In Numbers

51,381 people assisted in September 2020

77mt of food assistance distributed

US$0 cash-based transfers made

Operational Updates

- In September, the situation with COVID-19 remained relatively stable with an increasing trend of confirmed cases (the greatest concentrations in Batken, Osh and Jalal-Abad provinces). Bishkek city has the fourth greatest concentration. Despite the situation, WFP continues its operations to support the most vulnerable.

- On 22 September 2020, “the decree on the approval of the regulation on the organization of school meals for schoolchildren in 1-4 grades”, prepared by the Ministry of Education and Science (MoES) with technical support from WFP, was endorsed by the Kyrgyz Government. The regulation outlines the main objectives of the Optimizing School Meals Programme (OSMP), its financing mechanism, organizational principles, safety and quality monitoring, and the responsibilities of programme stakeholders. It represents another achievement in the programme’s institutionalization being the main implementation tool for the School Meals Law ratified by the Parliament last year.

- Under the Rural Women Economic Empowerment (RWEE) Project, WFP completed community mobilization in 34 pilot villages and collected project proposals aiming to train 840 vulnerable rural women to gain skills on various topics, such as sewing, greenhouse farming, dairy processing and fish farming. Participants who are vulnerable households will receive food to address their food needs. After completion of these thematic trainings, all participants will be trained on basic business planning and financial literacy. The participants will then have an opportunity to submit business plans for project ideas to apply for grants for mini-processing equipment.

- On 24 September 2020, WFP handed over the Food Security Atlas, a unique online instrument to map food security and nutrition situations across the country, to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Industries and Melioration (MoAFIM) of the Kyrgyz Republic. The handover concludes a two-year partnership to digitize food security data collection, analysis, and dissemination for planning food security interventions at district-level. The online FSA collects and analyses a massive amount of real-time data on over 70 food security and nutrition indicators, providing a comprehensive and real-time analysis of food availability, access, utilization and stability at province and district-levels. This tool will support policymakers at national level and local authorities in the field to determine shocks related to food insecurity.

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Photo Caption: Conservation process in “Bereke” workshop in Padagan village, Kara-Suu district, which was opened with the support of WFP. WFP Photo/Nurlan Zhumabai
Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

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While the overall 6-months net funding requirement is zero (US$), the CO still requires US$1.5 million for SO3 and US$0.4 million for SO4 (Unclear.)

**Strategic Result 1:** Everyone has access to food

**Focus area:** Optimizing School Meals

**Activities:**
- Provide school meals to primary school-aged children and strengthen the capacity of government institutions and schools to implement school meals

**Strategic Result 3:** Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes

**Focus area:** Supporting smallholders

**Activities:**
- Provide support in productive assets creation to vulnerable communities and food insecure smallholders
- Provide capacity strengthening to food insecure smallholders

**Strategic Result 4:** Food systems are sustainable

**Focus area:** Resilience building

**Activities:**
- Provide capacity strengthening to local community members and authorities
- Provide support for protective and risk reduction assets creation and rehabilitation to communities vulnerable to climate-change and natural disasters

**Strategic Result 4:** Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

**Focus area:** Capacity building

**Activities:**
- Provide capacity strengthening to national institutions
- Provide evidence-based analysis to relevant national institutions

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**WFP Country Strategy**

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**Monitoring**

- WFP continues its implementation of field activities and monitoring, contingent to health security measures. Therefore, for Strategic Outcome of the Country Strategic Plan, 1, 295 monitoring visits to new pilot schools were carried out in September. These schools were visited to assess their capacity to launch the Optimized School Feeding Programme for the 2020-2021 academic year and to discuss future plans with local authorities. District specialists of the Ministry of Education and Science conducted 276 visits to schools of the previous rounds.

- To assess compliance with the targeting criteria under Strategic Outcome 2, 31 pre-selected households, identified through field project activities, were visited before the start of implementation. This included the random verification of eligibility requirements for households that were pre-selected by the project committees. All households were confirmed to be eligible for participation in WFP projects. In addition, 159 monitoring visits were conducted to verify the implementation status of ongoing infrastructure projects and any completed works.

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**Partnerships**

- Due to the re-opening of the airspace of the Kyrgyz Republic for commercial flights and with international flights being operated by carriers such as Aeroflot, FlyDubai and Turkish Airlines to destinations as the Russian Federation, Turkey, UAE and Uzbekistan, WFP Aviation Global Passenger Service flights from Sharjah, UAE to Manas International Airport were suspended.

- On 30 September 2020, a regular Development Partners Coordination Council (DPCC) Working Group meeting on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition took place and was chaired by WFP. WFP’s Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) Unit presented WFP’s role in monitoring the food market (prices and availability) in the Kyrgyz Republic during the COVID-19 pandemic through its bi-weekly issues of the Price Monitoring Bulletin, alongside other presentations such as using satellite earth observation data for better pasture management in the country by Mercy Corps, and initial findings from a satisfaction survey conducted among the beneficiaries in the livestock sector of the project “Small Business and Income Creation Programme Phase II (Bai-Alai)” implemented by Helvetas and Aga Khan Foundation.

- WFP continues close partnership and capacity strengthening of the Ministry of Education and Science (MoES) on the national and district level for the programme management and monitoring as part of the handover strategy. As a part of this process, WFP provided 56 smartphones to the district focal points to ensure the MoES has technical capacity to implement the school meals programme monitoring activities.

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