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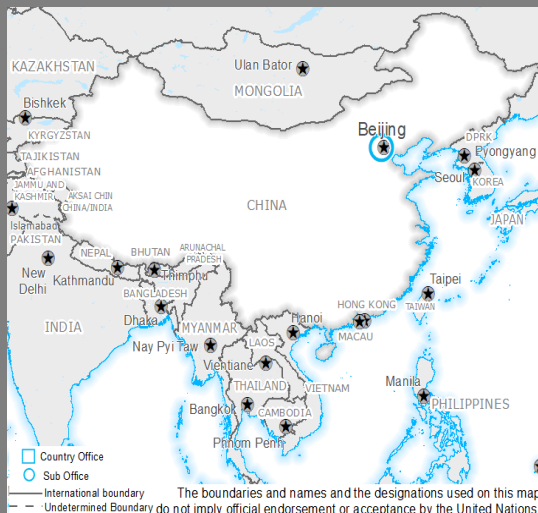
WFP China Country Brief April 2020



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

Highlights

On 30 April, the first consignment of humanitarian cargo consisting of COVID-19 medical supplies arrived at the [new Global Humanitarian Hub in Guangzhou](#), from where it will be shipped to affected countries and regions to sustain COVID-19 response efforts. Established by WFP, with support from the Government of China, the hub supports the global COVID-19 emergency response for the international community, including the UN, national governments and other humanitarian partners. High-profile media outlets have reported on the Hub, including [People's Daily](#) (Chinese), [People's Daily](#) (English), [Xinhua,ifeng.com](#), and [China news.com](#).

Updates

On 2 April, WFP China and Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Sciences (JAAS) held a video conference to strengthen South-South Cooperation. Priority areas for collaboration and delivery modalities were discussed. Both sides committed to collaborating in South-South Cooperation for agriculture, rural transformation and poverty reduction. JAAS will continue providing technical support to the WFP Sri Lanka project on Strengthening the Resilience and Livelihood of Vulnerable Smallholder Farmers to Climate Related Shocks.

On 15 April, WFP China successfully conducted an Online Nutrition Training Course targeting WFP Preschool Nutrition Pilot Project teachers and parents with technical support from the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention. The training covered topics of preschool children's nutrition requirement, focusing on healthy eating behaviour and food diversification to enhance immune competence against COVID-19. Overall 290 online participants showed high enthusiasm and participated in the interactive Q&A discussion. In the face of COVID-19 when schools are all closed, conducting e-learning to educate and sensitize the vulnerable people and their families in poor rural areas the importance of ensuring adequate nutrition intake for children is an effective and flexible means of Social Behavior Change Communication.

WFP's technical partner in the Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project-The Institute of Food and Nutrition Development of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs produced an analysis report on nutrition education intervention. The report identifies a noticeable improvement in schoolteachers' knowledge on nutrition and health after the Social Behavior Change Communications intervention. It also presents findings regarding school menu setting and institutional constraints and provides policy advice.

The Global Report on Food Crisis emphasizing post-COVID-19 food security concerns, including the statement of Executive Director at UN Security Council were highlighted in Chinese mainstream media channels, including in [CNC](#), [Xinhua](#), [People.com](#), [ifeng.com](#) and [China.com.cn](#).

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Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
31.3m	13.4 m	0

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 23 April, WFP China and the Centre d’Excellence Regional contre la Faim et la Malnutrition (CERFAM) held an online meeting on the potential collaboration.

Ouban is a Chinese private enterprise based in the “Belt and Road Industrial Park” of Henan, providing supply chain services, consulting and technique support for processing and trades of agricultural products to its customers. WFP China discussed with Ouban Supply China Management Services Co., Ltd. its willingness to support WFP post-harvest programmes in West Africa. The two offices will identify potential locations and programmes for collaboration with Ouban.

WFP China is working with Alibaba on supporting school feeding during the COVID-19 through their online fundraising platform.

To meet the criteria of Alibaba online fundraising platform and participate in the Gongyi Baobei fundraising campaign, WFP China is collecting relevant materials of WFP school feeding programmes from potential countries, i.e. Laos, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. After consulting with RBB, the fundraising agreement has been drafted.

WFP has responded to requests for logistics support to assist in the onward transportation of medical supplies donated by the Government of China to 18 West African Countries.

WFP has already proceeded with onward transportation of 657,005 pieces of PPE and ventilators to Ghana, Ivory Coast, Benin and Togo, and will soon arrange distributions to the remaining recipient countries to ensure that those supplies are urgently delivered. In addition, onward transportation of 111,388 pieces of PPE from National Health Commission of China will be provided to medical teams in 16 West African countries.

WFP China continues to negotiate with the Government of China to mobilize funding to enable life-saving assistance in emergencies.

Proposals totaling USD 47 million are currently under development and negotiation for 21 countries. WFP China is also liaising with the Government of China on proposed development projects in four countries, totaling USD 8 million.

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