Highlights

- WFP, together with the Minister of Health and high-level officials, visited the Timor Global company to discuss the possibility of re-starting the production of Timor Vita, a locally produced super cereal designed to prevent and treat undernutrition.

- WFP held a high-level joint visit with the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Ambassador of Brazil, to the Bobonaro Municipality for the Livestock and Horticulture Project. The purpose of the trip was to understand the challenges faced by farmers and how the project will strengthen the food systems of rural farmers.

Situation Updates

- Timor-Leste registered 2,712 locally transmitted COVID-19 cases in February 2022. Since March 2020, 22,716 cases have been confirmed in the country.

Operational Updates

Emergency Response and Preparedness

- WFP continued to support MoH to distribute the remaining High Energy Biscuits to pregnant and lactating women nationally. Additionally, WFP procured additional High Energy Biscuits to ensure having the emergency food stock available as part of natural disaster preparedness activities.

- WFP supported the State Secretariat of Civil Protection's logistics work to establish a distribution plan. The distribution plan includes 2000 mt of rice and other items to 12 municipalities and Oecusse as contingency stocks.

Nutrition

- WFP extended its technical and financial support to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport to conduct SBCC training for Health workers and Teachers at three Municipalities. The training will also be conducted in the rest of the municipalities.

Food Fortification

- WFP supported the State Seretariat of Civil Protection by providing nutrition values of blended fortified rice in joint efforts of providing rice fortification.

- WFP completed a further review of CLN's Tibar blending facility in order to ensure rice fortification effects continue across a range of government Social Safety Net programmes.

Operational Context

The World Food Programme (WFP) Timor-Leste Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2018-2022) supports the attainment of the Government of Timor Leste’s vision and contributes to the National Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030. The WFP CSP promotes the shift from the provision of food assistance to policy engagement and capacity development. It emphasizes putting people at the center of the country’s development efforts through the Road Map for Achieving the SDGs, including ending hunger, combating all forms of malnutrition, and establishing sustainable food systems. The CSP addresses food security and nutrition gaps identified by the National Strategic Review on SDG 2 and repositions WFP in areas where it has a comparative advantage and potential to maximize the impact of its assistance to ensure that no one is left behind.

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**School Feeding**
- With the contribution from Japan, WFP agreed with the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion (MSSI) to support the Ministry's social assistance through the provision of nutritious meals to pregnant and lactating women. WFP is currently finalising distribution plans with MSSI and Ministry of Health.
  - WFP consulted with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Finance regarding a tripartite MoU (MOEYS-MSA-WFP) to strengthening the school feeding programme.

**Supply Chain**
- WFP supported the State Secretariat of Civil Protection and National Logistics Center in receiving 1000 mt of Rice from the Government of India.
- WFP coordinated with the State Secretariat of Civil Protection (CP), the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion (MSSI) to establish a plan for assessments/inspection of MSSI warehouses in municipalities. During coordination meetings, WFP shared the warehouse inspection checklist to MSSI, CP, and WFP's Field Support Units.
- WFP coordinated with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the National Directorate for Quarantine and Biosecurity for the final food quality assessment survey in Dili and four municipalities. WFP also received the final reports of previous assessments.

**Research Assessment and Monitoring**
- WFP had discussions with the Special Envoy and Ambassador of Climate Changes. The discussions focused on cooperation and how to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.
- WFP submitted a draft of the progress report on food fortification to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, and Investment.
- Following consultations, WFP provided an updated Country Strategic Plan Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) extension to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.
- WFP presented a Cesta Basica 2.0 (Government's Food Basket Program) support proposal to the Secretariat of State for Cooperative and the Ministry of Tourism, Trade, and Industry.
- WFP held a 4th Quarter 2021 Food Security Bulletin (FSB) technical working group meeting to review and discuss the information to be included in the FSB.

**Challenges**
- In addition to the Government ministries' efforts to raise the national vaccination rates, malnutrition prevention and treatment services require more investment and provision for the vulnerable populations in Timor-Leste after the April floods and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

**Donors**
Government of Timor-Leste, Australia, Brazil, China, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea.

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**WFP Country Strategy**

**Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)**

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**Strategic Result 2**: No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 1**: Children under five, adolescent girls, and pregnant and breastfeeding women have improved nutrition towards national targets by 2025

**Focus area**: Root Causes

**Activities**:
1. Provide nutritious food and raise awareness through social and behaviour change communication for targeted individuals.
2. Provide the Government and partners with technical assistance and evidence for enhancing the efficiency of national programmes and safety nets.

**Strategic Result 5**: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 2**: National and subnational government institutions have increased capacity sustainably to deliver food, nutrition, and supply chain related services by 2022.

**Focus area**: Resilience

**Activities**:
3. Provide the Government and partners with technical expertise for improved targeting, monitoring, and programme analysis.
4. Provide the Government and partners with technical expertise for the development of an efficient and effective supply chain management system.

**Strategic Result 8**: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 3**: The Government of Timor-Leste has access to augmented services during and the aftermath of crisis

**Focus area**: Crisis Response

**Activities**:
5. Provide on-demand food procurement services to the Government of Timor-Leste