In Numbers

45 percent of women in the reproductive age group are overweight or obese

33 percent of pregnant and lactating women are anaemic

US$ 2,340 in cash-based transfers in January 2020

US$ 2.98 million – Six months net funding requirement (Feb – Jul 2020)

Operational Updates

- WFP’s Platform for Real-Time Information and Situation Monitoring (PRISM) has entered a key stage in its development, having now added new spatial data that will be later used in the system for further analysis. This includes indicators for drought and standardized precipitation indices at intervals of 1, 3, 6 and 9 months. WFP is undertaking this through a collaboration with OVIO, a private sector partner specializing in spatial imagery.

- WFP supported the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services to embark on a social and behaviour change campaign, providing much-needed information on nutrition and healthy diets in a compelling and entertaining way through a television programme titled “Supreme Chef”.

  Partnering with Skills for Inclusive Growth (S4IG) - an initiative funded by the Government of Australia – WFP launched the series for the second season, containing 18 episodes under the theme of healthy diets. It was conducted in districts of the Eastern Province and in the Polonnaruwa district. The programme will air on two of the biggest national television networks (Sirasa TV and Shakthi TV) starting April 2020. Designed to provide Sri Lanka’s youth with skills development and inclusive employment opportunities, this televised “Master Chef” style competition aims to promote healthy dietary behaviours towards better nutrition among the general public, particularly families and youth.

- Working with farmer organisations, women’s groups and local-level government stakeholders, WFP began the planning process for potential community asset creation activities to be implemented in 2020. All projects follow stringent guidelines and screening for environmental impact as per WFP’s Environment Policy and the Government’s environmental regulations.

- Moving towards the end of the Adaptation Fund-supported agricultural project, the Government and WFP requested a four month extension to fully conclude the activities and prepare for the planned independent evaluation.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

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**Strategic Result 1:** End hunger by protecting access to food

**Strategic Objective #1:** Crisis-affected people have access to food all year round.

**Focus area:** Crisis Response to ensure humanitarian assistance

**Activities:**
- Provide food assistance to crisis-affected people

**Strategic Objective #2:** School-age children in food-insecure areas have access to food all year round.

**Focus area:** Root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition among school-age children

**Activities:**
- Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance, in partnership with the government, to school-age children.
- Provide technical and policy support for the delivery of nutrition-sensitive school meals programmes to the government.

**Strategic Result 2:** No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Objective #3:** Children under 5, adolescent girls and women of reproductive age have improved nutrition by 2025

**Focus area:** Immediate and underlying causes of malnutrition

**Activities:**
- Provide evidence-based advice, advocacy, and technical assistance to the government and implementing partners.
- Provide technical assistance and advocate the scaling up of the fortification of staple food and specialized nutritious foods to the government and other stakeholders, including the private sector.

**Strategic Result 3:** Food systems are sustainable

**Strategic Objective #4:** Vulnerable communities and smallholder farmers have strengthened livelihoods and resilience in the face of shocks and stresses all year round.

**Focus area:** Resilience building to enable vulnerable communities to better withstand shocks and stresses and to augment government capacity to implement disaster-management and integrated disaster-risk-reduction strategies.

**Activities:**
- Support nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative livelihood diversification and income generation through integrated resilience-building activities.
- Provide technical assistance for emergency preparedness and response operations to the government.
- Provide technical assistance to the government and related agencies in the building of improved, unified, shock-responsive safety-net systems.

**Operational Updates (continued)**

- The Medical Research Institute, in partnership with WFP, held a data dissemination seminar on the Health, Nutrition and Food Security Survey in Urban Under-Settlements of Colombo. The findings highlighted some of the core nutritional gaps and food security issues faced by these households and will act as an important framework for future programme interventions and policy shifts.

**Monitoring**

- WFP initiated an end-line survey for the project called “Building Peace through the Economic Empowerment of Women” in northern Sri Lanka which successfully concluded at the end of last year. This project was implemented through the Puthukkudiyiruppu Women Entrepreneurs’ Cooperative Society, providing its members with a platform on which to not only gain income, but also to participate and build confidence, knowledge and skills. The survey will also be used to determine lessons learned to inform future programming.

- WFP contracted its reputed research partner, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI) of the Ministry of Agriculture, to conduct the end line survey and the data collection, which is scheduled in February 2020.

- WFP designed digital data collection tools in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Government to ensure a robust data collection process.

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