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**Strategic Outcome 1:** Children under five, adolescent girls, and pregnant and breastfeeding women have improved nutrition towards national targets by 2025

**Focus area:** Root Causes

**Activities:**
1. Provide nutritious food and raise awareness through social and behaviour change communication for targeted individuals.
2. Provide the Government and partners with technical assistance and evidence for enhancing the efficiency of national programmes and safety nets.

**Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs**

**Strategic Outcome 2:** National and subnational government institutions have increased capacity sustainably to deliver food, nutrition, and supply chain related services by 2020.

**Focus area:** Resilience

**Activities:**
3. Provide the Government and partners with technical expertise for improved targeting, monitoring, and programme analysis.
4. Provide the Government and partners with technical expertise for the development of an efficient and effective supply chain management system.

**Monitoring**

- WFP is tracking incoming shipments of food items from the private sector. This also includes the monitoring of the shipping schedule in coordination with GIZ. In October, as per customs statistics, 1,305 mt of rice have been imported by the private sector in Timor-Leste.

  WFP continues to collaborate with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the General Directorate of Statistics to collect market price data in 12 municipalities, with the exception of Viqueque.

- WFP continues to develop a digitalized platform for the Consumer Price Index data collection market and commodities identification, in partnership with the General Directorate of Statistics.

**Challenges**

- The Ministry of Health is experiencing a significant pipeline break of supplies for its moderate acute malnutrition treatment programme for pregnant and lactating women and children under 5.

- Most school feeding programmes have also been paused due to delays in approval of the Government's budget for the programmes.

**Current Priority Areas**

**Priority Under Activity 1: Nutrition and Social and Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC)**

**Interventions:**
1. WFP continues to advocate with the Ministry of Health for its treatment of moderate acute malnutrition intervention.
2. WFP participated in the launch of the National Scaling Up Nutrition Movement (Sun Movement) on 13 October 2020 and in the World Food Day on 16 October 2020.
3. WFP displayed one billboard on the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement (SUN) at a strategic location in Dili for 30 days in October.
4. Together with other UN agencies, WFP continues to support and participate in the discussion on the finalization of the simplified Protocol and Global Action Plan on Wasting.
5. WFP continues the technical discussion with the Health Promotion Department of the Ministry of Health for the strengthening of the mother support group activities in the country.

**Priority Under Activity 2: Nutrition Policy through Filling Data Gaps**

**Interventions:**
1. WFP completed procurement of 300 kg fortified rice kernel and received the goods in Dili at the end of October.
2. WFP displayed two billboards in two strategic locations for 30 days in Dili on the findings of the Fill the Nutrient Gap analysis to raise public awareness.
3. Food safety fosters are being processed for printing to be displayed at five selected schools for the home-grown school feeding programme and rice fortification.

**Priority Under Activity 3: Strengthening Nutrition-related Social Safety Nets**

**Interventions:**
1. The National University of Timor-Lorosae finalized the selection of students for the home-grown school feeding pilot project school garden for EBC Metinaro.
2. WFP holds an ongoing discussion with Permacultura Timor-Leste on the possible partnership on the home-grown school feeding school garden projects in three primary schools.

**Priority Under Activity 4: Assuring an Effective Emergency Response and Logistic Network in Timor-Leste**

**Interventions:**
1. WFP completed three separate warehouse management trainings for SAMES in Ainaro, Baucau, and Maliana municipalities.
2. WFP continues to collaborate with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to bring fresh food to help reduce malnutrition during the COVID-19.

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