**COUNTRY CONTEXT**

32% of population in severe poverty

- Food insecurity and malnutrition disproportionately affecting rural people
- Gender inequity
- COVID-19 pandemic
- Decrease in agricultural productivity
- Poverty factors
- Stunting high with regional and gender disparities

**COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Focused on five strategic outcomes

1. Enhanced food security and nutrition of crisis-affected people
2. Improved access of school children to nutritious meals
3. Improved nutritional status of children under five, pregnant/lactating women
4. Enhanced resilience of smallholder farmers
5. Strengthened national and subnational institutions

USD million $56.8

CSP & T-ICSP budget

**EVALUATION**

Covers WFP activities from January 2018 to September 2020, under the Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (covering 2018) and the ongoing Country Strategic Plan (2019-2021)

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May 2020 - April 2021 documents review

**CONCLUSIONS**

Strategic shift of the CSP supported by expanded and strengthened partnerships

- Adaptive humanitarian player during crises
- Successful implementation, but handover of the School Feeding Programme requires further consolidation and enhanced smallholder farmer participation
- Nutrition results contributing to reducing Global Acute Malnutrition rates. Need to consider obesity
- Late start of limited resilience activities
- Gradual shift to supporting the strengthening of national systems, but need a well-articulated national capacity strengthening strategy

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Maintain the thematic areas of the current CSP, with a strong focus on capacity strengthening, applying adjustments to increase alignment with national priorities
2. Country capacity strengthening: need for gap assessments, a comprehensive strategy and enhanced skillset of staff
3. Further strengthen the gender approach of the CSP, using dedicated resources
4. Strengthen M&E systems of the CSP, with a dedicated M&E system for country capacity strengthening activities
5. Improve the value chain approach and local purchase mechanisms to increase smallholder farmer participation in the Home-grown School Feeding programme

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