



## Operational Context

**On 15 March, Dr. Sixi Qu, WFP China Representative, met with Mr. Pengfei Sui, Director General of the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA).** Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, the UN Resident Coordinator in China, the Heads of FAO, IFAD and ESCAP-CSAM joined the meeting. The meeting discussed how UNCT could leverage China's experience in rural revitalization and enhance collaboration with China government to contribute to UN Food Systems Summit.

**On 23 March, WFP organized a small-scaled Capacity Strengthening workshop focusing on Theory of Change (ToC) application in child nutrition pilot projects.** Project management staff from Hunan, Guangxi, and Gansu Preschool Nutrition Improvement Projects were all invited. WFP invited an expert from Beijing University to introduce the key concepts of ToC and how it is applied in impact study to generate results and impacts. The workshop aimed at enhancing the project management staffs' knowledge and capabilities in project management, monitoring and evaluation, as a WFP Country Capacity Strengthening effort for national stakeholders including the provincial and grassroots level government authorities.

**On 24 March, WFP China, WFP USA and General Mills had the first quarterly meeting.**

WFP gave a briefing about the progress report of the Preschool Nutrition Improvement Pilot Project in China since last semester on the meeting. Participants also exchanged the donors'



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 3 March, Dr. Sixi Qu, WFP China Representative, met with Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, the UN Resident Coordinator in China.**

Mr. Carlos Watson, FAO China Representative, Ms. Li Yutong, Head of ESCAP-CSAM and Mr. Matteo Marchisio, IFAD China Representative also joined the meeting. They discussed the upcoming Food System Summit and the work with Chinese Government to showcase best practices of post-harvest loss management and poverty reduction.

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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	13.47 m	N/A

**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 24 March, WFP China Centre of Excellence (CoE) and Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) held a Directors’ meeting.** Dr. Sixi Qu and Mr. Patrick Teixeira, Director a.i. of CERFAM participated in the meeting. It’s the second consecutive year that the directors’ meeting was organized. The meeting discussed collaboration between the two Centers in 2021 and exchange views on shared interested themes by both COEs, including food system, Post-Harvest Loss Management (PHLM) and rice value chain, etc.

**On 29 March, WFP and Meituan discussed future fundraising plans on the Meituan app platform.** Better use of the platform, better feedback to users and ideas for the 2021 World Food Day were discussed at the meeting, as well as the possibility of Meituan colleagues participating in the next field visit of the Preschool Nutrition Improvement Pilot Project.

**On 30 March, WFP China coordinated a brainstorming workshop for a three-year corn farmer livelihood project in northeast China** to explore the feasibility of the project, the possible locations and project models. The project, which trains local smallholder farmers on risk awareness and knowledge and help them with access to relevant agricultural insurance and future/option product to mitigate price and income risks, was proposed by Cargill China to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cargill entering China market. Cargill provides food, agriculture, finance and industrial products, aiming to nourish the world safely, responsibly and sustainably. Dr. Sixi Qu, WFP China Representative, Cargill China management, insurance and risk management experts, officials from MARA and WFP China colleagues participated the workshop.

**On 31 March, Dr. Sixi Qu, WFP China Representative, met Mr. Ralph Lutes, Chief Representative of Teck Resources China—one of the private sector donors.** Latest progress of the Smallholder Farmers Growing Zinc-enriched Potatoes Project in Gansu was updated with the donor, including technical support to smallholder farmers, introduction and screening of zinc-rich potato varieties, development of the branding and marketing strategy, and Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC). Teck expressed appreciation to the notable yield increase that the project demonstrated and the widespread uptake of the SBCC initiative through WFP and partners’ social media channels.

**In March, the first and second Joint Work Group meeting were held by MARA and WFP.** It was established by MARA and WFP in order to support the establishment of the UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in China. MARA and WFP discussed issues including the transitional hub, the agreements and Memorandum of Understanding, and the work plans.

## Donors

China International Development Cooperation Agency, China’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, AliExpress, Alibaba Group Ltd., General Mills, Teck Resources Ltd, MasterCard, Royal DSM, Meituan.com and the Chinese public.