

COUNTRY CONTEXT

population
7
million

67%
in rural areas

economic disparities

persistent food insecurity and chronic undernutrition

natural hazards and climate change shocks

COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN focused on four strategic outcomes

USD million
88
CSP budget

1
school children's access to food

2
reduce stunting

3
resilience to seasonal shocks

4
government institutions capacity strengthening

EVALUATION covers WFP activities implemented from 2017 to October 2020, under the Lao People's Democratic Republic Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

July 2020

April 2021

Evidence and lessons to inform the development of the new Country Strategic Plan in Lao People's Democratic Republic

field mission

244
interviews with stakeholders

documents review

19
focus group discussions

CONCLUSIONS

Shift to technical assistance strengthened government partnerships

Recognition of WFP's traditional strength and extensive reach

School meals handover strategy proceeding well though more attention needed to the level of community ownership to ensure sustainable handover

Comprehensive approach to country capacity strengthening remaining a challenge

Gender widely mainstreamed

Comprehensive analytical framework, flexible funding and monitoring required for more strategic engagement

RECOMMENDATIONS

1
Deepen utilization of up to date evidence to support the shaping and implementation of a realistic scope and focus for the new CSP 2021-2025

2
Engage partners more strategically for stronger integration of partnerships within programming and with donors that support the needs of the CSP

3
Develop and integrate a country office approach to resilience strengthening and emergency preparedness and response

4
Strengthen the capacity of WFP staff to design and implement Country Capacity Strengthening

5
Reappraise and reinforce WFP's approach to support the Government's strategy to take over the school meal programme