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Operational Updates

- WFP delegation headed by the Officer-in-Charge visited the Autonomous Region of Principe and met with the President of the Regional Government, Mr Filipe Santos, to discuss about the impact of COVID-19 on food security situation of the local population. The Autonomous Region of Principe is one of the most remote locations in the country and in the African Continent with approximately 9,000 inhabitants and with an economy reliant on tourism. The pandemic had a tremendous impact in the livelihood of the population, particularly the most vulnerable.

- Within the scope of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) project “ensuring the access for the most vulnerable households to food, their conservation infrastructure and better working conditions during the Covid-19 pandemic”, to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the pandemic in the country, WFP, in partnership with national and international NGOs, held a training on school gardening and sustainable agricultural techniques to 32 schools in six districts of the country. In partnership with FAO, ILO and UNHABITAT, WFP also delivered agricultural materials, seeds and plants to the targeted beneficiaries.

- The 16-days of activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) were also part of the agenda of the National Institute for Gender Parity and Equality (INPG). To that effect, WFP offered posters to the INPG and joined the workshops and the sensitization campaigns organized in different districts of the country. Additionally, WFP led an internal campaign in the UN House, sensitizing the staff of the different UN agencies about GBV and distributing 2021 calendars with GBV messages.

Partnerships

- The National School Feeding and Health Programme (PNASE), the National Council for Food Security and Nutrition (CONSAN) and the National Centre for Supporting Smallholder Farmers (CADR) remain WFP STP’s main partners.

- WFP is also partnering with UNICEF for the reopening of the schools, local and International NGOs, namely HELPO and ADAPPAA for the MPTF project and the African Development Bank for the database and information management system for the Ministry of Agriculture.

Challenges

- Funds availability remains the main challenge for WFP STP. The country strategic plan’s country capacity strengthening activities focused on implementing an innovative home-grown school feeding programme linked to smallholder farmers market remain underfunded.

Donors

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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2024)

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Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement SDGs

Strategic Result 1: Access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: The Government of Sao Tome and Principe has strengthened capacity to implement an environmentally and socially sustainable, gender-transformative and smallholder-friendly home-grown school meals (HGSMM) programme and related food security and nutrition policies and programmes nationwide by 2030.

Focus area: Root causes

Strategic (Outcome 2): Crisis-affected populations including school children in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of crisis.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

1. Provide capacity strengthening (including through SSC) to the Government in the design, management and coordination of an environmentally and socially sustainable, gender-transformative and nutrition-sensitive HGSM programme and related FS&N policies and programmes.

2. Provide capacity strengthening and coordination support to the Government in providing incentives for sustainable and equitable local food value chains and stimulating smallholder agricultural markets.

3. Provide food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected populations through in-kind transfers.