WFP's second children's nutrition improvement project in China. The project is expected to effectively improve children's malnutrition situation and foster the local agricultural production in the project areas.

## Updates

- On 31 October-1 November, WFP China held the second retreat in 2019 in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province.** The retreat reviewed the main achievements made by the China Office in 2019, discussed problems and challenges and explored participants include colleagues from the headquarters, the regional office, Japan and South Korea office, partners from the Chinese government.
- On 4 November, Stanlake Samkange, Senior Director of STR and China Office met with Alibaba and identified four main areas of work for immediate action,** including: 1. Digitalizing supply-chain and enhancing WFP's traceability system; 2. Supporting smallholders to access markets in Africa and Southeast Asia through e-commerce, Alibaba's electronic World Trade Platforms (eWTBs) and training; 3. Alibaba pledged to have WFP as the first international partner to raise funds on its digital platforms; 4. Conducting joint studies on China's poverty alleviation experiences that are relevant to Africa and Southeast Asia.
- On 6-8 November, Stanlake Samkange, together with WFP China South-South Cooperation, Private Partnership and Domestic Programme teams, held multiple rounds of meetings with Chinese insurance companies** including People's Insurance Company of China (PICC). The purpose was to explore how Chinese insurance companies can support WFP's programmes in China and Africa. PICC has already insured the domestic Anhui kiwi project, and Guoyuan Company also cooperated with WFP in agricultural insurance projects ten years ago.
- On 11-14 November, the 6th Global Forum of Leaders for Agricultural Science and Technology (GLAST-2019) was held in Chengdu** with WFP China in attendance.

**Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)**

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>31.3m</b>	<b>10.8 m</b>	<b>0</b>

**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.

- On 22 November, Guangxi Preschool Nutrition Improvement Pilot Project organized the first online training for 29 kindergarten teachers on how to upload data to the Sunshine Nutrition Improvement Initiative Data Platform to record nutrition intake of school meals and food purchasing information on daily basis. The training was conducted with the technical support of China Development Research Foundation (CDRF).
- On 22-24 November, CERFAM and WFP China Centre of Excellence co-organized a workshop on “Investing in Good Practices and Innovative Technologies to Reduce Post-Harvest Loss and Improve Food Security and Nutrition” in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire. This is a side event of the International Exhibition of Agriculture and Animal Resources (Salon international de l’Agriculture et des Ressources Animales - SARA). Issa Sanogo, Director of CERFAM and Qu Sixi delivered welcoming remarks at the opening by emphasizing on bringing forward the partnership of the two COEs together with other partners in the region and China

**In the News**

Xinhuanet reported on the launch of the book “Excellence in Poverty Reduction” by the Ministry of Commerce in Shanghai on 5 November. The book includes case studies from WFP’s contributions to development in China.

The event was co-chaired by Zhang Shaogang, Director General of the Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs of China's Ministry of Commerce, and Nicholas Rosellini, UN Resident Coordinator in China, who said the story of UN presence in China is a story of change and of the remarkable transformation that has happened in China over the past 40 years and how the UN's role has evolved during the process.



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