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2021 Annual Country Report Overview

In 2021, WFP implemented the Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023 to support the Royal Government of Bhutan in strengthening capacity to address food security challenges and building resilience against natural disasters and climate shocks. WFP continued providing technical assistance in the transformation of the school feeding programme into a national school nutrition programme. Together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, WFP supported farmers to increase their agriculture production and income by linking them to schools and local markets. To strengthen disaster preparedness and response, WFP supported the Government in the areas of governance and coordination, data, logistics, emergency telecommunications and food security.



2021

IN NUMBERS

FULL REPORT



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Strategic outcome 1:

School-age children, women and vulnerable groups in Bhutan have improved nutrition in line with national targets by 2023

64%



consumption of locally produced foods in school feeding – up from 36% in 2019

14,200

students in 87 schools benefitted from the **SMP PLUS** rollout

1,959

Farmers, 65% of them female, linked to 96 schools



55%

of targeted smallholder farmers increased their production

US\$ 13M

mobilized with IFAD to accelerate the restructuring of Bhutan's food systems into a resilient and sustainable sector



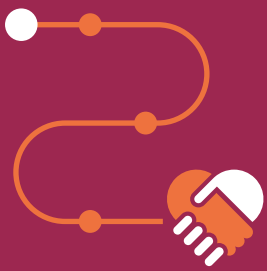


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Strategic outcome 2:

Government has strengthened capability to address food security and nutrition challenges and prepare for and respond to crises, including those resulting from climate change, by 2023



National Roadmap for Disaster Risk Management
developed with 28 government and development partners



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coordination hubs established for frontline disaster responders in the capital city



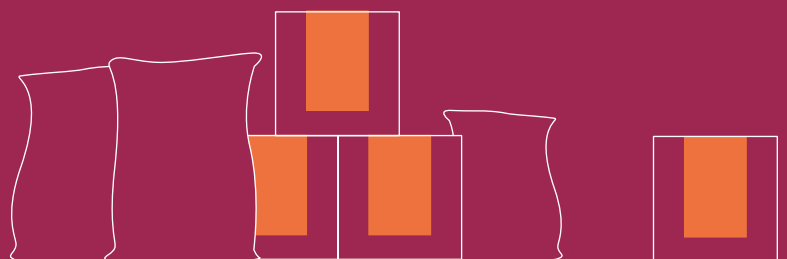
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government stakeholders trained in disaster response and preparedness, including governance and coordination, data, logistics and emergency telecommunications



72-hour rapid assessment approach

system established to respond to disasters



COUNTRY OVERVIEW



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2023 The year Bhutan transitions to lower-middle income group

8.2% National poverty rate



44% of children under-5 anaemic



1 in 5 children stunted



Over **50%** of food is imported



Highly vulnerable to earth-quakes and climate shocks

70%

of reported disease burden are caused by non-communicable diseases



Over **56%** of the Bhutanese are smallholder farmers, of which about **65%** are women

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One of the highlights in 2021 was the partnership with the Rome-based Agencies for Food Systems Summit dialogues ahead of the UN Food Systems Summit. The dialogues led to the formulation of *Bhutan National Pathways – Food Systems for Gross National Happiness, Transformative Pathways for Bhutan*. The document is guiding the reformulation of Bhutan's Renewable National Resources Strategy 2030.

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