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ANNEX 1: Summary Terms of Reference

1. Country Strategic Plan Evaluations (CSPEs) encompass the entirety of WFP activities during a specific period. Their purpose is twofold: 1) to provide evaluation evidence and learning on WFP's performance for country level strategic decisions, specifically for developing the next Country Strategic Plan (CSP) and 2) to provide accountability for results to WFP stakeholders. These evaluations are mandatory for all CSPs and are carried out in line with the WFP Policy on CSP. The China CSP will generate learning useful for the country office to elaborate its next CSP starting in 2021.

Subject and Focus of the Evaluation

- 2. The evaluation covers WFP operations in China between 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020, including activities and strategic direction prior to the introduction of the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2021. The current strategic plan will finalize in December 2020 to align better with the Chinese Government Strategies and the new WFP Chine Country Strategic Plan will commence in early 2021.
- 3. The evaluation will cover all of WFP's activities (including cross cutting results) from 2017 to November 2020. The unit of analysis is the Country Strategic Plan understood as the set of strategic outcomes, outputs, activities and inputs that were included in CSP document approved by WFP Executive Board, as well as any subsequent approved budget revisions. The evaluation will adopt standard UNEG and revised OECD/DAC evaluation criteria, namely: relevance, coherence, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability.
- 4. The evaluation will primarily cover the CSP. It will focus on assessing WFP contributions to CSP strategic outcomes, establishing plausible causal relations between the outputs of WFP activities, the implementation process, the operational environment and the changes observed at the outcome level, including any unintended consequences, positive or negative. The evaluation will analyse if and how gender equality and women's empowerment were considered in the CSP design and implementation guided by the WFP Gender Policy, identifying any gaps and proposing areas for improvement. The evaluation will also analyze the WFP partnership strategy in China.
- 5. As regards SSTC interventions under SO4 and part of SO5, the primary focus of the evaluation will be on how WFP has supported China in setting up the appropriate policies, strategies, systems and processes to provide technical and capacity strengthening support to partner countries to enhance food security and nutrition. An appropriate approach to assess these SSTC components will be designed during the inception phase based on an in-depth evaluability assessment. This CSPE will rely on secondary evaluation evidence to assess the relevance and effectiveness of China's SSTC efforts in other countries. It will make appropriate use of the evidence from the ongoing WFP Policy Evaluation of South-South and Triangular Cooperation and the Strategic Evaluation of School Feeding Effects on Hunger and Nutrition. The CSPE will closely coordinate with both evaluations.

Objectives and Users of the Evaluation

- 6. The evaluation will seek the views of and be useful to a broad range of internal and external stakeholders; it presents an opportunity for national, regional and corporate learning. WFP's stakeholders have interests in the results of the China CSPE and some of these will be asked to play a role in the evaluation process. The evaluation will seek the views of, and to be useful to, a broad range of WFP's stakeholders and presents an opportunity for national, regional and corporate learning.
- 7. WFP in China operates in a context involving diverse internal and external stakeholders and partners. Internally, these comprise WFP staff in China, Strategic Planning Division (STR) at Headquarters, Regional Bureau in Bangkok (RBB), other Headquarters technical divisions, the Executive Board (EB), and the OEV. Different from other country offices, WFP China reports directly to STR and not to the Regional Bureau. Externally, WFP interacts with the beneficiaries, Government ministries, civil-society organizations, private-sector, UN agencies.

Evaluation Questions

The evaluation will address four main questions common to all WFP CSPEs.

EQ1 – To what extent is WFP's strategic position, role and specific contribution based on country priorities and appropriately aligned to people's needs as well as WFP's strengths?

EQ2 – What is the extent and quality of WFP's specific contribution to CSP strategic outcomes in China?

EQ3: To what extent has WFP's used its resources efficiently in contributing to CSP outputs and strategic outcomes?

EQ4 – What are the factors that explain WFP performance and the extent to which it has made the strategic shift expected by the CSP?

ANNEX 2. Methodology

2.1. Scope

- 8. The evaluation covered all of WFP activities in China (including cross-cutting results) from 2017 to October 2020, as well as those detailed in the revision in 2019. The evaluation adopted standard United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) and revised Development Assistance Committee (DAC) evaluation criteria, namely: relevance, coherence, efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability.
- 9. The evaluation focused on assessing WFP contributions to country strategic plan strategic outcomes, establishing plausible causal relations between the outputs of WFP activities, the implementation process, the operational environment, and the changes observed at the outcome level, including any unintended consequences, positive or negative. The evaluation assessed if, and how, gender equality and women's empowerment had been considered in the country strategic plan design and if implementation was guided by the WFP Gender Policy. The evaluation also assessed the WFP partnership strategy in China.
- 10. The inception process highlighted the uniqueness of the WFP China country strategic plan. The national Government of China is a major funder of the country strategic plan. The country office reports directly to the Strategic Partnership Division at WFP headquarters rather than through the WFP regional bureau in Bangkok. China country strategic plan domestic programmes are interlinked with SSTC and fundraising. This affects the evaluability as there are no direct comparators for the performance of the China country strategic plan. In this regard, the evaluation team took a complexity-aware approach, understanding the specific context that has led to the development of the country strategic plan and relevant activities. This was guided by triangulation of information from strategic interviews with both WFP internal and WFP external stakeholders. The original timeline for this evaluation was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic; the evaluation team worked within a relatively tight period of time. During inception, the national evaluator withdrew, and a replacement team was identified.

2.2. Methodological approach

- 11. As indicated in the terms of reference (ToR), the CSPE adopted a mixed-methods approach, intended as a methodological design in which data collection and analysis were informed by a feedback loop, combining a deductive approach with an inductive approach. This approach was intended to capture unintended outcomes of WFP operations, both positive and negative.
- 12. The methodology addressed the evaluability challenges and the COVID-19 context in the following manner: the CSPE's approach to the theory of change (ToC) has been defined based on guidance from the Office of Evaluation and adjusted to the specific situation of the China country strategic plan.
- 13. The country strategic plan did not have an explicit theory of change. As such, the linkages between the expected results such as outcomes or outputs in the country strategic plan logframe were not clearly defined. In order to address this gap, the evaluation team constructed a theory of change as expressed in the country strategic plan document; and in line with the qualitative information on expected causal linkages perceived during country strategic plan implementation. This assisted in gathering evidence of contribution towards the strategic outcomes.
- 14. Assumptions related to the theory of change were difficult to define and consider. There were none identified at the design of the country strategic plan. Implicit assumptions based on the country strategic plan text include: (i) capacity strengthening, technical advice and tools and demonstration activities are adopted and applied successfully by targeted households and/or government staff; (ii) stronger partnerships lead to increased funding; (iii) South-South cooperation (SSC) activities are in line with the demands of other countries.
- 15. The evaluation matrix was the key evaluation instrument that translated the evaluation questions into subquestions and lines of inquiry of more specific interest to this CSPE. The subquestions guided the organization of the data and analysis for each section of the report.
- 16. During the inception interviews, stakeholders indicated their interest in hearing voices from WFP country offices in beneficiary countries regarding SO4. An adjustment in the evaluation timeframe occurred

to accommodate the need for a survey of WFP country offices and allow time for responses. The sample was based on perceptions, cannot easily be verified, and was limited to the period of the evaluation. Nonetheless the perceptions across different offices yielded valuable insights that can then be used to inform future programming. The activities related to SSTC are focused outside of China to countries seeking support from China. These activities are in an early stage of development and are all implemented on a case-by-case basis. There have been no evaluations carried out, although a corporate evaluation is occurring concurrently and may be synergistic with this CSPE.

- 17. The quality of indicators set out in the original logframe at the time of country strategic plan design had weaknesses in terms of measurability. A strategic element of the country strategic plan is stated as capacity strengthening. This is particularly key to the China country strategic plan as its implementation modality is capacity strengthening, which is the cornerstone of all five strategic outcomes and all eight activities. The extent to which this approach has been applied in the country strategic plan design is not completely captured by the output-level indicators that are being used to track the relevant progress of WFP. The evolution of the WFP Corporate Results Framework (CRF) and its corporate indicators include those related to capacity strengthening. The country strategic plan was designed prior to the elaboration and finalization of the Corporate Results Framework. There were data available on capacity strengthening activities, literature on content and interaction with stakeholders delivering and participating in capacity strengthening activities. Systematic data triangulation across different sources and methods was carried out to validate findings and avoid bias in the evaluative judgement. The theory of change was tested to probe the causal links and broader impact of WFP activities in China.
- 18. **Gender equality and women's empowerment:** The WFP gender and age marker (GAM) has been utilized to monitor the extent to which gender and age are integrated into the design and monitoring of WFP activities in China as outlined in the country strategic plan. The evaluation relied on the collection of sex- and age-disaggregated data where available. The evaluation team assessed whether the universal standards of accountability to and respect for the rights and dignity of beneficiaries accompanied by constant, gender-sensitive concern for beneficiary welfare had been applied and whether any differential implementation challenges experienced had been addressed during field-level assessment.

2.3. Data availability and quality

- 19. The team conducted a document review to assess the availability and adequacy of the data. WFP in China has a unique role where it facilitates and is not directly responsible for implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Much of the data are reliant on the systems of data collection in the Government of China. This means that data were not easily available, particularly in relation to data disaggregation by location and gender.
- 20. **Strategic-level data availability and quality**: At institutional and more strategic levels, well-documented annual country reports are in place. There were relatively few WFP China country strategic plan-related evaluation or review reports available; the country strategic plan mid-term review (MTR) was one of the key documents. Outcome-level results are very limited, which is partly due to domestic programmes still being at early stages of implementation. Other evaluation reports in the WFP e-library were useful secondary sources of evidence, such as the Strategic Evaluation of the Pilot Country Strategic Plans, the Evaluation of WFP's Partnership Strategy, the Strategic Evaluation of Funding of WFP's Work, and the Policy Evaluation of Capacity Development.
- 21. **Operational level data availability and quality**: At the operational level, specific project-related monitoring data were available for the domestic pilot projects, covering baseline, inception phase, and monthly and annual progress reports; though some of the documents are in Chinese, English translation or extraction of information was carried out. This data coverage applies to all four ongoing pilot projects in China. The two domestic projects launched in 2018 have more substantial data sets than the other two, which rolled out around October 2019. Most of the data are output- and activity-related. There were some technical issues related to: COMET (for example, not enabling the input of some more up-to-date data from country level); the updating process of Corporate Results Framework indicators; and gaps in in-country monitoring and evaluation capacity (mechanisms/tools) that all had an impact on country-level data consistency and adequacy. Some of the data were scattered and aggregation of output-level results was challenging. Gender disaggregated data were available for many of country strategic plan domestic programme activities. All annual country reports have a separate section on gender analysis, but gender-related data were not always available, as previously noted in the mid-term review.

2.4. Data collection process

- 22. Data were collected through a mix of primary and secondary sources with different techniques. Qualitative sources included: desk review, consultation with individual stakeholders, focus groups, and direct observation. Quantitative data were assembled from WFP monitoring systems. To complement these for SO4 and SO5, activities and outputs were quantified through a tool called "activity database" that incorporated process data from key informants, document review and evaluation observations.
- 23. The data collection methods were carefully adapted to the COVID-19 context and to the country context, based on team members' experience. Data collection and evaluator observation was structured by the three pillars of the WFP-Government of China memorandum of understanding, and their subdivision into the five strategic outcomes of the country strategic plan.
- 24. Data collection took place through a mostly virtual field mission from the end of October to mid-December 2020. In addition to the desk review that was active throughout the evaluation period, the following data sources were used. Under SOs 1 and 2, which take the form of on-going projects in China, the CSPE combined: (i) interviews with national and provincial stakeholders, and with sector researchers, and related desk work; and (ii) a field visit with interviews with project implementers, focus group with local stakeholders and direct observation in selected locations. Under SOs 4 and 5, the CSPE combined: (i) interviews with national government agencies and with private sector and non-government partners of WFP; (ii) desk review; (iii) observations from the on-going evaluation of the WFP SSTC strategy; (iv) an esurvey with selected WFP country offices; and (v) analysis of the activity database.
- 25. The desk review was a thorough exercise of the large number of available documents relating to the country strategic plan, structured by the evaluation matrix. Documents reviewed included design documents, progress reports and project evaluations as well as strategic documents. Information available on the internet was used as a reference for this evaluation including research publications, information from a stakeholder institution's official website, and Xinhua (the national news agency).
- 26. The "activity database" has specifically been prepared to observe the activities of the China country office (at office level) in relation to SOs 4 and 5. The evaluation team created Excel files to assemble information on the country strategic plan activities in relation to SO4 and SO5 since the monitoring and evaluation system provided limited information on these. Information at output and result levels was assembled from desk review and observation of internet sites. The files were shared with the China country office staff in charge of the Centre of Excellence, as well as staff from government partnerships and private partnerships, who checked and updated information.
- 27. Stakeholder consultation was based on a thorough stakeholder analysis, available in the inception report. Several stakeholders in each category were consulted through semi-structured interviews (both face-to-face with the China-based team member and remotely with other team members). Follow-up interviews were requested to gather more detailed information. Targeted email follow-up dialogue took place with WFP staff and partners where more detailed information and clarifications were of benefit. The field visit in country included focus group discussions with the beneficiaries of domestic projects. A senior level focus group discussion between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and the China country office directors was organized at the end of the evaluation mission. The debriefing online meeting at the end of the evaluation mission provided additional opportunities for discussions with the China country office and headquarters staff.
- 28. A field visit was undertaken by the China-based team. Discussions took place in two provinces at province, county, township and administrative village level, as well as with beneficiary kindergartens and farmer cooperatives. The in-country team members travelled to project sites and observed project farmers, school teachers and parents at WFP-supported locations in their normal course of activities. The in-country team member also attended the China country office retreat in November to listen to and observe discussions related to project performance, constraints and also planning for the next country strategic plan. This provided deeper insight into the causal linkages and theory of change factors, as well as an improved understanding of country office operations.

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¹ There is no sequence or order of priority in the techniques listed.

Table 1. Data collection mapping by stakeholder group

Stakeholder group	Observation	Focus group Discussion	Survey	Interview	Email exchanges
Government representatives	X	X		Χ	
United Nations agencies		X		Х	X
Implementing partners (domestic projects)	X	X		Х	
Private sector partners (domestic projects)		X		Х	
Public and private partners (SSTC and donors)				Х	
WFP country office staff	Х	Х		Х	Х
WFP HQ staff		Х		Х	Х
Community members	Х	Х		Х	
Other WFP country offices			X		

29.

30. Samples were selected for the project site visits and for the e-survey with other country offices. The two provinces selected allowed observation of two out of the four pilot projects, one in relation to SO1 and one in relation to SO2. These were the projects that had started earlier in the CSP period. Interviews were organized around a third project which combined both SOs. Annex 10 lists participants. The evaluation team and the WFP evaluation manager jointly defined a sample for the e-survey:

Table 2. Sample of stakeholders for surveys

Stakeholder group	Distributed to	Response required	Response received
WFP staff (survey A)	38 country offices (29 beneficiaries of SSTC events or China aid, and 9 non beneficiaries ² Systematic sample, by alphabetic order, including 29 participants in China SSTC activities and 9 non beneficiaries. Beneficiaries were stratified by level of participation	30%	15 responses were received - a 40% response rate. 13 questionnaires were analysed (the two other questionnaires were empty). 9 responses were prepared by at least 2 persons in the country office. Women CO staff participated in 10 answers

2.5. Quality assurance

31. The WFP centralized evaluation quality assurance system (CEQAS) sets out processes with inbuilt steps and templates for evaluation products based on standardized checklists. The system was systematically applied during this evaluation based on documents provided to the evaluation team. There were two levels of quality assurance of the evaluation products, by the evaluation manager and by the senior evaluation officer. This quality assurance process was designed to not interfere with the views and independence of the evaluation team. It ensured that the report provided the necessary evidence in a clear and convincing way and drew its conclusions on that basis. All draft products relating to the CSPE underwent stringent review processes. They were first reviewed internally by the evaluation team, with the

² A sample of 84 COs was proposed in the inception report but was reduced on advice from the OEV. This reduced the response burden on COs but did limit the validity of response.

team leader having the final approval review of the draft evaluation products. Next, draft products were reviewed by KonTerra before being submitted to WFP for review and approval in line with the WFP evaluation quality assurance system prior to submission of the deliverables to the Office of Evaluation.

32. The WFP evaluation quality assurance system calls for carrying out gender responsive evaluations, including the identification and analysis of disaggregated gender roles and dynamics, guided by WFP Gender Policy objectives and action plan, inequalities, discriminatory practices, and unjust power relations. For gender to be successfully integrated into an evaluation it is essential to assess the quality of the gender analysis that was undertaken before the country strategic plan was designed and whether the results of the gender analysis were properly integrated into the country strategic plan implementation.

2.6. Ethical considerations

- 33. Ethical requirements were considered throughout the evaluation process. Those engaged in, and informed by the evaluation were treated appropriately, and decisions about their treatment influenced the evaluation's design. Ethical considerations were incorporated in the methodology, which defined risks and appropriate management measures, including issues related to data confidentiality and protection, ensuring that the evaluation team could avoid causing harm to respondents, and set out ethical safeguards for the reporting of ethical concerns. The evaluation had limited face-to-face contact with field beneficiaries and stakeholders. Interviews were largely remote. The most important consideration was to ensure confidentiality for views expressed. The team used the electronic platform requested by each stakeholder as a preferred platform for discussion. No recordings of proceedings were taken. Interviews were structured in such a way as to ensure maximum openness and comfort for the interviewee. All interviewees were notified that interviews were confidential and that their views would not be attributed in any publication.
- 34. All team members are external consultants and have no ties to WFP operations in China or conflicts of interest. The team members have not been involved in the design, implementation or monitoring of WFP activities in China, nor do they have a conflict of interest of any other nature, abiding by the 2016 UNEG norms and Standards and the 2007 UNEG Ethical Guidelines and Code of Conduct as well as the principles of 'do no harm'. The team also committed to signing the Confidentiality, Internet and Data Security Statement.

2.7. Limitations

35. The evaluation was conducted under tight time frames and in an unusual context given the COVID-19 pandemic. The evaluation team was experienced in field evaluations and remote evaluations. The methodology and schedule were adapted to respond to this context, maximize time for gathering data, analyse the evidence, and generate credible findings and conclusions and realistic recommendations.

Limitation	Impact	Mitigation measures
The originally allocated timeframe was delayed due to the pandemic situation.	The tight schedule was defined for incountry evaluations. Adaptation to a remote evaluation mission, which requires a longer time, was not agreed in advance. The standardized quality process for the production of reporting deliverables reduced time available for analysis and reflection.	The evaluation team operated efficiently to maintain deadlines and required outputs. Extra time was provided to extend the data gathering phase in order to increase the opportunity for remote interviews. This also involved telephone interviews with field stakeholders. Evaluation management was available to support the implementation of the evaluation and manage expectations to provide as much time as possible for realistic, substantive work.
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the two international members could travel	Lack of country presence of two team members reduced effective engagement with the country pffice and partners and did not allow direct exposure to country CSP interventions.	The non-China based team members already had experience in China, including at similar field locations. The China-based team had members experienced in field visits and in policy level interviews. The team was invited by the China CO to attend the annual country retreat with

Limitation	Impact	Mitigation measures
to neither Rome nor China, and there were unpredictable local restrictions.	Interaction with WFP headquarter divisions, which have a critical role in the China CSP, could only take place through videocalls. China-based team members undertook all field visits. A longer time frame was also required to secure stakeholders to participate in interviews remotely.	participants from WFP and government partners. The China CO staff provided substantive support in country liaison to secure online interviews.
Team meetings, as well as most interviews, could only take place remotely.	Compromise of data quality via online means was a potential concern. There were initial concerns about the feasibility of interviews with senior interviewees via videocalls.	The evaluation team members were experienced in working remotely as a team and undertaking remote evaluation interviews. An invitation process was designed to ensure participation of the interviewee. In the COVID-19 pandemic context, all stakeholders were acquainted with holding international interviews and meetings through videocalls. Interviewees could choose their preferred platform. Rescheduling interviews was possible when needed.

ANNEX 3. Data Collection Tools

1. Semi-structured interview guides

A generic interview guide was created for all stakeholder interviews, as a basis for consulting with stakeholders as diverse as WFP country office and headquarters staff, government agencies, United Nations agencies, researchers and experts, Chinese and international companies, and implementers and beneficiaries of domestic projects. This generic guide covered all elements in the evaluation matrix (Annex 2). Evaluation subquestions were rephrased, and carefully arranged in five sections, to facilitate a discussion focused on country strategic plan results in relation to food and nutrition issues, emergency management and humanitarian aid, smallholders in value chains, capacity strengthening and WFP crosscutting aims. The questions covered the full range of technical and strategic issues in the country strategic plan.

In designing the interview guides, the evaluation team did not assume that participants were already familiar with the content of the country strategic plan and did not restrict the discussion to the country strategic plan. Views were sought, where possible at a strategic level, about the overall programme of WFP since 2017 and the changing context.

Best practice for social studies in Asian countries were mobilized. Questions were phrased in a factual manner (when, who, what, how, why). Asking for opinion was avoided. Instead respondents were invited to identify strong points and scope for improvement.

Before the interview, special attention was paid to the invitation process. The initial invitation email was sent through the Deputy Country Director. The team member in charge of the interview then sent a more detailed invitation email. After availability was confirmed, the interviewee received a short list of main discussion points. The questionnaire was not shared.

Each interview started with an introduction sequence. The rationale for the evaluation, its scope, and the learning and non-nominative approach of the evaluation was reconfirmed. We announced that we welcomed the interviewee's contribution to the next WFP programme in China for the coming period. We invited the interviewee to request any clarification on WFP or the evaluation he/she might need.

We managed time carefully to ensure sufficient time was available for the conclusion section. In the conclusion section, the interviewee was asked to make proposals to maintain existing strong points in the country strategic plan and for improvements and was given time for any additional contribution.

Interview notes were produced and shared among team members only.

Interview guide template

1. Identification of organization and interviewee (to be prefilled before the interview and completed after the introduction)

Title, family name, given name
Organization (bilingual), function in organization
Participation in WFP program
Name of main WFP counterpart in the organization, function

2. Introduction

Introductions, confidentiality aspects and a voluntary aspect (to be read at the beginning of each interview): "This study for the World food program is about its program (called country program strategy) and activities in China since 2017. The purpose of this study is to learn from this period to prepare the next WFP program in China. We are here to learn from your organization's experience and point of view. You are invited to provide your experience on the specific activities your organization is directly participating in. You are also welcome to discuss more broadly WFP's work in China, both domestic and international. For this meeting, we are focusing our questions on [XX]. You are welcome to cover any additional point.

I am an / we are independent consultant(s) in charge of this evaluation.

Before we start, I would like to thank you for your time and availability. I would like to confirm that this is an evaluation interview, not an audit or control. We will summarize all interviews, there will be no individual quotes. You may request confidentiality on a specific point, in which case we would not mention it in the report. Please feel free to share what you think in a very open manner.

I would like to confirm with you that your participation in the interview is voluntary. You may request to exit the interview before the end. If you have any questions in the future, you may contact XX.

[Elements into brackets] indicate main foreseen adaptation to different stakeholders. Discussion points in technical interviews focus on the effectiveness section of the evaluation matrix, as well as part of the relevance section (targeting, gender). Discussion points in strategic interviews with the private sector outside of China will focus on the relevance and performance sections of the evaluation matrix, and selected points on effectiveness.

Evaluation matrix sub-	Discussion points
question number	Discussion points
Introduction	Participation in / knowledge of the various activities of WFP in China, WFP
(confirmation of	partner status
interview focus)	Food and nutrition in their work
[Specific focus: COVID	Respective roles of your organization and WFP in this operation
19, 2 CIDCA projects]	
A - Food and nutrition is	sues [within China and/or in China's international work through WFP]
1.3 Relevance (changing	Events since 2017: in your work on food and nutrition, in the national context
context)	and policy framework, in China's international work on food security and
4.1 Performance	nutrition? Where is the best evidence available on these issues and do WFP
(evidence)	activities use this evidence?
1.2 Relevance (needs)	Among priority food and nutrition issues in your scope of work, which ones
3.2 Efficiency (actual	you are addressing in your work with WFP? Why were this focus and this
targeting)	location selected? How has reaching the intended, targeted groups been
	ensured?
1.3 Relevance (changing	How about the capacity to address these food and nutrition issues in China's
needs)	disadvantaged areas, what has changed in the last 3 years?
B - Emergency manager	nent [within China and/or in China's international work through WFP]
1.3 Relevance (changing	What about WFP emergency activities in China and in China's international
needs)	work? Which priority needs over that period and how are they been
	addressed?
2.3 Sustainability	Which activities are foreseen in the post Covid phase? Will WFP participation
	in the Guangzhou logistics hub be sustained and why?
C – Capacity strengthen	
2.3 Sustainability:	How to you understand the capacity strengthening results expected from the
ownership	work you are doing with WFP, by whom and for whom? How is this being paid
Capacity strengthening	attention to?
focus	And what visible signs of averages in this field do you goe? In this likely to
2.1 Effectiveness	And what visible signs of progress in this field do you see? Is this likely to
2.3 Sustainability	continue in upcoming years?
Capacity strengthening focus	
locus	
D - WFP working method	l Is and principles
2.1 Efficiency	In your work with WFP, what is making good progress, what is late and why? Is
3.1 Efficiency	there enough flexibility? Any problems generated by delayed activities?
4.4 Performance	and a straight heritality is a producting generated by delayed delivities:
(timeline)	
3.3 3.4 Cost	How are costs paid attention to in WFP activities in China?
effectiveness	a. a abba para accention to in this accentice in crimia.
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Evaluation matrix sub-	Discussion points		
question number			
1.4 UN coherence	WFP compared to the UN agencies in China: coherence of approach,		
	comparative advantage		
2.1 2.2 2.3 Gender	WFP has a principle of gender equality and women empowerment. In you		
	work with WFP, how is this taken into account, what is successful or not?		
2.2 Cross-cutting aims	WFP has protection principles for beneficiaries. What is your view on how this		
	is taken into account in WFP work in China?		
2.4 Humanitarian nexus	WFP is aiming to link humanitarian aid to development. What is your view on		
	how this is taken into account in WFP work in China for activities in China and		
	elsewhere?		
E – WFP-Government of	China-donors: institutional aspects		
1.1 Alignment	Looking backward, when this new WFP China program was designed, how		
	was alignment with the national policies paid attention to? Was this		
	successful?		
4.2 Donor resources	The CSP is also a tool to mobilize the Chinese government and the private		
	sector as donors for WFP food and nutrition activities. What is successful and		
	what is not? Any recent changes?		
4.3 Partnerships	In 2017, was your organization already a partner of WFP? What has changed		
	since then?		
Conclusion	In the absence of WFP and these partnerships with WFP, what would have		
	taken place anyway? How would you define the added value of WFP's work in		
	China		
	Proposals for the upcoming period		
	Is there any point we did not cover in this discussion?		
Agreement to have name listed as evaluation participant in the WFP re			
	Yes / No		
	Reconfirmation of documents mentioned		
	Thanks		

2. Interview through email with phone option

This option was initially foreseen to be used in a systematic manner since it was expected that government officials would not be available for international videocalls. The team members were to carefully draft the questions in both English and Chinese and test them with the country office before sending out the questionnaire. Recipients were to be encouraged to answer either individually or as a group. This option was also expected to allow reaching several managers within a Chinese enterprise, rather than only interviewing the person in corporate social responsibility who is the WFP contact in most enterprises. Questions were to be structured into two sections: technical questions and strategic questions, to allow mid-level staff to answer technical questions, and invite senior managers to contribute to the more strategic questions.

This option was only mobilized as an alternative option, in cases where government officials or enterprise managers were not available for an interview. It started late during the evaluation mission and was not successful since respondents would have required more time to answer.

3. Internet survey with country offices

The process to invite respondents was carefully designed. The evaluation manager in the WFP Office of Evaluation sent the link to the online survey to the Country Directors. To ensure internet access would not be a limitation, respondents also received the questionnaire in Word format. Two of them chose this option.

The scope of the questionnaire was defined as the country offices' interactions with the China country office in relation to SO4 (the Centre of Excellence) and SO5 (facilitation by the China country office of WFP country office's applications for funding from China). The questionnaire combined multiple-choice questions, scoring questions and open questions. All multiple-choice questions included the option to tick a "does not

wish to answer" box. Open questions related to the relevance of SSTC topics, and to strengths, weaknesses and proposals for the next country strategic plan.

The questionnaire started with a section inviting respondents to participate to the evaluation and make proposals for the next country strategic plan and confirming that analysis would be non-nominative. The internet survey questionnaire was designed on Word format and transferred by Konterra onto an internet survey platform (SurveyMonkey). The Office of Evaluation sent the invitation emails with a link to the survey. It then sent thank you and reminder emails over a period of three weeks. KonTerra directly accessed results from the SurveyMonkey platform. The evaluation team member analysed the results in a non-nominative manner.

The questionnaire was tested internally by the team, Konterra and the Office of Evaluation, and finalized on that basis.

The following table provides the structure of the questionnaire. The questionnaire itself is provided in the inception report.

Survey results (sample representativity and answers) are provided in Annex 11.

Evaluation matrix	Questionnaire sections (multiple choice or open question)		
question number			
Introduction	Country, N persons having contributed to answer, name list		
	Contacts with China CO, HQ contacts in China since 2017 (multiple choice)		
A – South-South and	triangular cooperation activities and outcomes		
2.1 Outputs	SSTC exchange visits supported by WFP China since 2017, categories of		
	participants, location in country / in China (multiple choice)		
2.1 Outputs and	Type of SSTC support facilitated through China CSP: expert advice, policy support,		
2.3. Sustainability	from China through WFP on nutrition issues, food security, knowledge sharing		
	activities, junior professional officer: started before 2017, trends since then (multiple choice)		
	Description of enhanced knowledge for (1) WFP CO, (2) host country government,		
	(3) SSC participants regarding China's experience in food security, nutrition,		
	poverty reduction, other (multiple choice and open question)		
1.1 Relevance:	Agreement on CSP ToC issues: (1) facilitate the development of policy dialogue,		
alignment of CSP	new cooperative platforms, new partnerships, technical training, expert		
with China's national	deployment, new generation of leader farmers (2) support China's efforts to		
policy	enhance food security and nutrition in the countries (multiple choice)		
1.2 Relevance:	Relevance of experience from pilot projects in China for host country (direct		
nutritionally	through knowledge sharing, indirect through SSTC experts, indirect through		
vulnerable groups	quantitative impact evaluation surveys) (multiple choice)		
1.2 Relevance	Selected focus topics for WFP SSTC in China in host country (post-harvest,		
	mechanization, poverty reduction) (multiple choice)		
1.1 China alignment	Proposed farmer leaders' programme is relevant (1) if activities in host country,		
	(2) if activities in China (multiple choice)		
	Current status of the farmer leaders programme and why (open question)		
1.2 Relevance	2 examples of very relevant activities, why (open question)		
3.2. Efficiency:	Are they considered as a targeted country, on which basis (multiple choice and		
selection of targeted	open question)		
country and area	Level (national, subnational) and location of CSP facilitated activity		
3.3. Efficiency: agile	Rapid answer received from CO office, host project		
WFP activities	Host project country approval process (multiple choice)		
3.4 Efficiency:	Cost-efficient options: expert advice: knowledge sharing activities		
attention to cost	Satisfaction on 2020 webinars (multiple choice)		
efficiency			
B – Public and privat	e Chinese donors		

Evaluation matrix	Questionnaire sections (multiple choice or open question)
question number	
2.1 Effectiveness	Trends in funding from China contacts through China CO or through HQ since 2017 (multiple choice)
4.2 Performance: flexible funding	Attitude and actual situation on flexibility (adequacy and predictability) in WFP funding through various China CSP donors (open question)
4.3 Performance: new partners during CSP	Contacts with WFP China partners: started before 2017, trends since then (multiple choice, open question on example)
4.4. WFP performance: demand driven China contribution	Demands made to HQ, to China CO, to China CoE – satisfaction with action in response to this demand (multiple choice)
Focus on CIDCA projects	Knowledge, application, participation What worked well, what did not (open question)
Focus on COVID 19 hub	Participation (multiple choice) Effectiveness, efficiency, relevance (open question)
C - Cross-cutting aim	S
1.2. Relevance and 2.2. Compliance: gender	Extent to which China WFP SSTC integrates gender equality and women's empowerment (multiple choice and open description of example)
2.4 Humanitarian- development-link	How is this taken into account in their contacts with WFP China country office?
2.2 Accountability	Information to beneficiaries on source of aid
2.2 Protection	Protection of beneficiaries
Conclusion	2 main strengths of WFP activities in China or from China towards other countries (open question) 2 areas of scope for improvement (open question)
	Proposals for the upcoming period (open question)

4. Email dialogue

The WFP China country office staff were invited to share information when required throughout the evaluation mission.

The WFP headquarters staff and United Nations participant staff in the inception discussions and evaluation interviews who indicated interest in continuing dialogue were invited to further exchange in writing on specific points.

5. Focus group discussions

In the various focus group discussions (see list in Annex 10), a small number of relevant points for discussion were defined beforehand. Similarly with interviews, participants were informed that the discussion would be analysed in a non-nominative manner.

Senior participants in the online focus group discussion between Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and WFP country office managers received the list of questions in advance. The focus group discussion facilitator invited each participant to provide in turn his/her view on each question.

6. Participant observation at the country retreat

The China-based evaluation team joined the country retreat to undertake a structured participant observation activity. The evaluators observed participation, listened to exchanges, and shared notes with the international team members.

The presentations prepared by the China country office for the retreat were shared and proved to be valuable sources of information on the on-going country strategic plan as well as the line of sight for the upcoming period.

7. Protocol for the field visit

The proposed fieldwork agenda was forwarded to the provincial project management office (PMO) (and Xiangxi Prefecture PMO) under the Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs in advance, with support from the China country office. It was finalized after having received comments from the project management offices. The villages and kindergartens selected for the visit were agreed upon in advance. The agenda clarified travel arrangements for the evaluator and responsibility for expenditures.

The same ethical rules as for the interviews applied during the visit. The evaluator explained the purpose of the visit, phrased in non-technical terms. The county government was given two options: individual interviews or a grouped interview with the different offices in charge (project management office, agriculture, education).

The townships, villages, cooperative and kindergartens were informed of the date and purpose of the visit several days in advance, and asked to invite those who have actually participated in the project, and organize a focus group discussion with families for the kindergartens and cooperative members for the smallholder activity. The targeted audience would otherwise not have been reachable. Interview contents were based in the generic interview guide and rephrased in non-technical terms. The use of an outcome and satisfaction scoring card was considered but not used given the small number of participants and early stage of the project. Information collected filled information gaps, since there had been a baseline survey in Anhui and Gansu, and an impact evaluation in Hunan. Direct observation covered: in Hunan, posters in classes, school meals, girls' and boys' attitudes; and in Anhui, production, storage facilities, marketing platform, smallholder meals, and a local school if any connection. The observation aligned with the expected causal linkages in the theory of change of SO1 or SO2, to ascertain level of performance, constraints and actual or potential benefits. Records of location and participant names were documented.

8. Activity database

Three Excel files were created, which included the following tables:

- SSTC: (1) countries with SSTC projects; (2) Centre of Excellence experts; and (3) events organized or co-organized by the Centre of Excellence
- Private partnerships: (1) partners; (2) beneficiary countries
- Public partnerships: countries having received aid from Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, by year; same information for Ministry of Commerce/CIDCA.
- 36. A number of variables were created for the purpose of the evaluation. Among these, the most useful were: (i) in SSTC, thematic areas and levels of exchanges, by learning event; number of participating countries and individuals and number of Chinese experts mobilized; (ii) in private partnerships, the activity sector, the status of the partnership deal and the nature of the partnership (donor, other); and (iii) in public partnerships, the purpose of the aid contribution.
- 37. Annex 16 shows variables and results of the analysis.

9. Other quantitative data

- 38. The main sources of quantitative data were:
 - The 2019 mid-term review, which had a comprehensive compilation of COMET indicators
 - WFP WINGS system
 - WFP FACTory

- Monitoring reports from the domestic pilot projects.

ANNEX 4. Evaluation Matrix

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique			
vulnerable people's nee	EQ1 – To what extent is WFP's strategic position, role and specific contribution based on country priorities and appropriately aligned to nutritionally vulnerable people's needs as well as WFP's strengths?					
1.1 To what extent is the o	country strategic plan relevant to China's policies, plans, strateg	gies and goals, including achievement of t	he national Sustainable			
Alignment of CSP design to China's policies, plans and strategies	Most of the CSP is focused on assisting other countries through resource mobilization and SSC. As such, it may be more important to ask how well the work has aligned with the priorities of those countries rather than assessing it from the supply side. This may already be what is intended, but that isn't made completely clear under the term "national" here CSP design (SOs and activities) contribute to the objectives set in relevant national policies, plans and strategies CSP design aligns with the WFP MARA 2016 MoU Stakeholders' perception that CSP design (SOs and activities in China) considers national/subnational policies, strategies China and other country stakeholders' perception that implementation of the CSP has responded to the priorities of individual beneficiary countries Degree of alignment of CSP design (SOs and activities) with national policies, plans, strategies, and approaches on GEWE	WFP design documents (CSP, Development Plan (DEV), Emergency Operation (EMOP)) Relevant national policies, strategies and plans: The Thirteenth Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China (2016-2020), China's Food and Nutrition Development Plan (2014–2020), National Child Development Plan for Poverty-Stricken Areas (2014–2020), National Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Plan (2011-2015), President Xi Jinping's statement and joint press communiqué at the High-Level Roundtable on South-South cooperation in September 2015, National Nutrition Plan (2017-2030), National Food Security Mid- and Longterm Plan (2008-2020), national Grain Security Plan (2008-2020), National Plan for an Increase of Production Capacity for 50 Billion Kg of Food (2009-2020), National Agriculture	Document review Semi-structured interviews and dialogue: Government, partners; dialogue with HQ, CO, other UN agencies Observation at HQ Triangulation where possible by cross-checks among datasets			

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
		Sustainable Development Plan (2015-2030); National Rural Vitalization Strategic Plan (2018-2022), the Healthy Grain and Edible Oil Action Plan, Healthy China 2030 Planning Outline, China's Food Security and Nutrition under Rapid Transformation: Enhanced Strategic Partnership with WFP (2015), United Nations China: Republic of China Common Country Analysis (2020) Plan for Women's Development in China (2011–2020) Partnership documents (MoUs) Government, WFP, UN, development partners and external interviewees Studies and analyses on gender	
Relevance of the CSP to China's context for each CSP strategic outcome	The CSP is based on an understanding of the national and subnational context The CSP is based on the analysis of national and subnational needs (nutrition, food security, etc.) Design of CSP activities is based on a recent country capacity needs assessment Integration of gender perspective into needs assessments Design of CSP addresses contextual factors for GEWE	equality WFP operational documents (CSP, DEV, EMOP) China's Food Security and Nutrition under Rapid Transformation: Enhanced Strategic Partnership with WFP (2015) Country surveys on nutrition/food security Partnership documents (MoUs) Other research/analysis on nutrition/food security	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private partners, WFP staff; dialogue with CO, UN agencies Country offices survey Observation at WFP staff retreat

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
		Government, WFP, UN, development partners and external interviewees	
		Studies and analyses on gender equality	
Relevance of CSP's approach to SSTC in line with the demands and interests of recipient countries	The CSP is based on SSTC recipient country needs in alignment with WFP development mandate. The appropriateness of the mechanisms for SSTC with WFP recipient countries	WFP operational documents (CSP, DEV, EMOP) Government, WFP, UN, development partners and external interviewees E-survey with recipient countries	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private partners, WFP staff; dialogue with CO, UN agencies Country offices survey
1.2 To what extent did the ensure that no one is left Extent of CSP focus on the most vulnerable/marginalized groups in terms of food security	country strategic plan address appropriately the food security behind? CSP design was informed by vulnerability assessments/analysis CSP focus on the most vulnerable food insecure groups, including relevance of specific activities to their needs and	CSP design documentation and related assessments and analytical studies CSP implementation reports and data	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, WFP staff, pilot project implementers, NGO
Security	appropriateness of beneficiary targeting mechanisms CSP focus on geographical areas with greatest food insecurity, poverty/livelihood vulnerability Targeting of CSP activities reflects recommended/standard WFP corporate practice	(ACR and monitoring indicators) Perceptions of internal and external stakeholders (United Nations agencies, WFP MoH) Partnership documents (MoUs)	Dialogue with United Nations Document review
	Extent to which SOs 1 and 2 interventions target the most nutritionally insecure	Project documents	Field interviews and observations
Extent to which CSP integrates gender equality and women's empowerment	CSP design was informed by gender analysis that considers aspects of intersectionality and equity CSP focus on gender equality and women's empowerment	CSP design documentation and related assessments and analytical studies	Document review

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
	CSP focus on gender equity and transformative approaches (e.g. harmful gender roles and norms, gender relations and gender power inequalities, access to and control over resources, participation in decision making) Proportion of activities in the CSP that are: 1) gender-blind; 2) gender-specific; 3) gender-sensitive; and 4) gender-transformative FP strategic positioning remained relevant, appropriate and colontext, capacities and needs in China and in other countries in WFP was able to adapt to evolving needs in China at country, provincial and county level For the "and in other countries in which China is a WFP donor" part, the indicators are still if WFP was able to adapt WFP was able to adapt to changes in policy priorities in China and to respond to context changes in programme countries Again, it would be most valuable if the CSP evaluation could assess these aspects from the "demand" side of resource mobilization and SSC in the programme countries, as well as the supply side in China WFP has responded to the demand of programme countries, both in resource mobilization and SSC, as well as the supply side in China		

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
Extent to which relevance is sustained in light of national capacities in China	WFP was able to adapt with changes in partners or capacities WFP advice and technical assistance regarding child nutrition, smallholder farmers livelihoods and disaster risk reduction has remained relevant to national and subnational capacity strengthening needs	Progress reporting, annual planning (including COMP) and (budget) revisions on CSP and preceding operations Perceptions of internal and external stakeholders (United Nations agencies, WFP, the Government of China)	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private partners, WFP staff, NGOs Dialogue with United Nations Timeline of events
Extent to which relevance is sustained in light of changing programmatic context	WFP was able to adapt with changes in funding, its own capacity and its relations with other United Nations agencies	Progress reporting, annual planning (including COMP), United Nations system planning (including UNSDCF) and (budget) revisions on CSP and preceding operations Perceptions of internal and external stakeholders	Document review Semi-structured interviews and dialogue with Government, NGO, United Nations, WFP interviewees Participant survey and questionnaire
	country strategic plan coherent and aligned with the wider Unit I operational partnerships based on the comparative advantage		what extent does it include
Alignment with UNDAF and the new UNSDCF	CSP is aligned with the objectives and priorities set in the China UNDAF/UNSDCF WFP and United Nations Country Team stakeholders can articulate how the CSP contributed to UNDAF (2016-2020) and UNSDCF (2021-2025) objectives	Plans and supporting process documentation linked to CSP, UNDAF, UNSDCF WFP and United Nations Country Team interviewees	Document review Dialogue with United Nations, interviews with WFP staff
Extent to which CSP articulates and applies the comparative advantage of WFP in China	CSP articulates the comparative advantage of WFP CSP design reflects the comparative advantage of other partners (e.g. UN agencies) WFP is recognized as the 'lead' partner in the areas targeted by the CSP	CSP and documentation on CSP design process UNDAF, UNSDCF and documentation on related design processes	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, NGO, WFP staff Dialogue with United Nations Country offices survey

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
	WFP, UNICEF and other UN agencies, with the Government of China, clearly agree on the respective roles of agencies with regard to nutrition	Perceptions of internal and external stakeholders (United Nations agencies, WFP, GOC)	
	Perhaps a similar question is relevant with regard to FAO and SSC		
	WFP and FAO, with GOC, clearly agree on the respective roles of agencies with regard to SSC		
Extent to which CSP design specifies and applies strategic partnerships	CSP maps key government and private partners under each strategic objective CSP maps/considers operational partners active in the sectors / issues targeted by the CSP	CSP and documentation on CSP design process Partnership documents (MoUs) Perceptions of internal and external stakeholders	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private partner, NGOs, WFP staff
	CSP proposes a strategy to identify and build public and private partnerships	StakeriolderS	Dialogue with United Nations
FO2 What is the extent	Efficiency and effectiveness of this strategy, if in place and quality of the specific contribution of WFP to country strate	reis plan stratogis outsomes in China?	
	FP deliver expected outputs and contribute to each of the expec		omes and established synergies
Achievement of planned CSP outputs to date and quality of performance	Mapping of tasks undertaken, and outputs achieved against CSP design and corporate process guidelines Performance data of (outputs accomplished; people reached/trained etc.) Stakeholder views on the quality of WFP performance under each activity Extent of capacity strengthening incorporated in each SO activities and results	CO monitoring and performance reporting at outcome, and output data (ACRs, standard project reports (SPRs)) National statistics, where available and relevant Perceptions of stakeholders: those directly engaged in/benefitting from WFP activities and those with broader involvement in relevant sectors (MARA)	Document and data review Activity database on SSTC and partnerships Semi-structured interviews with Government, private partners, NGOs, WFP interviewees Dialogue with United Nations Country offices survey

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
	WFP contribution to reducing child malnutrition rates WFP contribution to enhancing livelihoods of smallholder farmers WFP contribution to the ability of populations regularly affected by natural disasters to withstand and respond to shocks Given that SO5 focuses on "selected developing countries", should this be reframed around "WFP China's contribution"? If it refers to "WFP contribution" in those places, then the scope of this evaluation extends to evaluating the overall WFP results in those countries. This would be most useful but may not be feasible. If results in those countries are to be included, then the list of sources needs to be expanded to include that China CSP contribution to enhanced food security and nutrition in targeted "poverty counties" in China Private sector resources and SSC in selected developing countries funded through the China CSP have been directed to WFP food security and nutrition activities in these countries	Beneficiaries in two pilot projects Relevant data on Zero Hunger Capacity Scorecard Perception of WFP staff, government and external stakeholders on unintended results Perception of Government on outcome achievement Perception of Government on progress toward outcome achievement. Beneficiaries in two pilot projects Recipient countries (CO e-survey)	Document and data review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private partners, WFP interviewees, NGOs Dialogue with United Nations, HQ, CO Pilot project participant discussions Pilot project observation Country offices survey
	Unintended results (positive, negative) for women, men, girls and/or boys, as applicable		

^{2.2} To what extent, and through which processes, did WFP take into account cross-cutting aims (humanitarian principles, protection, accountability to targeted populations, gender equality and other equity considerations), both in resource mobilization and South-South cooperation from China in programme countries, and within the domestic programme

As above, this question would be most usefully answered in relation to the work outside China supported by resource mobilization and South-South cooperation from China, focusing on the areas where the collaboration with China has potential influence on these cross-cutting themes in those places (and where it does not).

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
WFP compliance with humanitarian principles and contribution to achievement of humanitarian objectives	WFP corporate humanitarian principles and approaches reflected in CSP activities and processes Monitoring systems comply with WFP requirements in relation to humanitarian principles Stakeholders' perception on WFP compliance with humanitarian principles	CSP document Documentation on CSP monitoring systems (logical framework, internal guidelines and systems) Perceptions of internal and external stakeholders	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, NGOs, WFP staff Dialogue with HQ, United Nations e-survey with WFP COs
Compliance with protection principles and contribution to achievement of protection objectives	WFP corporate protection principles and approaches reflected in CSP Monitoring systems comply with WFP requirements in relation to protection principles Stakeholders' perception on WFP compliance with protection principles	CSP Documentation on CSP monitoring systems (logical framework, internal guidelines and systems) Perceptions of internal and external stakeholders	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, NGOs, WFP staff Dialogue with HQ, United nations E-survey with WFP COs
WFP compliance with principles and achievement of objectives regarding accountability to affected populations and the environment	WFP corporate principles and approaches regarding accountability to targeted populations reflected in CSP activities and processes Monitoring systems comply with WFP requirements regarding accountability to affected populations Stakeholders' perception on WFP compliance with principles of accountability to targeted populations WFP demonstrates awareness and promotion of environmental principles in capacity strengthening activities and sustainable agriculture support	CSP Documentation on CSP monitoring systems (logical framework, internal guidelines and systems) Perceptions of internal and external stakeholders Perceptions of internal and external stakeholders Promotion of good environmental sustainability practice in demonstration activities.	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, NGOs, WFP staff Dialogue with United Nations Pilot project participant discussions Semi-structured interviews with Government, NGOs, WFP staf Field observations E-survey with WFP COs
WFP compliance with principles and	WFP corporate principles and approaches regarding GEWE are reflected in CSP activities and processes	CSP document	Document review

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
achievement of objectives regarding gender equity and women's empowerment	Monitoring systems comply with WFP requirements regarding GEWE Stakeholders' perception on WFP compliance with GEWE principles Stakeholders in sectors receiving WFP support have capacity to generate and analyse sex-disaggregated data through M&E systems to inform/produce gender-responsive national programming Evidence that national stakeholders in sectors receiving WFP CSP support understand and are applying appropriate gender-sensitive principles for engagement of men and women, boys and girls Evidence that stakeholders in sectors receiving WFP CSP support understand and are applying gender-transformative approaches, where relevant WFP compliance with WFP gender toolkits (e.g., gender and social protection toolkit, gender and supply chain) in relevant sectors of intervention, including nutrition, supply chain and CSP activities Evidence of contribution to gender equality outcomes by dimension	Documentation on CSP monitoring systems (logical framework, internal guidelines and systems) Perceptions of internal (WFP staff) and external stakeholders (i.e. government representatives, private sector, pilot project implementers, NGOs, United Nations)	Semi-structured interviews with Government, private partners, NGOs, WFP staff Dialogue with United Nations Review of WFP gender and age marker Pilot project participant discussions Pilot project observation E-survey with WFP COs
2.3 To what extent is the o	country strategic plan adding value to existing activities, and are	e its achievements likely to be sustainable	e?
Extent to which the Government of China shows ownership of CSP objectives and strategy and perceives integration of CSP and Government objectives	Analysis of the CSP and activities objectives and approaches are coherent with relevant national policies Stakeholder views on country ownership and added value of CSP	Statements of government policy and strategy on health, nutrition, school feeding, social protection and civil protection Perceptions of government and external stakeholders	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, NGO, WFP staff Dialogue with United Nations, HQ, CO

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
and programmes and CSP added value Extent to which CSP's capacity strengthening	Evidence of CSP contribution to increased technical	Beneficiaries in two pilot projects Recipient countries (CO e-survey) Strategic planning and reporting	Document review
work incorporates all CSP objectives	expertise for extending nutrition programmes in hard-to-reach areas Evidence of CSP contribution to enhanced capacity for integration of smallholders into national food supply chains Evidence of CSP contribution to strengthened response mechanisms for shocks-supply chain interventions, asset creation in drought-affected areas and insurance systems Evidence of CSP contribution to strengthened capacity through South-South partnerships Evidence of CSP contribution to strengthened capacities of targeted "poverty counties" for enhanced food security and nutrition	documents produced by WFP Perception of WFP staff Perception of government and external stakeholders Beneficiaries in two pilot projects Recipient countries (CO e-survey)	Semi-structured interviews with Government, NGO, United Nations, WFP staff Participant survey and questionnaire Direct site observation Country offices survey Baseline studies and monitoring reports from the domestic projects.
	Analysis of CSP capacity strengthening implementation and categorization into enabling environment, organizational and individual domains Analysis of recognition of the three MoU domains by stakeholders with whom CSP intends CS engagement		
Extent to which the Government of China is likely to be able and willing to fund continuation of strategy and programmes to which CSP contributes	Analysis of national priorities National stakeholder views on future of strategies and programmes supported by WFP	Statements of government policy, strategy and funding on health, nutrition, school feeding, social protection. smallholder agriculture and cooperatives	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private sector, NGOs, WFP staff Dialogue with United Nations Country offices survey

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
		Analysis by international finance institutions (and other analysts, if available) Perceptions of government and external stakeholders	
Quality of handover and up-scaling strategy of projects from WFP to relevant organizations	Existence of clearly defined handover and up-scaling strategy for each relevant WFP project Evidence that clear and agreed handover strategies have been completed or are in place Extent to which SSC activities have resulted in transfer of skills and knowledge Extent to which sustainability principles are in line with the 2030 Agenda and also environmental sustainability are addressed	Statements of WFP project handover strategy Documentation on agreement with relevant organizations about handover strategy Perceptions of government and external stakeholders	Document review Semi-structured interviews with pilot project implementers, national partners Pilot project participant discussions Direct site observation E-survey of country recipients
2.4 To what extent did the Extent to which CSP design facilitates progress in disaster risk reduction and resilience in target areas	EVIDENCE CSP facilitate more strategic linkages within the elements of to Evidence that CSP design acknowledges significance of the dual nexus and specifies support for strengthening it How are Chinese SSTC interventions in other countries positioned along the triple nexus?	he humanitarian action and development CSP and documentation relating to CSP consultations and preparation, particularly in relation to SO3 Perceptions of Government, United Nations, NGO and WFP stakeholders on WFP contribution to DRR and respective planning processes	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, NGO, WFP staff Dialogue with United Nations
Extent to which CSP implementation facilitates progress in disaster risk reduction and resilience	Evidence that CSP implementation has facilitated progress in disaster risk reduction and resilience to shocks in target areas	CSP monitoring and performance reports Perceptions of Government, United Nations, NGO and WFP stakeholders	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, NGO, WFP staff Dialogue with United Nations

3.1 To what extent has WFP used its resources efficiently in contributing to CSP outputs and strategic outcomes? 3.1 To what extent were outputs delivered within the intended timeframe? Achieverec to timeframe Activities delivered as proposed in the timeline defined in CSP and annual plans Delays or divergences are justified in country/project reports Analysis of factors explaining delays/divergences from expected timeline (e.g., internal vs. external factors) 3.2 To what extent were coverage and targeting of interventions under each strategic objective appropriateness of coverage Coverage of CSP activities is justified and realistic, based on existing mapping and assessments and on available resources Actual coverage of CSP activities reflects recommended/standard practices Appropriateness of targeting Appropriateness of targeting of interventions under each strategic objective appropriate? Appropriateness of coverage of CSP activities is justified and realistic, based on existing mapping and assessments and on available resources Actual coverage of CSP activities reflects recommended/standard practices Appropriateness of targeting Targeting of CSP activities (differentiate support at levels of partnerships with the Government of China, of beneficiaries and of institutions) is justified and realistic, based on existing mapping and assessments and on available resources For SO1 and 2, were the targeted households/persons effectively reached? Appropriateness of effectively reached? Appropriateness of targeting of CSP activities (differentiate support at levels of partnerships with the Government of China, of beneficiaries and recommendations WFP, United Nations, NGO and governments WFP corporate guidelines and recommendations	Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
Adherence to timeframe Activities delivered as proposed in the timeline defined in CSP and annual plans Delays or divergences are justified in country/project reports Analysis of factors explaining delays/divergences from expected timeline (e.g., internal vs. external factors) 3.2 To what extent were coverage and targeting of interventions under each strategic objective appropriateness of coverage Actual coverage of CSP activities reflects recommended/standard practices Actual coverage of activities for SO1, 2 and 3, compared to country needs, national efforts etc. Appropriateness of targeting Appropriateness of institutions) is justified and realistic, based on existing mapping and assessments and on available resources For SO1 and 2, were the targeted households/persons effectively reached? Activities delivered as proposed in the timeline defined in CSP and annual plans Delays or divergences are justified in country/project reports WFP, United Nations and government interviews with Government, project implementers, private sector Dialogue with CO Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, project implementers, private sector National discussions WFP corporate guidelines and recommendations WFP, United Nations, NGO and government interviewes Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, project implementers, private sector National and other relevant mapping and assessments and on available resources For SO1 and 2, were the targeted households/persons effectively reached? Appropriate set on a suitable resources CSP planning and implementation documents Nutrition and other relevant mapping and implementation documents Nutrition and other relevant mapping and assessments and on available resources For SO1 and 2, were the targeted households/persons effectively reached? ECSP planning and implementation documents Nutrition and other relevant mapping and assessments and on available resources WFP corporate guidelines and recommendations WFP corporate guidelines	_	·	utputs and strategic outcomes?	
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Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
Cost-efficiency of CSP implementation	Comparative analysis of the budget for period 2017-2020 with breakdown for comparable activities, including (if data available) those of other relevant agencies (e.g. UNICEF, IFAD, FAO) If data available, CO budget analysis to show costs per unit of delivery, with breakdown for direct support costs, staff costs, transfer costs and implementation costs	WFP budgets, funding and implementation reports WFP staff	Document review Semi-structured interviews with WFP staff, and private sector Dialogue with HQ and CO E-survey
	Cost-saving measures adopted by the China country office		
	Perception of cost-efficiency of SSTC interventions by Chinese and beneficiary country stakeholders		
	alternative, more cost-effective projects, intervention modes or	working methods considered?	
Attention paid to cost- effectiveness during CSP design and implementation	Alternatives and types of intervention were considered in CSP/activity design, including in annual plans It is important to also apply this question to SO5. Again, this could take a comparative approach, looking at how WFP manages its relationship with other key donors and where the main discussions take place (for example, for the USA, this happens in Washington, but for the UK, it happens in Rome). It may be worth looking at these different approaches in terms of effectiveness and efficiency Specific attention was paid to cost effectiveness in developing private partnerships and mobilizing China as a donor.	CSP planning and implementation documents Reports (if any) of consultations with Government (and other partners) WFP, government, private sector and United Nations interviewees	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private sector, WFP staff Dialogue with HQ, CO, United Nations
	Further response: We recognize that mapping the position of the China CSP within the whole network of global WFP offices and key donors would be valuable. However this is clearly outside the scope of this evaluation.		

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
	Alternatives were discussed with or presented to partners Final approaches/implementation decisions are justified by WFP		
	ors that explain WFP performance and the extent to which FP analyse or use existing or new evidence on the hunger challe rategic plan?	· ·	•
Comprehensiveness and quality of data and analysis used in CSP design	Evidence that National Zero Hunger Strategic Review (NZHSR) identified and analysed the implications of existing evidence Assess whether pilot projects are evidence-based Evidence that CSP design was explicitly based on NZHSR analysis and on current government policy Analysis of how interventions or strategies were prioritized Interviewee's confirmation that CSP appropriately analysed/used existing evidence	NZHSR References in CSP and related planning documentation to relevant analytical sources and data WFP, government, private sector and United Nations interviewees	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, WFP staff Dialogue with United Nations
	FP been able to mobilize adequate, predictable and flexible resto assist in mobilizing finances for WFP activities outside China Analysis of needs versus mobilized resources for period 2017-2020, comparing activity categories: humanitarian, direct (nutrition) implementation, capacity strengthening Analysis of sources of funding per type and level of earmarking Analysis of WFP adjustments to changes in levels of funding (e.g., staff, shift in activities) Dedicated resources for gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) initiatives and GEWE-related expenses (15 percent threshold of project funds)		Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private sector, NGOs Gender benchmarking exercise

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
Predictability of resourcing for the CSP	Trend analysis of relationship among needs-based budgets, timing of actual resource mobilization, and funding sources, considering fluctuation/turnover in donors supporting CSP and variable length of donor engagement	WFP budgets (including revisions), funding and implementation reports WFP staff	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private sector, NGOs, WFP interviewees Dialogue with CO and HQ
Flexibility of resourcing for the CSP	Analysis of proportions of funds received that are unrestricted or tied to specified levels in the line of sight and the extent to which Chinese funding to other countries is earmarked (i.e., to what extent can the WFP COs decide what it is used for) It is much more useful to look at the funding from China to other CSPs. The extent to which China's contributions are tied/restricted is a key question to investigate as part of improving the relationship under the next CSP. The extent of tying/restriction for the China CSP is less relevant. Extent to which China's contributions to other countries	WFP budgets (including revisions), funding and implementation reports WFP staff	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private sector, NGOs, WFP staff Dialogue with HQ and CO
	contribute to other WFP CSPs e country strategic plan lead to various types of partnerships ar	nd collaborations with other actors that p	ositively influenced performance
and results? Extent to which WFP has engaged in partnerships and collaboration during CSP implementation	Analysis of thematic focus, operational specificity, funding and outputs of identified partnerships, by category of partner It is also worth looking at which partnerships WFP has not built or has not formalized. CIDCA is a key partner for example, but there is no framework agreement signed between WFP and CIDCA; these types of agreements exist for most major donors Assessment of partnerships and where formal agreements are in place, or not in place	CSP planning and implementation documents and reports, including MOUs, technical and co-operation agreements, joint work plans WFP and partner interviewees	Document review Activity database on SSTC and partnerships Timeline of events Stakeholder mapping Semi-structured interviews with Government, private partners, NGOs and WFP staff Dialogue with CO and HQ

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
	It could also be valuable to look at the extent to which WFP coordinates with the rest of the UN in its relationship with the Government of China		
	Analysis of the extent to which WFP coordinates with the rest of the UN in its relationship with the Government of China		
Influence of partnerships and collaboration on CSP performance and results	Analysis of extent to which recorded outputs derive from joint implementation with partners	CSP planning and implementation documents and reports, including MoUs, technical and cooperation agreements, joint work plans WFP and partner interviewees (United Nations, private sector, technical partners)	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government, private sector partners, NGOs and WFP staff Dialogue with CO and HQ WFP gender and age marker
	Interviewees' perceptions of significance of partnerships and collaboration on quality of CSP performance and results		
	Evidence of factors facilitating and obstructing formation and effective use of partnerships		
	Evidence of South-South cooperation facilitating capacity strengthening in targeted developing countries		
	Partnership on GEWE (e.g., United Nations, academia, civil society organizations) to support gender-transformative programming		
Factors related to quality of collaboration within United Nations system in China	Analysis of extent to which CSP implementation is linked to sharing of data, resources, personnel with other UN	Documentation, including 2019 evaluation of UNDAF and planning of UNSDCF	Document review Semi-structured interviews with
	agencies		WFP and United Nations staff
	Analysis of quality of UNDAF (2016-2020) and UNSDCF (2021-2025) design and implementation in achieving practical and positive collaboration within the United Nations system in China	Perceptions of WFP and United Nations staff	
	Analysis of potential for UNSDCF (2021-2025) to strengthen WFP contribution to its CSP SOs		

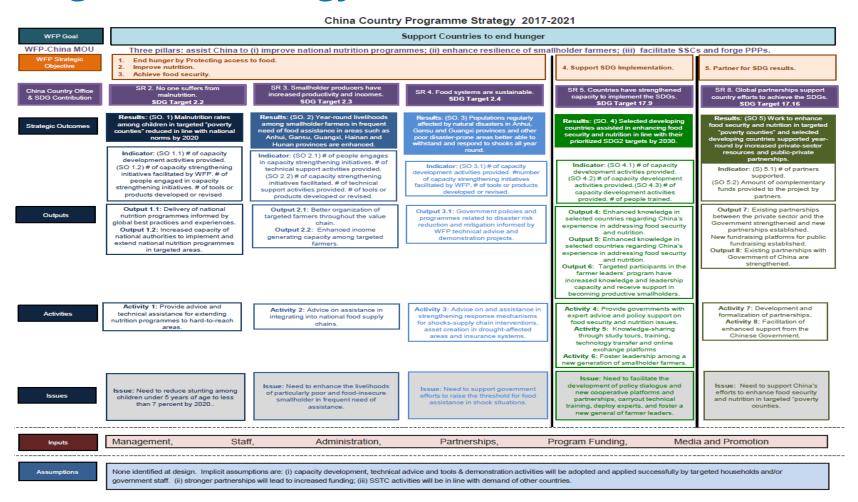
Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique		
	Evidence of duplication/complementarity of country strategic efforts within the United Nations system				
	Frequency of participation in United Nations Thematic Working Groups (e.g., those on agriculture, food security and land use, disaster risk and resilience, and inclusive development and poverty eradication)				
4.4 To what extent did the country strategic plan provide greater flexibility in the dynamic operational context and how did it affect results?					
Extent to which CSP structure and procedures have enhanced flexibility	Evidence of extent to which CSP structure and procedures have affected flexibility in terms of funding allocation, human resource allocation, adaptiveness to evolving needs, context, contingencies Indication of whether the CSP, with the MoU, is an appropriate strategic planning tool for WFP-China cooperation	WFP CO and RB implementation reports WFP documentation on implementation and amendment of Integrated Road Map Government stakeholders and WFP staff	Document review Semi-structured interviews with WFP staff Semi-structured interviews with Government Dialogue with CO and HQ		
Influence of CSP structure and procedures on results	Evidence of extent to which CSP structure and procedures had a positive or negative effect on quantity and quality of results	WFP implementation reports WFP documentation on implementation and revision documents WFP staff	Document review Semi-structured interviews with WFP, United Nations and donor staff		
4.5 What are the other factors that can explain WFP performance and the extent to which it has made the strategic shift expected by the country strategic plan?					
Technical quality of WFP design and implementation of CSP activities	Analysis of extent to which design and implementation of CSP activities conformed to global and WFP norms, standards, guidelines and procedures, with specific reference to nutrition, capacity strengthening and gender	CSP design documentation and implementation reports WFP corporate guidelines, notably on CS, nutrition and gender WFP staff	Document review Semi-structured interviews with pilot project implementers Dialogue with CO Pilot projects participant		
			discussions Pilot project direct observation		

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
Focus on and quality of results-based management (RBM)	Analysis of extent to which comprehensive monitoring data is promptly generated as a tool for RBM Analysis of extent to which RBM is practiced in CSP strategic management, using monitoring data to guide decisions	CSP implementation reports Perceptions of WFP staff	Document review For this aspect, a strong focus on SO4 and SO5 would be most likely to yield useful insights. Semi-structured interviews with WFP staff with a strong focus on SO4 & SO5
Effectiveness of management structure and priorities.	Assessment of how well the China country office in Beijing manages the roles of liaison office, CoE and WFP CO Assessment of management arrangements between HO, the China country office, China stakeholders and other WFP COs Effectiveness of reporting line directly to HQ and the fact that it has almost no relations with the RB in Bangkok	WFP documentation on implementation and amendment of Integrated Road Map Government stakeholders and WFP staff perceptions of WFP and implementing partners and United Nations staff	Document review Semi-structured interviews with Government Dialogue with CO and HQ Semi-structured interviews with WFP staff
Adequacy of WFP CO human resources	Levels of staff work (over)load Staff retention/turnover Adequacy of staffing across CO structure (as adjusted for the CSP) Clear understanding of roles & responsibilities among CO staff Existence of focal points (e.g. gender, M&E)	WFP human resource data Perceptions of WFP and implementing partners and United Nations staff	Document review Semi-structured interviews with WFP, implementing partners and United Nations staff Recently conducted HR review – Final report Global staff survey for China – results
Adequacy of WFP CO staff expertise	Evidence of gender expertise (including expertise on gender-transformative approaches) Evidence of country strategic expertise	WFP human resource data Perceptions of WFP staff Performance Evaluation Job descriptions	Document review Semi-structured interviews with WFP and implementing partner staff Gender benchmarking

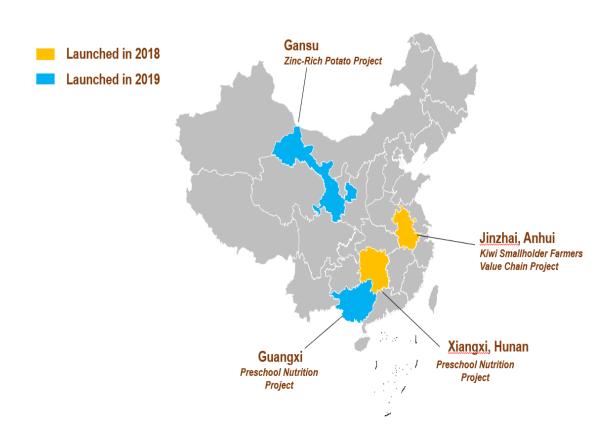
Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
Factors related to China's context	Evidence on availability and use of staff training opportunities Staff knowledge of WFP corporate policies Type and frequency of support received from RBB and HQ, per activity Evidence of use by the CO of corporate tools and guidance on CSPs Analysis of extent to which design and implementation of CSP adapted to specific characteristics, trends and events in China context Analysis of influence of above factors on the ability of WFP to implement CSP and its implicit strategic shift in the	CSP design documentation (including NZHSR) and implementation reports Perceptions of WFP and external staff	Document review Semi-structured interviews with WFP and external staff
Factors related to development and implementation of WFP Integrated Road Map	to implement CSP, and its implicit strategic shift in the profile and purpose of WFP Analysis of extent to which the eight positive results of the CSP approach envisaged in the WFP Policy on Country Strategic Plans have been realized to date: Increased effectiveness and efficiency in emergencies and protracted crises Improved alignment with national SDG targets and partners Greater focus, improved visibility and communication Integration of operational support, technical assistance and resource mobilization Flexibility to plan for and respond to dynamic operational contexts while better linking humanitarian and development work Increased strategic guidance and reduced transaction costs	CSP implementation reports Perceptions of WFP staff	Factors related to development and implementation of WFP Integrated Road Map

Dimensions of analysis	Lines of enquiry/indicators	Data sources	Data collection technique
	 Harmonization with the humanitarian programme cycle and other United Nations agencies and processes Enhanced performance management, reporting and accountability 		
	Analysis of operational costs and benefits experienced by the China country office to date in the design and implementation of the CSP		

ANNEX 5. Theory of Change – WFP China Country Programme Strategy



ANNEX 6. Map: Location of Domestic Pilot Projects (WFP China Office)



ANNEX 7. Country Strategic Plan Support to the 2030 Agenda – Zero Hunger

- 1. The country strategic plan defined five strategic outcomes to support the country in contributing to ending hunger and reducing malnutrition by 2030. These five strategic outcomes were directly designed to contribute to the WFP Strategic Plan and thus specifically SDGs 2 and 17. The following section provides further analysis on how the China country strategic plan contributes to the 2030 Agenda.
- 2. **SO1:** Malnutrition rates among children in targeted "poverty counties" reduced in line with national norms by 2020. Interventions under this strategic outcome include providing advice and technical assistance for extending nutrition programmes to hard-to-reach areas. The country strategic plan activity consists of two pilot pre-school nutrition projects in a small number of kindergartens.
- 3. SO2: 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. Interventions under this strategic outcome include the provision of advice on and assistance in integrating into national food supply chains. The kiwi project has established a pro-poor cooperative (20 ha) with e-marketing through an aggregator, a model well established in China. It also includes field training sessions for men and women farmers. A zinc-supplement potato project is just starting that uses aggregation through potato storage. A kiwi project is just starting to be harvested.
- 4. SO3: Populations regularly affected by natural disasters in Anhui, Gansu and Guangxi provinces and other poor, disaster-prone areas are better able to withstand and respond to shocks all year round. Interventions under this strategic outcome include advice on and assistance in strengthening response mechanisms for shocks: supply chain interventions, asset creation in drought-affected areas and insurance systems. In March 2020, this strategic outcome was revised through a budget revision. This revision expanded and augmented the scope of the strategic outcome to cover a wider target population and more types of assistance to support an immediate, medium- and long-term response to shocks, including to the recent COVID-19 crisis. The interventions included a COVID-19 logistical hub for WFP global response and this has been established with country strategic plan facilitation support.
- 5. SO4: Selected developing countries are assisted in enhancing food security and nutrition in line with their prioritized SDG2 targets by 2030. Interventions under this strategic outcome include: a) expert advice and policy support to governments on food security and nutrition issues; b) knowledge sharing through study-tours, training, technology transfer and online exchange platforms; and c) fostering leadership among a new generation of smallholder farmers.
- 6. SO5: Work to enhance food security and nutrition in targeted "poverty counties" and selected developing countries are supported year-round by increased private-sector resources and public-private partnerships. Interventions under this strategic outcome include the development and formalization of partnerships and the facilitation of enhanced support from the Government of China. CIDCA, a new donor, has finalized funding of two projects. The list of other donors and technical partners is known, but to what extent existing partnerships, due to the long presence of WFP in country, have been strengthened will be explored through the CSPE. The COMET indicator scores effectiveness, coherence and results of partnerships as having increased from 8 to 10 in 2018. No data was recorded for 2017 and 2019. At the time of the inception report data provided on funds leverage was USD 122 million from China as a donor and USD 8.8 million from private donors (2017-2019). The headquarters units have advised the CSPE to clarify different types of partners (China's donors to WFP, other) and results.

Contribution of country strategic plan activities to national Sustainable Development Goal actions and Sustainable Development Goals

Development issue	CSP activity	National SDG action	WFP strategic objective	Contributions to other SDGs
Marginalized communities with poor nutrition	Preschool nutrition programme Kiwi value chain strengthening project Zinc-enriched potato project SSTC	i) Eradicating extreme poverty	End hunger by protecting access to food Improve nutrition 3. Achieve food security	1 – no poverty 2 – zero hunger 17 – partnerships for the goals
Need for climate resilience	Activities developed under SO3 – not implemented Kiwi value chain strengthening project	ii) Building an 'ecological society' iii) Contributing to global climate and sustainability governance	1. End hunger by protecting access to food	13 – climate action 17 – partnerships for the goals
Sustainable and nutrition-sensitive food systems	Kiwi value chain strengthening project Zinc-enriched potato project	i) Eradicating extreme poverty	1. End hunger by protecting access to food 2. Improve nutrition 3. Achieve food security	1 – no poverty 2 – zero hunger 15 – life on land 17 – partnerships for the goals
More efficient, inclusive and safer food value chains	Kiwi value chain strengthening project Zinc-enriched potato project SSTC	i)Eradicating extreme poverty ii) Building an 'ecological society'	1. End hunger by protecting access to food 3. Achieve food security	2 – Zero Hunger 8 – decent work and economic growth 10 – reduced inequalities 17 – partnerships for the goals
Building resilience against shocks and stresses	Kiwi value chain strengthening project Activities developed under SO3 – not implemented SSTC	ii) Building an 'ecological society' iii) Contributing to global climate and sustainability governance	End hunger by protecting access to food Achieve food security	2 – zero hunger 13 – climate action 17 – partnerships for the goals

ANNEX 8. Detailed Timeline

Tentative timeline: China country strategic plan	n evaluation	
	By whom	Key dates
Phase 1 - Preparation		incy acces
Desk review. Draft ToRs. OEV/D clearance for	Evaluation Manager (EM)	6 March 2020
circulation in WFP		
Review draft ToR based on stakeholders' feedback	EM	28 March 2020
Long term agreement (LTA) firms submit proposals	LTAs	28 April 2020
Final ToR sent to WFP stakeholders	EM	28 March 2020
Contracting evaluation team/firm	EM	29 May 2020
Phase 2 - Inception		1 25 2020
Team preparation, literature review	Team	commence 17 August 2020
Remote inception mission	EM & Team	25-28 August 2020
Remote HQ briefing	EM& Team Leader (TL)	2-4 Sep 2020
Submit inception report (IR)	TL	30 September 2020
OEV quality assurance and feedback	EM	22 October 2020
Submit revised IR	TL	28 October 2020
Circulate final IR to WFP key stakeholders for their	EM	6 November 2020
information + post a copy on intranet.	LIVI	O NOVEITIBEL 2020
Phase 3 - Evaluation phase, including fieldwork		
Fieldwork & desk review. Field visits in China	Team	9–21 November 2020
Exit debrief (ppt)	TL	23 November 2020
	EM&TL	11 December 2020
Debriefing with CO, RBB and HQ	EIVIQIL	11 December 2020
Phase 4 - Reporting	TL	2 January 2021
Submit high quality draft zero to OEV EM		3 January 2021
OEV feedback to TL	EM	8 January 2021
Submit high quality draft ER (D1) to OEV EM	TL	15 January 2021
Seek OEV Director's clearance for circulating the	EM	25 January 2021
draft evaluation report (ER) with WFP stakeholders for their feedback		
Consolidate WFP comments and share with team to	TL/EM	29 January 2021
consider them before workshop	I L/EIVI	29 January 2021
,	EM	9 Fabruary 2021
Stakeholders' workshop - Beijing; share comments w/TL	EIVI	8 February 2021
Submit revised draft ER (D2) to OEV EM	TL/EM	12 Fabruary 2021
Review D2	EM	12 February 2021
	TL	22 February 2021 4 March 2021
Submit final draft to OEV EM (D3)		
Seek final approval by OEV Dir.	2nd QA	12 March 2021
Draft summary evaluation report (SER) and obtain	EM	26 March 2021
clearance of 2nd QA	2nd QA	5 April 2021
Seek OEV Dir. clearance to send the draft SER to	ZIIU QA	3 Aprii 2021
Executive Management OEV circulates the SER to WFP Executive	DoE	7 April 2021
Management for comments	DoE	/ April 2021
OEV consolidates the comments on draft SER and	FN4	28 April 2021
addresses them	EM	20 April 202 i
Seek OEV Dir. approval	2nd QA	1 May 2021
Phase 5 - Executive Board (EB) and follow-up	Ziliu QA	1 May 2021
Submit SER/recommendations to RMP for	EM	15 June 2021
	LIVI	13 June 2021
management response + SER to EB Secretariat for editing/translation		
Tail end actions, OEV websites posting, EB Round	EM	
Table	LIVI	
Presentation of summary evaluation report to EB	D/OEV	November 2021
Presentation of management response to the EB	D/RMP	November 2021

ANNEX 9. Fieldwork Agenda

Fieldwork schedule

Date	Team member	Fieldwork location	Data collection tools/activities	Stakeholders/ participants	Number of participant/s
Pre-school	nutrition p	roject in Huna	n		
			Semi- structured interview	County-level authority staff	1
			Semi- structured interview	County-level project staff	1
		Longshan	Semi- structured interview	Village-level authority staff	1
	In- country	Longshan county – 2 selected	Semi- structured interview	Village-level project staff	1
	team member	Yongshun county – 2 selected villages (only 1 village if the distance	Semi- structured interview	Teacher	2 (two from different kindergartens; one woman and one man teacher)
28 October			Focus group discussion	Parents	5-6 (e.g. 3 women and 3 men)
2020 – 3 November 2020	county – 2 selected villages (o 1 village if the distan is remote and takes considera		Semi- structured interview	County-level authority staff	1
			Semi- structured interview	County-level project staff	1
			Semi- structured interview	Village-level authority staff	1
			Semi- structured interview	Village-level project staff	1
		and takes considerable travel time)	Semi- structured interview	Teacher	2 (two from different kindergartens; one woman and one man teacher)
			Focus group discussion	Parents	5-6 (e.g. 3 women and 3 men)

Kiwi value-	chain proje	ect in Anhui			
4 November 2020 – 7/8 November 2020		Semi- structured interview	County-level authority/project staff	1	
	In-		Semi- structured interview	Township-level authority staff	1
	Jinzhai county – Meishan	Semi- structured interview	Township-level project staff	1	
	town – two selected villages	Semi- structured interview	Village-level project staff	1	
		Semi- structured interview	Cooperative supervisory board member	2 (one woman and one man member)	
		Focus group discussion	Farmers	5-6 (e.g. 3 women and 3 men)	

Notes: There remains room for adjustment according to the practical situation such as distance between counties and between villages, transport condition, travel time, availability of participants etc.

Fieldwork location and activities were selected and planned given the following considerations:

- 1) Sector diversity an attempt to reflect different sector focus of projects under the country strategic plan)
- 2) Timing of starting the project while the four projects are all ongoing, the two projects selected started implementation much earlier than others, there is therefore more value added in terms of field visits
- 3) Time and resource constraints given considerably limited human resources and a tight timeframe, a more realistic approach was taken in fieldwork planning

The field visits endeavored to capture and reflect the reality at project level, in addition to other available secondary data sources; the sample size is indicative only and far removed from any level of statistical significance.

ANNEX 10. List of Stakeholders Interviewed

Interviews	No. of consultations
HQ Rome	21
Government	24
National artners private sector	8
National partners - other	4
International partners	5
WFP China	9
Community members	32
Total	103

Note: Multiple interviews/communications were held with some key stakeholders to deepen and clarify information. In this respect, total consultations were 112 interviews with additional electronic communication.

List of stakeholders consulted

Name	Title/department/branch
WFP headquarters	
Ms. Adrien, Marie-Hélène	SSTC Strategy Evaluation Team Leader, OEV Service Provider
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Ms. Di Sirio, Pasqualina	Head of Operational Support Team, PPR Division
Mr. Habtemariam, Dawit	Evaluation Officer, CSPE Evaluation Manager, OEV
Mr. Hopwood, Christopher	Policy Officer, STR Division

Name	Title/department/branch
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Ms. OʻGrady, Niamh	Programme Officer, School Feeding Service
Mr. Peven, Stefano	Senior Supply China Officer, Supply Chain Operations (SCO) Division
Ms. Shih, Stephanie	Monitoring and Reporting Consultant
Mr. Samkange, Stanlake	Senior Director, STR Division
Mr. Shirkov, Andrew	Policy Officer, Technical Assistance and Country Capacity Strengthening Team, PRO Division
Mr. Spaino, Aldi	Head of Key Account Management Team, PPR Division
Ms. Wang, Rui	Supply Chain Officer, SCO Division
Ms. Westlake, Sandra	Donor Relations Officer, PPF Division
Mr. Zhao, Bing	Programme Advisor, PRO Division, P4P Coordination Unit
Ms. Zofori, Bahor	Government Partnership Officer, PPR Division
WFP China country office	
Ms. Ahmed, Maha	China Deputy Country Director
Mr. Gibbs, Harry	Government Partnerships Officer
Dr. Jia, Yan	Head of SSTC Team / China Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation
Ms. Jiang, Han	Head of Domestic Programme Team
Mr. Li, Ming	Government Partnerships Officer
Dr. Qu, Sixi	China Country Director
Ms. Wei, Lai	Government Partnerships Officer
Dr. Wang, Xiaobei	Project Officer, Domestic Programming Team
Ms. Zhou, Bohan	Private Partnerships Officer
National and international stakehold	ers
Ms. Adair, Catherine	Leader, Strategic Partnerships, Teck Resources
Dr. Bi, Jieying	Deputy Director, International Division, Agricultural Information Institute, CAAS

Name	Title/department/branch
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Mr. Huang, Bo	Project Officer, CICOS, MARA
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Note: two of the above stakeholders were not available for evaluation interviews due to the timing of the evaluation, and did not provide written answers to the questions the evaluation team sent them: (1) CIDCA, which provided instead brief remarks to the China country office, and (2) the Alibaba Group, for which the Taobao CSR Director only took part in a brief discussion during inception. All other stakeholders took part in individual or group interviews, and/or focus group discussions.

ANNEX 11. Results of Online Survey with WFP Country Offices

Sample of respondents

The group of respondents, although small (13 answers analysed) is highly consistent with the country offices the China country office has been interacting with during the country strategic plan. Respondents include five non-beneficiary country offices. Beneficiary country offices include countries with varying degrees of interaction with the China country office. Among the ten beneficiary country offices, six had both applied for funding and participated in Centre of Excellence activities, while four had only applied for funding. Respondents were from Africa (six country offices), Asia (five country offices) and Latin America (four country offices). Seven were country offices in least developed countries (LDCs), including two countries with an on-going WFP emergency.

Survey results

The results of the survey, which are presented in the main report, are those that were confirmed through triangulation with preliminary findings from the SSTC strategy evaluation. These are the lines highlighted in grey in the following tables.

Who is answering this questionnaire in your country office?

<u> </u>								
Director/Deputy Director	Nominated individual	Collective response	Total					
7	4	4	15					
1 person	2 persons	> 2 persons	Including women					
6	4	5	10					

Is your CO in contact with WFP's China CO (including WFP's Centre of Excellence in China - CoE), and for what types of activities?

CO has been in contact with the China CO in 2020	CO is in contact with the China CO on a regular basis	CO was in contact with the China office in previous years (2017-19)	Contacts with China CO/CoE relate to South-South cooperation exchanges with China	Contacts with China CO/CoE relate to China aid	CO uses WFP's on- line information about China	Had no direct contact
9	5	9	5	6	1	2

Is your country office informed about the following activities, organized through the WFP China country strategic plan?

	Yes, fully informed	Yes, informed	Partly informed	No	NA	No answer
WFP's pilot projects in China on preschool nutrition	1	3	0	7	0	4
WFP's pilot project in China on smallholders' access to e- commerce	1	2	1	7	0	4
WFP's pilot project in China on zinc potato	0	1	0	8	0	6
The humanitarian logistical hub in China, launched for COVID- 19	2	3	5	2	0	3
South-South Cooperation (WFP's Centre of Excellence in China)	6	4	3	1	0	1

Facilitation of access to funding from Government of China,						
for WFP activities in other countries	4	3	5	0	0	3
WFP partnerships with the private sector in China	2	2	3	6	0	2

Have your CO staff or stakeholders in your partner participated in the following South-South cooperation exchanges, or accessed information provided by WFP's Centre of Excellence in China?

Access to on- line knowledge sharing platform	Senior- level meeting in China	Technical assistance from Chinese experts in partner country	Agricultural demonstrations in partner country	Online E- learning event	National- level meeting in partner country	Policy advice in partner country	Project with various South-South Cooperation activities in partner country
2	5	2	2	3	2	1	3

Who took part in SSC activities?

Country director, deputy director	Other staff from country office	Senior government officials from partner country	Farmer organizations' representatives from partner country	Experts and technicians from partner country	Individual producers from partner country
5	4	2	2	3	0

What are the results of SSC activities for your partner country?

	Yes, fully	Partly yes	Partly no	No	NA	No answer
Participants have gained new knowledge from these exchanges	3	2			1	7
You CO has started to disseminate this new knowledge	0	3	0	0	2	8
New knowledge is appropriate for regions with significant food security and nutrition issues in your partner country	1	2		0	2	8

Which of the following topics for South-South cooperation proposed by WFP's Centre of Excellence in China are relevant for food security, nutrition and smallholders in your partner country?

	Yes, very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant	NA	No answer
Post-harvest loss						
management	6	4	2	1	0	0
Food storage	6	3	1	1	2	0
Technology for climate resilience	6	4	1	1	0	1
Logistics for humanitarian aid	4	3	4	1	0	1
Mechanization for smallholders	7	4	1	1	0	0
Smallholders in value chains	9	3	0	1	0	0
School nutrition	10	1	0	1	0	1
Poverty alleviation and development	8	4	1	0	0	0

Are there any other types of exchanges with China that could be useful for food security, nutrition and smallholders in your partner country? (open question)

Nutrition	3
Smallholder value chains	3
Disaster risk reduction	2
E commerce	2
Climate change resilience	1
Food security	1
Rural development	1

What is your view on activities proposed by WFP's Centre of Excellence in China, in relation to needs in partner country?

	Yes, fully	Yes, partly	Not really	No	NA	No answer
Activities are consistent with partner country's strategies	4	5	0	1	2	1
Activities relate to significant food security and nutrition issues in partner country	5	5	0	0	2	1
Duplication between SSC activities organized by WFP and FAO is avoided	2	2	1	1	6	1
Solutions are sought to maximize cost efficiency of exchanges	3	3	0	0	6	1
Webinars are a good option	2	6	0	1	3	1

Would the following types of exchanges be useful for food security, nutrition and smallholders in your partner country?

your parener country.						
	Yes, very useful	Useful	Less useful	Not useful	NA	No answer
Visiting pilot projects in China	3	7	1	1	0	1
Information on the impact of pilot projects in China	6	5	1	0	0	1
Study tours in China for young farmer leaders from partner country	4	5	2	1	0	1
China-supported demonstrations in partner country by farmer leaders	6	4	1	1	0	1
Activities without travel (for example e-learning)	4	7	1	0	0	1

Which WFP channels are accessible to your country office regarding China's aid?

	Yes, fully	Yes, partly	Partly no	No	NA
China country office	5	6	1	0	1
Strategic Partnerships Division (STR) in WFP's headquarters	3	7	2	0	1
Other WFP global offices	4	3	2	0	0

What is the current situation of funding from China for WFP activities in partner country?

Your CO has applied for funding once	Your CO has applied several times	Your partner country is a beneficiary	Your CO may apply for funding from China in the next few years	Your CO does not plan to apply for funding from China in the next few years	Your partner country has received COVID- 19 humanitarian aid from China through WFP
2	8	6	11	0	1

Are you informed of funding opportunities from China for WFP activities in general?

	Yes. fully	Intoucod	Partially	Not	NA	No answer
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	informed		informed	informed		
Responsive to partner country's demands	0	3	7	1	2	0
Availability for emergency needs	1	2	7	0	2	1
Application procedures are clear	1	2	4	4	2	0
Categories of funding are diverse	1	3	4	3	2	0
There is funding available from private sector organizations in China	1	2	0	6	2	2
WFP has successfully mobilized China's logistics know- how in the COVID-19 logistical hub	0	1	1	5	6	0

What is your overall experience with WFPs China-based activities been since 2017?

	Highly					
	Effective	Effective	Less effective	Not effective	NA	No answer
WFP's China CO communication with other COs	2	2	3	1	2	3
WFP's Centre of Excellence support for other COs	1	2	2	0	3	5
South-South Cooperation activities organized by						
WFP's Centre of Excellence respond to demand						
from other WFP COs	0	3	1	1	3	5
China-financed WFP projects take into account						
partner country's demand	0	5	1	1	3	3

How were WFP's cross-cutting aims taken into account in these activities?

	Yes,	Yes,	Partly			No
	fully	partly	no	No	NA	answer
Female staff from your country office have participated in SSC exchanges	2	1	0	2	5	3
South-South cooperation topics are relevant for women in partner country	5	1	0	0	4	3
Environmental concerns are included in SSC exchanges with China	1	3	0	1	4	4
Social protection of vulnerable beneficiaries is addressed	2	2	1	1	2	5
Women's participation is a criterion when applying for China aid through WFP	2	2	1	2	2	4
Women's empowerment is a criterion in these applications	2	2	1	2	2	4
The link between humanitarian aid and development is a criterion	0	0	1	2	2	8
Information about the source of China's aid is available for WFP beneficiaries	0	2	0	0	5	6

Among the objectives of WFP's China country strategic plan, which ones are relevant for food security, nutrition and smallholders in your partner country?

	Yes, fully	Partly	Less	Nor		No
	relevant	relevant	relevant	relevant	NA	answer
To create a new information platform	4	7	1	0	1	0
To set up new WFP partnerships in China	7	3	1	1	1	0
To introduce appropriate technology for smallholders	8	3	0	1	1	0
To develop e-commerce for smallholders	3	3	2	3	2	0
To deploy more Chinese experts in WFP programme countries	2	3	5	1	2	0

To train a new generation of farmer leaders in these countries	7	3	1	1	1	0
To enhance China's aid for food security and nutrition	6	4	0	0	1	2
To facilitate general policy dialogue on food security and						
nutrition	5	5	0	2	1	0

In your opinion, overall, what works well in WFP's China-based activities for food security, nutrition and smallholders for other countries? And overall, in your opinion, in what fields is there scope for improvement in these WFP activities? (open questions)

What works well		Points to improve	
Funding	2		
Communication	1	Communication, proposal follow up	5
		Relevance to national context, appropriate	
CoE, 3 SSC exchange levels	3	solutions	5
Lessons learned	1	Lessons learned, expert engagement	2

You are invited to make proposals for an improved contribution from China-based WFP activities to food security, nutrition and smallholders in your partner country (open question)

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China aid for diversified CO programs, flexible funding, predictable funding, covering refugees	6
CO support on aid applications, communication, follow up	4
More information on CoE, access to platform	2
More adjustment to context	2
Engagement by Chinese experts	2
More workshops	1
More experiences from smallholder farmers	1

ANNEX 12. Progress of Preschool Nutrition Improvement Projects

- 1. Output data is available from the Hunan project on the number of meals provided during 2020, but not during 2019. During February-July 2020 (spring semester), 97,252 meals (389,008 (RMB)) were provided in Hunan, of which 92,694 meals (370,776 RMB) were for 1,836 children supported by WFP and 4,558 meals (18,232 RMB) were for 86 children supported by the local government. In addition, 5 project managers (3 men and 2 women), 121 teachers (24 men and 97 women), 1,922 children (1,073 boys and 849 girls) and 1895 parents (838 men and 1057 women) participated in 97 online nutrition education activities, two of which were organized by WFP, having significant and positive impacts. A total of eight farmer training sessions, with 100 individuals (26 men and 74 women) in 41 households were conducted. The participation rate of women was 74 percent.³
- 2. Five project management staff and 89 teachers attended the nutrition training workshops in 2019. 3,237 parents and grandparents attended 156 second-level community-based messaging sessions that were organized by the schoolteachers who had received the first level training. A total of 59 farmers (including 52 households headed by women) provided 43 different types of vegetables, fruits and other foods for the project. During February-July 2020, 44 farmers provided more than 40 types of vegetables, fruits and other foods for the project, demonstrating ongoing progress. Further detail is provided in the table below.
- 3. Lastly, the incomes of smallholder farmers contracted to supply the project have increased, with the project purchasing an average of 3,107 yuan (USD 474) worth of food from smallholder farmers in 2019 and an average of 1,181 yuan (USD 180) per household to date in 2020. Similar increases are witnessed in the number of farmers supplying the project (59 smallholder farmers in 2019, 44 in Feb-July 2020). Interviews with a significant number of local programme staff and beneficiaries indicate that children's nutrition and health status have been improved to varying degrees. One example raised by a parent is that children had not been able to walk steadily before; however, they can perform better now. Another example raised by the teachers is that fewer children catch a cold in winter following the implementation of the project.

Hunan

Preschool nutrition improvement project in Hunan, China

Objective: Expand previous nutrition improvement programmes to preschool children and improve the nutritional status of children in poor rural areas by promoting policy development

Outcome 1: Access of preschool children to fresh, nutritious and diverse food

Progress:

• 5,562 children received meals, including 3,640 in 2019 and 1,922 in February-July 2020

Output 1: Provide nutritious meals to preschool children

Progress:

- In 2019, 3,640 children (2552 children without repeated statistics for spring and autumn semesters) in 29 kindergartens / preschools received meals, including 1,995 boys and 1,645 girls⁵
- In 2019, 91 percent of the fund was from WFP while the rest was supported by the Government⁶

³ 2020 Six-Month Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan).

⁴ China Annual Country Report 2019.

⁵ 2019 Annual Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan).

⁶ 2019 Annual Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan)

- In February-July 2020 (spring semester), 1,922 children in 26 kindergartens / preschools received meals, including 1,073 boys and 849 girls⁷
- In February-July 2020 (spring semester), 97,252 meals (389,008 RMB) are provided, of which 92,694 meals (370,776 RMB) for 1,836 children supported by WFP and 4,558 meals (18,232 RMB) for 86 children supported by the local government⁸

Output 2: Health awareness and education on nutritious diets and lifestyles

Progress:

- In 2019: 90 posters of nutrition knowledge were posted, 2,200 calendars of nutrition knowledge propaganda and education were distributed, 156 nutrition education training for parents and children was given⁹
- In March and July 2019, more than 130 people including kindergarten principals, teachers and parents' representatives were involved in the special nutrition knowledge training organized by the Food and Nutrition Development Institute of the Ministry of Agriculture and WFP¹⁰
- In February-July 2020 (spring semester): 5 project managers (3 men and 2 women), 121 teachers (24 men and 97women), 1,922 children (1,073 boys and 849 girls) and 1895 parents (838 men and 1057 women) participated in 97 online nutrition education activities, two of which were organized by WFP, having significant and positive impacts¹¹

Output 3: Improved kitchen facilities and environment

Progress:

The kitchen facilities of most kindergartens have been updated, including refrigerator, disinfection cabinet, etc.

Outcome 2: Increase smallholders' income, enhance food security and alleviate poverty through ensuring increased provision for school meals and stable access to market

Progress:

Increased the income of farmers and promoted poverty alleviation. For instance, in 2019, one smallholder farmer was lifted
out of poverty, with the income exceeding the national poverty line of 3,700 yuan in 2019¹²

Output 4: Smallholder farmers will build production capacity and produce quality food that can be purchased for preschool feeding programmes through the support and training.

Progress:

- In 2019, the amount of food materials purchased directly from 59 poor households (including 52 poor smallholder farmers with left-behind women as the main labour force) was 187,046.4 yuan, with an average purchase of 3,170.3 yuan per household, accounting for 17.57 percent of the food materials procurement funds¹³
- In 2019, a total of 6 farmer training sessions, with 135 individuals (47 men and 88 women) in 41 households, the participation rate of women was 65.18 percent¹⁴
- In February-July 2020 (spring semester): 49 smallholder farmers signed the agreement of providing preschool food materials. Affected by the COVID-19, the total value of food purchased from these farmers has decreased, which is 55,503 yuan, with an average purchase of 1180.91 yuan per household¹⁵
- In February-July 2020 (spring semester): a total of 8 farmer training sessions, with 100 individuals (26 men and 74 women) in 41 households, the participation rate of women was 74 percent¹⁶

Guangxi

⁷ 2020 Six-Month Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan).

⁸ 2020 Six-Month Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan).

⁹ 2019 Annual Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan).

¹⁰ 2019 Annual Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan).

¹¹ 2020 Six-Month Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan) .

¹² 2019 Annual Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan).

¹³ 2019 Annual Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan).

¹⁴ 2019 Annual Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan) .

¹⁵ 2020 Six-Month Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan) .

¹⁶ 2020 Six-Month Progress Report for Preschool Nutrition Improvement Programme (Xiangxi, Hunan).

Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project in Guangxi, China

Objective: To enhance children's nutrition by reducing micronutrient deficiencies

Outcome 1: Improvement of preschoolers' nutritional and health status

Output 1: Access of preschoolers to fresh, nutritious and diverse food

Progress:

- \bullet January–July 2020, 2,140 children have received meals. (1,113 boys and 1,127 girls) 17
- 21 kindergartens across the province have been involved in the project¹⁸
- Energy provided by school meals has increased by 5 percent¹⁹

Output 2: Increased awareness of nutrition and health among preschool children, parents and kindergarten staff

Progress:

- School meals have been diversified to include a wider variety of nutrition²⁰
- 290 individuals participated in an online nutrition training course²¹
- 95 kindergarten staff attended online nutrition seminar²²

Output 3: Upgrade of kitchen facilities and equipment to enhance food safety

Progress:

• Procurement plan formulated based on needs assessment of 21 kindergartens

Objective: To provide a safety net for food-insecure households through income transfers

Objective: To develop link between school feeding and local agricultural production where possible and feasible

Outcome 2: Industrial development and increased income for smallholder farmers to get out of poverty

Output 4: Support the smallholder farmers to provide quality food materials for kindergartens

Progress:

- Farmers supplied 4,449 kilos of vegetables and 1,221 kilos of eggs through pro-poor farmer cooperatives
- Farmers sold USD 5,271 worth of tomatoes and eggs to the kindergartens

¹⁷ Progress Report January – July 2020 Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project in Guangxi, China.

¹⁸ Progress Report January – July 2020 Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project in Guangxi, China.

¹⁹ Progress Report January – July 2020 Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project in Guangxi, China.

²⁰ Progress Report January – July 2020 Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project in Guangxi, China.

²¹ Progress Report January – July 2020 Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project in Guangxi, China.

²² Progress Report January – July 2020 Preschool Nutrition Improvement Project in Guangxi, China.

ANNEX 13. Progress of Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project

Kiwi Smallholders Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province

Objective:

Outcome 1: Increase smallholders' income by developing kiwi fruit production by connecting them to the market and the value chain

Progress:

- In the first three years, each poor household with a share of 2000 yuan in 2 mu²³ of orchard can enjoy a guaranteed dividend of 400 yuan/year; from the fourth year, the poor household and the cooperative large household will both get 50 percent of pure profits²⁴
- In 2019, stable employment opportunities have been created for 48 poor households, with a monthly income increase of 1800 yuan²⁵

Output 1: Help smallholder farmers to build orchards and enhance their self-development

Progress:

- Aim to build a kiwi orchard of 300 mu. Each mu is associated with an investment of 30,000 yuan in the first three years, with the Government supporting 9,000 yuan, large farmers investing 10,000 yuan, WFP supporting 10,000 yuan, and poor households investing 1,000 yuan. As of December 2019, 85 percent of the shares have been raised²⁶
- In the first and second quarter of 2020, continue to carry out soil improvement work in the kiwi orchard, organize technology trainings²⁷

Output 2: Build a pro-farmer enabling environment and enhance the development capacity of the value chain

Progress:

- In 2019, 12 kinds of training were held, and more than 550 kiwifruit farmers (300 women and 250 men) have been trained²⁸
- In order to further expand the kiwi fruit storage, processing, packaging, sales, brand and other value chain links, the Government introduced the project of "Jinzhai Tiantangzhai Fruit Industry Co., Ltd." to build a 10,000 ton kiwi cold storage unit. It has been put into place in October 2019, and currently stores 200 tons of kiwi. In sorting, cold storage, packaging and other work, 10 poor farmers were recruited to participate in the work, and each received an additional 600 yuan per month²⁹

Outcome 2: Enhance smallholders' capability of resisting natural disasters by improving their planting skills, helping them select resistant varieties and ensuring a scientific management model

²³ One mu is equal to around 666.67 square metres.

²⁴ Annual Progress Report 2019 - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

²⁵ Annual Progress Report 2019 - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

²⁶ Annual Progress Report 2019 - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

²⁷ Quarterly Progress Report 2020 (First and Second Quarter) --Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

²⁸ Annual Progress Report 201- Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

²⁹ Annual Progress Report 2019 - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

- In 2019, the cooperative actively explored the construction of kiwi fruit product quality traceability system, improved the standardized management level of production base, joined the kiwi fruit association of Jinzhai County, and improved the management of varieties, technical regulations, inputs, brand and marketing³⁰
- There were a number of related technology trainings in the first and second quarter of 2020³¹

Outcome 3: Improving smallholders' access to public goods and services through helping them become more organized by formulating farmer organizations such as cooperatives

Progress:

• Set up poverty alleviation cooperatives to improve farmers' organizational level and participation consciousness

Output 3: Support the integration of farmers and promote the inclusiveness of farm cooperatives

Progress:

- In the first quarter of 2019, 150 poor households have been incorporated into the Jinzhai Tianyuan kiwi fruit planting professional cooperative; democratically elected a board of supervisors composed of eight members from poor households, including six women members³²
- In the first and second quarter of 2020, the meeting of the democratic supervision group of cooperatives and the women's congress of cooperatives was held³³

Outcome 4: Empower women by increasing their participation in production decision-making through the provision of technical training

Progress:

- In 2019, four training sessions aiming to improve women's skills were held throughout the year (210 women participated), and there were organized kiwi fruit thinning, bagging and fruit picking skills competitions for economically poor women. The County Women's Federation also invited Ms. Lei, Secretary General of Anhui women's and children's development foundation, to the project village to share the ideas of women's entrepreneurship, income increase, rights and interest protection³⁴
- In the first quarter of 2020, the winter pruning technology training (women's capacity improvement training) was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic³⁵
- Women's capacity improvement training in June was postponed due to the flood prevention measures required in response to the continuous heavy rainfall³⁶

 $^{^{30}}$ Annual Progress Report 2019 - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

³¹ Quarterly Progress Report 2020 (First and Second Quarter) --Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

³² Annual Progress Report 2019 - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

³³ Quarterly Progress Report 2020 (First and Second Quarter) - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

³⁴ Annual Progress Report 2019 - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

³⁵ Quarterly Progress Report 2020 (First Quarter) - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

³⁶ Quarterly Progress Report 2020 (Second Quarter) - Kiwi Smallholder Farmers Value Chain Project in Jinzhai, Anhui Province.

ANNEX 14. Progress of Smallholder Farmers Growing Zinc-Enriched Potatoes Pilot Project in Gansu

Smallholder farmers growing zinc-enriched potatoes pilot project in Gansu

Objective: Enhancing smallholders' capability of producing high-yielding and zinc-enriched potatoes by helping them select zinc-enriched potato varieties, improving their planting skills

Outcome 1: Establishment of technical system for efficient utilization of zinc fertilizer in rain-fed and irrigated farming

Progress:

- Preparatory work for trail planting in Anding District and Dongxiang County were completed in April 2020, including seeds, fertilizer, mulching and soil preparation
- Field trial planting was completed in late April and early May
- Completed related field management work in September

Outcome 2: Adoption of novel and green cultivation systems of zinc-enriched potato production for different agro-ecological zones in Gansu

Progress:

- Pre-planting preparations for the field trials of Weiyuan, Zhuanglang, Anding, and Shandan were completed in early April
- Field trial planting was completed from mid-April to early May, field trial seedling observation and field management were completed in late June
- Zinc fertilizer are applied, and test samples (leaf and soil) are collected
- Potatoes of field trails were harvested in late September and early October
- Samples of the potatoes and the soil are under testing

Outcome 3: Enhanced supply of potato germplasms to breeding programmes of Gansu

Progress:

- Planted 969 introduced potato germplasms
- Completed breeding of 25 tissue-cultured seedlings and 6 CIP tissue-cultured seedlings
- Cultivated 650 pots of miniature potatoes

Outcome 4: Production of zinc-enriched potatoes informed by the studies of the impacts of zinc fertilizers on soil of the project area

Progress:

- Completed a report on the zinc level of soil in 17 towns in Anding District and 24 towns in Dongxiang County based on baseline samples
- Collected soil samples at 20 spots in Lujiagou, Anding District, and 23 spots in Dashu Township, Dongxiang County

Output 1: A total of 3,150 smallholder farmers' households are supported to produce zinc-enriched potatoes

Progress:

- In 2020, 850 smallholder farmers were supported to plant zinc-enriched potatoes, including 400
 households in Anding District of Dingxi City and 450 households in Dongxiang County with 2 mu per
 household
- Production materials provided to beneficiary farmers, including seed potatoes, fertilizers, pesticides and plastic mulching in March and April 2020
- The potatoes were planted in the field by the end of April 2020
- The potatoes were harvested by smallholder farmers in Anding and Dongxiang from the end of September to October 2020

Output 2: Technical training and services are provided to beneficiary farmers

Progress:

- Conducted training activities in Anding and Dongxiang from 28 June to 3 July 2020. The training covered 600 beneficiary farmers and 250 school-age children
- Agricultural Technology Extension Service in Anding District conducted three trainings, each covering 100
 people.
- The Agriculture and Rural Bureau in Dongxiang County organized four trainings, each covering 120 people
- More than 100 existing potato varieties in Gansu Province have been screened and 12 varieties with high zinc content have been recommended to smallholder farmers for the production of zinc-enriched potatoes in 2020
- Five mu demonstration plots have also been set up in Anding and Dongxiang respectively for farmers to see, observe and learn
- A short video on the efficient application of zinc fertilizer in the production of zinc-enriched potato produced by National Agricultural Technology Extension Service Center (NATESC) has been disseminated to smallholder farmers

Output 3: All plastic mulching provided to beneficiary farmers is collected for recycling

Progress:

No data available by the time of evaluation

Objective: Enhancing the storage condition of potatoes at farmers' household level.

Outcome 1: Post-harvest decay loss of potatoes during storage will be reduced from 25 percent at present to less than 10 percent

Progress:

- Determined construction sites of potato demonstration cellars in Anding and Dongxiang
- Completed the first draft of the storage cellar design
- Completed the construction of two demonstration potato storage facilities in September 2020

Objective: Increasing the zinc intake of smallholders through consumption of self-produced zinc-enriched potatoes at the household level with the support of social behaviour change communications on nutrition and health

Outcome 1: Increased dietary diversity score (DDS) of beneficiary farmers

Progress:

No data available by the time of evaluation

Outcome 2: Increased nutrition knowledge score of beneficiary farmers

Progress:

No data available by the time of evaluation

Output 1: Training on nutrition and health are provided and supplementary materials are distributed to targeted groups

Progress:

- Produced 3,200 custom-designed aprons, 3,200 custom-designed healthy oil-control pots, 1,000 custom-designed canvas bags, 1000 custom-designed coasters, 600 custom-designed T-shirts, 600 custom-designed hats, 3200 custom-designed peelers, 600 custom-designed eco-friendly wheat fragrant cup pieces
- Produced 3,200 project brochures and 150 posters
- Conducted training activities covering 600 beneficiary farmers and 250 school-age children in Anding and Dongxiang from 28 June to 3 July 2020

Output 2: Thematic TV programmes are produced on knowledge about zinc deficiency, the importance of zinc and balanced diets, and agricultural production practices

Progress:

- Finished the first TV programme on zinc and human health
- Completed the production and dissemination of three animations in both the Mandarin and Dongxiang language, including Zinc and Health, Balanced Diet and School Children's Health and Chinese Balanced Diet Pagoda by the end of 2020

Output 3: Guidance on daily food preparation and consumption to farmer households is provided by developing a Diet and Nutrition Guide

Progress:

• Conducted on-site nutrition and health clinical consultation activities for about 600 farmers, and provided nutrition and dietary guidance

Output 4: Good cooking practices and processing technologies of staple food based on zinc-enriched potatoes are developed and recommended

Progress:

• Surveyed 45 households on their current production and cooking practices and preferences

Objective: Increasing smallholders' income by connecting them to the market and by supporting local efforts to brand zinc-enriched potatoes and better position them as preferred products in the market

Outcome 1: Recommend 1 processing technologies of staple food based on zinc-enriched potatoes for adoption by processing facilities

Progress:

The project team went to Qingdao Zhucheng "Shandong Jiaxin Industrial Equipment Co., Ltd." for investigation and study of processing technologies

Output 1: The post-harvest loss is reduced by building six potato demonstration storage units at the household level, providing technical training to 1,500 farmers in post-harvest handling and storage management and developing one set of materials on post-harvest handling for zinc-enriched potatoes for distribution to farmers' households

Progress:

• A total of 400 copies of teaching materials were printed and all distributed to the project implementation area. A total of 380 farmers, 260 from Anding and 120 from Dongxiang were trained

Outcome 2: The volume of zinc-enriched potatoes aggregated through farmer cooperatives will increase by 15 percent

Progress:

No data available by the time of evaluation

Outcome 3: Cash income incremental of farmers of zinc-enriched potato production will be CNY200/mu

Progress:

No data available by the time of evaluation

Output 1: The branding and marketing strategy of the project for zinc-enriched potatoes is developed and implemented during the project life

Progress:

- Completed the first draft of the "Zinc-Rich Potato Brand Building and Marketing Strategy"
- Connected with IFENG.COM on future partnership for marketing

Output 2: A report on the results of mapping the zinc concentration and distribution in different parts of zinc-enriched potatoes of different varieties is developed

Progress:

 The report has been completed on the results of mapping the zinc concentration and distribution in different parts of zinc-enriched potatoes of different varieties

Objective: Capture lessons-learned for up-scaling in Gansu Province and beyond

Output 1: The milestones, experiences and main achievements of this project are documented and distributed by conducting five workshops, producing one video and organizing two study tours

Progress:

- 1 project progress meeting was conducted on 19 May 2020
- Eight newsletters were produced
- This is an annual event organized by the Potato Specialty Committee of Crop Science Society of China
- Key outputs of the Gansu potato project on potato storage facility and nutrition education animation were presented during the 2020 China Potato Conference held in Dingxi City of Gansu Province from 25-28Sept 2020

Note: Progress is reported as of the end of June 2020. Sources of data are the Annual Progress Report 2019 and the Quarterly Progress Reports 2020 - Smallholder Farmers Growing Zinc-Enriched Potatoes Pilot Project.

ANNEX 15. Gansu Project Case Study

Background

The Gansu pilot project was launched in October 2019 to promote the growing of zinc-enriched potatoes by smallholder farmers as a sustainable approach to improving the livelihoods of farmers and addressing zinc deficiency among local populations in the poverty-stricken areas in China. The project aims to establish innovative and green cultivation systems for zinc-enriched potatoes; support more than 3,000 smallholder farmers to produce zinc-enriched potatoes; increase awareness of nutrition and hidden hunger; and improve branding and marketing of zinc-enriched potatoes.

EQ1 – To what extent is the WFP strategic position, role and specific contribution based on country priorities and appropriately aligned to people's needs as well as WFP strengths?

Analysis on cropping and food consumption patterns, and the incidence of micronutrient malnutrition were applied in a baseline report to inform the project design. Potato is one of the three major food crops in Gansu province and the second largest source for zinc intake in the region. It plays an important role in reducing poverty and ensuring food security, with high acceptance among the farmers. The value chain is relatively developed in the area; therefore, the project was considered to be appropriate.

Participants interviewed at each level were highly positive about the project and recognized its relevancy to the needs of beneficiaries. Gansu provincial government allocates funding for potato production each year; it is impossible to implement a pilot with such detailed design and cross-cutting objectives without WFP support. Although local livelihoods have largely improved with national efforts on poverty reduction, child nutrition remains a critical issue. The project targeted farmer households living below the national poverty line and identified beneficiaries through a participatory process with the registration of farmers who are willing to engage in the potato production activity. Priority was also given to families with students in grades 1 to 3. The evaluation team was not able to communicate directly with beneficiaries, but respondents from project management office (PMO) and county governments have reported a high level of enthusiasm and appreciation for the project, based on their interactions with local smallholder farmers.

What is the extent and quality of the specific contribution of WFP to country strategic plan strategic outcomes in China?

Changes in capacities/livelihoods

The project was implemented for about one year and the impact from some of development interventions promoted by the project would ordinarily not be quickly realized over such a short period. This year's work in 2020 is mainly focused on cultivation system and technologies. The production volume is yet to be seen but is expected to increase based on the personal judgements of interviewees.

Farmers already have some understanding of zinc-enriched potato at this stage. Project staff handed out some calendars and aprons with information on zinc-enriched potatoes so they could be exposed to this information. But it was expected to take a longer time for farmers to adopt this variety and new technologies, after they have seen nutrition improvements and income increases. This, again, depends on several questions looking ahead: 1) testing results on whether the zinc density of potatoes is increased to target levels that can potentially have a measurable and significant impact on human nutritional status; 2) whether these extra zinc nutrients can be bioavailable and absorbed at sufficient levels to improve the nutrient status in target populations; 3) whether farmers have market access and are able to sell the potatoes at a compatible price. The team has started working on marketing strategies and partnered with FengHuang.net on package design, but they have to wait for the test results on zinc density of the potatoes in order to promote that as the selling point.

Gender empowerment

A large proportion of women are engaged in production activities in the two counties as men migrated to cities for work. Project staff reported that the needs of women and children are a priority.

Women are the main targeting group in the social and behavioural change communication (SBCC) component, interventions targeted to women were considered important given their role in child nutrition. Women are expected to be the main participants in the planned cooking demonstration activities in the future, featuring the cooking of zincenriched potatoes and the preparation of healthy meals.

Efficiency

Project staffs reported that the project achieved most of its targets on time. Agricultural inputs were distributed on time and training activities were conducted as planned. Farmers in the cooperative receive frequent guidance on the application of zinc fertilizer from the local Agricultural Extension and Service Center. A short video on the application of zinc fertilizer in the production was prepared by National Agricultural Technology Extension and Service Center (NATESC) and was showed to the farmers. The only concern raised during the interviews was that initially, they used a compound fertilizer containing zinc, in which the level of zinc is relatively low. Stronger fertilizers are needed in zinc-deficient soil.

Timely advice was given to the project staff and they increased the intensity of foliar spray in the later stage of the project, but the effect may not be achieved as zinc is mainly absorbed through the roots. WFP should give more focus to these important details in the future in terms of project management.

The project was believed to be less affected by COVID-19 than anticipated. Lab works were continued during lockdowns. Planting took place in May, thus was less effected by input and logistic disruptions. The project staffs set up WeChat groups to communicate with farmers online when field visits were not applicable.

Cost-effectiveness

Interviewees believe this pilot project will serve as a demonstration model, and technologies and systems can be transferred to other local areas, thus the project could have a catalytic effect in the future. However, cost benefit analysis seems not to have been given particular attention; tools such as value-for-money analysis have not been used. Whether alternative and more cost-effective measures will be considered is not clear, such as free direct input distributions versus subsidized youchers, etc.

Most interviewees have a sense that WFP did well on leveraging resources and managing budgets to make sure money is spent for the beneficiaries. Matching funds are in place from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Gansu provincial government.

EQ4 – What are the factors that explain WFP performance and the extent to which it has made the strategic shift expected by the country strategic plan?

WFP was uniformly praised for its professionalism by the interviewees. Smooth communication was reported. Many stakeholders have heard of WFP projects or have cooperated with them in the past when WFP implemented assistance projects in China.

Innovation and partnership are central to the project. WFP has pooled resources by extensive collaboration with knowledge partners, research institutes and academia, including the International Potato Center, Food and Nutrition Development Institute, Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Gansu Agricultural University, Lanzhou University, etc. Partnership with the business sector will help to promote sales of the new variety of potatoes. At the national level, the National Agricultural Technology Extension and Service Center (NATESC) provides guidance and technical support to the establishment of the zinc-enriched potato cultivation system in Gansu and to the production of potatoes by smallholder farmers. Since 2011, NATESC has implemented a series of projects to demonstrate and promote zinc fertilizer in China in cooperation with Teck Resources of Canada. Guidance from NATESC is greatly appreciated at the local level. They reported having few opportunities to communicate with national experts in the past, and the project was viewed as a unique opportunity for them to learn frontier ideas and technologies.

Good practices and learning aspects

New and ongoing work in biofortification is testing the hypotheses that breeding nutrient-dense staple crops through biofortification is feasible, that farmers will adopt the new methods, that consumers will consume the produce, and that the nutritional status of targeted populations will improve. The project is doing frontier work and has the potential to test these hypotheses for zinc-enriched potatoes, a new concept in China and also at the international level. The standard for zinc-enriched produce will be developed, which is a knowledge gap in the literature. The project is also working on testing the distribution of zinc in different parts of potatoes, enhancing storage facility to reduce post-harvest loss, and improving the cooking practices of those using zinc-enriched potatoes in order to minimize zinc erosion. Those lessons have considerable potential to be shared with other places in China and other developing countries in the South

For the project component on SBCC, the team produced four series of nutrition science animations to enhance communication to children and local people who are illiterate. The animations are focused on zinc-enriched potato and its nutritional value, but also include other information on dietary guidance and human health. Versions in local language were produced. Teck Company has facilitated the translation of the first episode into English and aims to share it on their international website and through their project network. This innovative way of conducting nutritional education is getting recognized and has the potential to be shared with other countries where nutrition knowledge is lacking.

ANNEX 16. Results from the Activity Databases

South-South technical cooperation - Centre of Excellence

Number of events organized or co-organized by the Centre of Excellence

	Learning events		Learning events				events
Year	Conference side event	Missions and study tours	Workshop - face-to- face	Webinar	WFP China international conference	Gobal call co- organized	WFP China conference attendance
2017	0	1	3	0	1	0	6
2018	0	0	6	0	0	0	13
2019	2	2	6	0	0	1	15
2020*	0	0	0	13*	0	0	15
Subtotal	2	3	15	13		1	49
Total				31	1		50

Number of countries having participated in Centre of Excellence events

	Number of countries	Africa	Asia	Latin America	Least developed countries
Needs analysis survey	25	14	7	4	11
Demand driven SSTC conference	25	NA	NA	NA	NA
2017 CoE activities	16	7	8	0	10
2018 CoE activities	21	12	8	1	9
2019 CoE activities	40 (*)	NA	NA	NA	NA
2020 CoE activities (Jan-Oct)	70 (*)	NA	NA	NA	NA

^{*}Estimated: information not available

Attendance, by Centre of Excellence event

		Study tour	Workshop – face-to-face	Webinar
Number of countries	Mini	1	1	8
Number of countries	Maxi	2	16	68
Number of participants	Mini	7	5	73
	Maxi	17	90	681

Total participants in Centre of Excellence events and international conference, men and women

I	Total participants	Of which women	Percentage of women
	2678	521	19.5

Number of countries in WFP SSTC pilot projects with China Centre of Excellence participation

	Number of countries	Africa	Asia	Latin America	Least developed countries
Country projects ongoing	6	4	2		2
Country projects total	8	4	2	2	2

Thematic areas in Centre of Excellence activities

	Single thematic area	Mixed thematic area	Thematic area 1 - Value chains	Thematic area 2 - PHLM and supply chain	Thematic area 3 - Disaster risk reduction & resilience	Thematic area 4 - Zero hunger and nutrition
Number of learning events	14	14	13	14	10	12
Number of events attended by WFP	34	16	20	17	16	46

Note: including mixed events

Levels of exchanges in Centre of Excellence activities

	Single level	Mixed level	Policy level	Institutional level	Grassroots level
Number of learning events	23	5	13	19	2
Number of events attended by WFP	50	-	50	-	-

Partner mapping by the Centre of Excellence

Partner categories	Number	Government & United Nations	University, research and training centers	Enterprises
Strategic partners	9	8 (4 national agencies 4 United Nations)	1 (provincial centre)	0
Technical partners	18	9	8	1
Potential partners	10	1	7	2

Government partnerships

China aid beneficiary countries (emergency and projects)

	Total beneficiary countries of China aid	MOFCOM/CIDCA emergency aid	Of which in- kind food aid	MOFCOM/ CIDCA projects	MARA flexible funding	MARA SSTC pilot projects
2017	18	18	NA	-	2	-
2018	6	5	NA	0	2	-
2019	14	10	3	0	2	4
2020	9	2	0	0	2	5

Number of formal agreements between WFP and Government of China

Signed before 2017	1 (MARA)
Signed 2017-2020	2 (MEM, NAFRA)
Foreseen	1 (CIDCA)

Sectors, and status of deal or partnership

Activity sector	Tech	Food	Logistics	Finance	Media	Other	NGOs	Total
Confirmed deal or partnership	5	4		1	2	2	4	18
Under negotiation	4	4	1	2	0	2	2	15
Total	12	10	3	3	3	4	6	41

Types of confirmed partners (enterprises and NGOs)

Relationship between partner and WFP	Chinese	International
Corporate donor only	5	5
Public fundraising only enterprise or NGO	3	
Both donor and public fundraising	2	
Visibility partner only	2	
In-kind donation only	1	
Total	13	5

Formalization of partnership

WFP partner category	Oct 2020 status
WFP global partner	4
Partner agreement	1
Partner	6
Donor but not partner	5
Formal China charity aid channel NGO	2
Total	18

Confirmed funding of WFP programmes by private sector

Donors	Countries
2 Tech sector corporations	4 Asian countries
1 NGO	3 African countries

ANNEX 17. Output Results 2017-2020

SO1 – Output indicators 2017-2020

Year	Output indicator	Actual value
2017		No data
		recorded
2018	Number of individuals who have received short-term agricultural sector productivity or	150
	food security training	
2018	Number of training sessions for beneficiaries carried out (health and nutrition)	1
2019	Number of government/national partner staff receiving technical assistance and training	11
2019	Number of training sessions/workshops organized	2
2019	Number of technical assistance activities provided	3
2019	Number of tools or products developed	1
2019	Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives facilitated by WFP to enhance national food	5
	security and nutrition stakeholder capacities	
2019	Number of people reached by interpersonal SBCC approaches	7243
2019	Number of children covered by home-grown school feeding	4558
2019	Number of smallholder farmers supported/trained	135
2020	Number of people engaged in capacity-strengthening initiatives facilitated by WFP to	11
	enhance food security and nutrition stakeholder capacities	
2020	Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives facilitated by WFP to enhance national food	10
	security and nutrition stakeholder capacities	
2020	Number of tools or products developed or revised to enhance national food security and	6
	nutrition systems as a result of WFP capacity-strengthening support	
2020	Number of people reached by interpersonal SBCC approaches	4271
2020	Number of schools with infrastructure rehabilitated or constructed	21
2020	Number of children covered by home-grown school feeding	4062
2020	Number of smallholder farmers supported/trained	122

Source: China CO project data, November 2020; 2019 CRF; 2020 CRF, 2020 SPRING Data

SO2 - Output indicators 2017-2020

Year	Output indicator	Actual value
2017		No data
		recorded
2018	Number of planned targeted villages	4
2018	Number of training sessions for beneficiaries carried out (livelihood-support/ agriculture & farming/IGA/NRM)	12
2019	Number of people engaged in capacity-strengthening initiatives facilitated by WFP to enhance food security and nutrition stakeholder capacities	42
2019	Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives facilitated by WFP to enhance national food security and nutrition stakeholder capacities	19
2019	Number of tools or products developed or revised to enhance national food security and nutrition systems as a result of WFP capacity-strengthening support	18
2019	Number of smallholder farmers supported/trained	6600
2020	Number of people engaged in capacity-strengthening initiatives facilitated by WFP to enhance food security and nutrition stakeholder capacities	42
2020	Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives facilitated by WFP to enhance national food security and nutrition stakeholder capacities	19
2020	Number of tools or products developed or revised to enhance national food security and nutrition systems as a result of WFP capacity-strengthening support	18
2020	Number of people reached by interpersonal SBCC approaches (potato project)	1458
2020	Number of smallholder farmers supported/trained	2000

Source: COMET December 7, 2020

SO4 – Output indicators 2017-2020³⁷

Year	Output indicator	Actual value
2017		No data recorded
2018	Number of training sessions/workshop organized on China's experience	2
2018	Number of guidance document developed and circulated on China's experience	1
2018	Number of technical assistance activities provided based on China's experience	1
2018	Number of technical reports shared with cluster partners on China's experience	1
2019		No data recorded
2020	Number of government/national partner staff receiving technical assistance and training on food security and nutrition issues	1,292
2020	Number of training sessions/workshop organized on food security and nutrition issues	11
2020	Number of tools or products developed	39
2020	Number of government/national partner staff receiving technical assistance and training on China's experience	1,203
2020	Number of training sessions/workshop organized on China's experience	8
2020	Number of tools or products developed on China's experience	38
2020	Number of training sessions/workshops organized on smallholder farmer leadership	1

Source: COMET December 7, 2020

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 $^{^{\}rm 37}$ Source: Activity database created during the China CSP evaluation (Annex 16).

ANNEX 18. Strategic Outcomes/Outputs/Indicators as per WFP China Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

Indicator dropped following mid-term review

Indicator added following mid-term review (in ACR 2019)

Outcome/output	Indicator	Baseline	Latest results	Target
SO1: Malnutrition rates among children in targeted "poverty counties" reduced in line with national norms by 2020	Zero Hunger Capacity Scorecard	0 (August 2018, baseline survey) (MTR 2019)	1 (December 2018, WFP records) (MTR 2019)	Not set (MTR 2019)
	Number of national food security and nutrition policies, programmes and system components enhanced as a result of WFP capacity strengthening	2 (ACR 2019)	2 (ACR 2019)	
Output 1.1 Increased capacity of national authorities to implement and extend national nutrition programmes in targeted areas	Number of training sessions for beneficiaries carried out (health and nutrition) (ACR 2018)		0 (2018 ACR)	0
	Number of government/national partner staff receiving technical assistance and training (ACR 2019)		11 (ACR 2019)	
	Number of training sessions/workshop organized (ACR 2019)		2 (ACR 2019)	
	Number of technical assistance activities provided (ACR 2019)		3 (ACR 2019)	
Output 1.2 Delivery of national nutrition programmes informed by global best practices and experiences	Number of individuals who have received short-term agricultural sector productivity or food security training (ACR 2018)		150 (ACR 2018) & MTR 2019	150 (ACR 2018 & MTR 2019)
	Number of training sessions for beneficiaries carried out (health and nutrition) (ACR 2018)		1 (ACR 2018)	1 (ACR 2018)

Outcome/output	Indicator	Baseline	Latest results	Target
	Number of tools or products developed or revised to enhance national food security and nutrition systems as a result of WFP capacity-strengthening support		1 (ACR 2019)	
SO2: Year-round livelihoods among	Rate of post-harvest losses			
smallholder farmers in frequent need of	Proportion of the population in targeted communities	33,000	None	None
food assistance in areas such as Anhui,	reporting benefits from an enhanced asset base	(December	(MTR 2019)	(MTR 2019)
Gansu, Guangxi, Hainan and Hunan		2018,		
provinces are enhanced		baseline		
		survey (MTR 2019)		
	Number of national food security and nutrition policies,	1 (2019 ACR)	2 (ACR 2019)	
	programmes and system components enhanced as a result	1 (2023 / 1011)	2 (71011 2020)	
	of WFP capacity strengthening			
Output 2.1 Enhanced income-generating	Number of technical support activities provided to		2 (ACR 2019)	
capacity among targeted farmers	institutional participants.			
	Number of government/national partner staff receiving		40 (ACR 2019)	
	technical assistance and training in relation to smallholder			
	agricultural market support activities (ACR 2019)		11 (MTR 2019)	
	Number of tools or products developed or revised to		2 (MTR 2019)	
	enhance national food security and nutrition systems as a			
	result of WFP capacity-strengthening support		2 (4 CD 2040)	
Output 2.2 Better organization of targeted	Number of technical support activities provided to stakeholder institutions		2 (ACR 2019)	
farmers throughout the value chain			4.0.(ACD 2018)	4 (ACD 2019)
	Number of planned targeted villages (ACR 2018)		4.0 (ACR 2018) 4 (MTR 2019)	4 (ACR 2018) 4 (MTR 2019)
			12 (ACR 2018)	12 (ACR 2018)
	Number of training sessions for beneficiaries carried out		12 (MTR 2019)	12 (ACR 2018) 12 (MTR 2019)
	(livelihood-support/ agriculture & farming/ IGA/NRM) (ACR		3 (ACR 2019)	12 (14111 2013)
	2018)			

Outcome/output	Indicator	Baseline	Latest results	Target
SO3: Populations regularly affected by	Proportion of targeted communities where there is		No results	
natural disasters in Anhui, Gansu, and	evidence of improved capacity to manage climate shocks		reported due to	
Guangxi provinces and other poor disaster-	and risks		there being no	
prone areas are better able to withstand and			activities	
respond to shocks all year round				
Output 3.1 Increased capacity to implement	Number of people trained in disaster preparedness and		No results	
disaster preparedness and mitigation	mitigation strategies		reported due to	
strategies among targeted populations			there being no	
			activities	
Output 3.2 Government policies and	Number of technical support activities provided		No results	
programmes related to disaster risk reduction			reported due to	
and mitigation informed by WFP technical			their being no	
advice and demonstration projects			activities	
COA: Calcated developing according accisted	Zana Humany Comacity Common d			
SO4: Selected developing countries assisted in enhancing food security and nutrition in	Zero Hunger Capacity Scorecard			
line with their prioritized SDG 2 targets by				
2030				
Output 4.1 Enhanced knowledge in selected	Number of guidance document developed and circulated		1 (ACR 2018)	
countries regarding China's experience in	(ACR 2018)		1 (MTR 2019)	
addressing food security and nutrition	Number of technical reports shared with cluster partners		1 (ACR 2018)	
,	(ACR 2018)		1 (MTR 2019)	
	Outsourced model piloted in at least one region		0 (MTR 2019)	
Output 4.2 Targeted participants in the	Number of people trained			
farmer leaders' programme have increased	Number of technical assistance activities provided (ACR		1 (ACR 2018)	
knowledge and leadership capacity and	2018)		1 (MTR 2019)	
receive support in becoming productive	Number of capacity development activities provided		2 (ACR 2018)	
smallholders	(Number of training sessions/workshop organized)			
SO5: Work to ensure food security and	Enhanced support from the Chinese government as a		9 (ACR 2019)	
nutrition in targeted "poverty counties" and	result of WFP capacity strengthening (as per qualitative			
selected developing countries are supported	review)			
year-round by increased private sector	Partnerships developed and formalized as a result of WFP	10 (2019	13 (ACR 2019)	
resources and public-private partnerships	capacity strengthening	ACR)		

Outcome/output	Ir	Baseline	Latest results	Target	
(Indicators are qualitative scores of progress	Partnerships developed an	0 (2019 ACR)	8 (ACR 2019)		
in developing partnerships, provided by the	Facilitation of enhanced supp	0 (2019 ACR)	5 (ACR 2019)		
China CO in ACR reports)	Partnerships formed and Men				
	maintained	Women			
		Total	8 (ACR 2018)	10 (ACR 2018)	

ANNEX 19. Line of Sight from Conclusions to Recommendations

Conclusions	#	Recommendation
WFP is consistently considered by key stakeholders as having the potential to achieve more in China and with the Government of China. WFP positioning within China is positive but still evolving	1.	WFP should continue to engage strategically with the Chinese Government on China's areas of expertise and government priorities as entry points to maximize the global impact of WFP engagement in China
The focus for the CSP has been on developing operational solutions to the SOs rather than on considering how the lessons being learned from operations feed into policy discussions with China on technical innovation, SSTC and wider development issues. Greater engagement has the potential to leverage knowledge for more transformational results	1.1	WFP should continue and enhance active stakeholder mapping and engagement at the strategic level. For this, WFP should: maintain an up-to-date stakeholder mapping and management process of all WFP-China stakeholders; strengthen strategic-level communication among respective WFP headquarters departments and divisions, RBB technical specialists and their counterparts within the China CO and relevant China senior stakeholders; focus on knowledge sharing opportunities; identify potential collaboration and resource sharing towards joint objectives; and broaden the ToRs of senior HQ and China CO staff to include strategic partnerships building with associated performance indicators
The niche and added value of WFP is consistently perceived by Chinese stakeholders to be in nutrition-related and food systems innovations (in support of the National Nutrition Plan and Guidelines), and in disaster risk reduction and resilience, as demonstrated through the COVID-19 hub	1.2	WFP should further pursue its domestic activities in China, continuing to place attention on nutrition and nutrition-related value chains development but also sharpening collaboration in the area of disaster risk reduction and resilience
WFP has a positive but relatively low profile in China. The historical goodwill that WFP has in China is a critical success factor in its current credibility. The WFP role as a leader in relation to global practice in nutrition, food systems and food security can be promoted more widely	1.3	WFP should strengthen its capacity to engage more fully at the strategic level with China as a donor, promoting global policy dialogue and systems change in food security through a "practice to policy" feedback loop
Results achieved are constricted by the incomplete range of staff positions engaging in the China CSP. Where engagement has been possible, WFP engagement in high profile events, workshops, and policy discussions are valued. The country office staff are currently fully occupied with operations and engagement with current stakeholders, both global and national. This leaves insufficient time and	1.4	WFP should further intensify efforts to raise the profile of WFP within China, especially promoting WFP "niche" areas of expertise in nutrition, food systems and humanitarian emergency preparedness and response

Conclusions	#	Recommendation
resources for strategic review and fine- tuned strategic engagement		
Relationships with partners are in the early stages, and WFP is still learning the appropriate ways of working with different partners (internal and external). This has resulted in some implementation delays as understanding and alignment is being developed	2.	WFP should further identify effective ways of working with internal and external stakeholder groups
The China CO has been effective in building relationships with different stakeholders, between CO and HQ, Government of China both MARA and other ministries, with other WFP COs, with the private sector and with the Chinese public. These relationships all require careful stakeholder management to ensure that relationships result in mutual understanding and benefit	2.1	WFP STR should facilitate better access by China CO staff to technical capacity from a broad range WFP divisions, with improved frequency and ease of communication, both for the design of activities in the China CSP and for the flow of their expertise to WFP partners in China
The China CO has only recently established regular contacts with various HQ divisions but is not a part of the WFP regional communication and capacity building network.	2.2	WFP should find ways to enhance communication in support of the China programme. It should improve targeted sharing of good practices and understanding of WFP global operations with the China CO for sharing with China counterparts, and apply up-to-date approaches and bilingual tools with internal and external stakeholder groups
The WFP/CIDCA project modalities are not yet mutually compatible. However, there is still significant potential for positive engagement because the overarching objectives are aligned. The China aid procedures require a high degree of detailed accountability that is different from WFP standard procedures. This also creates challenges for COs that wish to seek China aid and submit applications, which are delayed or not approved. Clearer information is required on how WFP and China aid procedures can be aligned	2.3	Based on the WFP Partnerships and Fundraising Strategy (2020-2025), WFP should prepare a country partnership plan, identifying whether partners are strategic, technical and/or donors, with relevant stakeholder engagement and communication strategies
The CSP has attracted a large number of IT companies, each with their own definition of how to establish positive relationships, but with limited financial returns to date. Due diligence processes are necessary but lengthy, often with different approaches by WFP and by the companies that require resolution	2.4.	WFP should continue to collaborate with both CICETE and CIDCA to identify compatible processes that can be expedited, address bottlenecks and share clearly with partner WFP country offices to improve the quality of proposals
WFP support has progressed towards CSP aims but is at an early stage. The CoE's profile is still growing. Domestic	3.	WFP should further strengthen processes in its domestic programme and the CoE for capturing,

Conclusions	#	Recommendation
projects have a large potential to generate experience and share good practice with South countries, but the learning aspects are under-explored and dissemination opportunities are not yet fully exploited		sharing and communicating results, and enhancing learning
Domestic projects are appreciated at the national level. Study and advocacy efforts by WFP have helped raise the policy profile of health and nutrition (e.g. through events, and information dissemination), but there is insufficient documentation of these efforts Meaningful lessons and data from pilot initiatives are under-explored and constrained by limited human and budget resources. Online CoE events are likely to be a long-term trend due to worldwide COVID-19 restrictions. However, the CoE's internet platform does not reflect the CoE's demand-driven approach.	3.1	WFP should adjust ongoing monitoring of domestic and CoE activities to clarify their function as knowledge generators and their sharing of learning tools, as well as to demonstrate causal pathways to change through baseline and trend data with a view to enhancing replication and sharing experiences nationally and internationally
In China, the WFP demand-driven matching process is visible and appreciated This process differs from the brokering process that would enhance access by WFP COs to China's experience of relevance to partner countries. There is an expectation for more adaptation of activities to country contexts	3.2	WFP China CoE's matching process should expand from delivery of solutions that work well in China to two-way facilitation of knowledge exchanges on good practice, with a flexible approach (online and face-to-face) across different capacity levels and thematic areas, responding to countries' demand for appropriate and affordable innovation
Domestic projects have a large potential to generate experiences and share good practices with South countries. The CoE addresses demand for appropriate technology solutions from China. Transfer has started in SSTC country pilot projects	3.3	WFP should consider further improvement of the China CoE's knowledge sharing platform to clearly respond to the demand of audiences and reflect the WFP SSTC approach to knowledge management, and then link it up to international web search engines for improved access
Gender considerations are integrated in domestic projects and some CoE activities More could be done to move beyond the quantitative aspects of gender balance and into substantive transformational action	3.4	WFP should strengthen commitments to gender equality and women empowerment in all CSP pillars, through dedicated staff with relevant expertise
The CSP's financial model for the CoE has still to be confirmed Donor partnerships are still under construction. There is a structural deficit of funding for the CoE and other CO projects	4	WFP should establish a clear plan for the scaling-up of China's long-term contributions to WFP and sustainability considerations
The CSP's financial model for the CoE is still uncertain. There is potential for WFP to strengthen partnerships that	4.1	WFP should engage more intensively with the joint SSTC approach of the Rome-based agencies regarding China, in terms of both the financing model and the sharing of results

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will leverage funding and knowledge for the CoE		
There is a gap between SSCAF focus and regulations and the large number of small projects submitted by WFP COs	4.2	WFP should consider promoting larger-scale SSTC programmes, appropriate for financing by China and in line with China's international cooperation priorities. The potential in the longer term for grant frameworks or multilateral approaches should start to be explored
Gradual progress has been made to address the gap between MARA, WFP's partner in Rome, and CIDCA which approves emergency aid and projects in Beijing	4.3	WFP should organize annual programme review roundtables for each key government agency with a focus on their specific interests and scope of work. These would be thematic meetings that would be more focused on thematic opportunities and challenges than the multistakeholder annual retreats

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