

# WFP Sri Lanka

## 2021 Annual Country Report Overview



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In 2021, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Sri Lanka assisted 183,683 people, including school children and people with pre-existing vulnerabilities and those economically affected by COVID-19, under four strategic outcomes.

### 2021 Achievements in Numbers



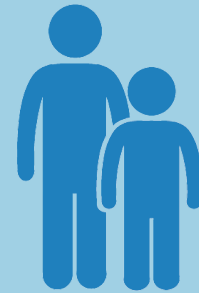
Total number of people reached

# 183,683

Women/ Girls  
**49%**



Men/ Boys  
**51%**



Adults  
**5%**

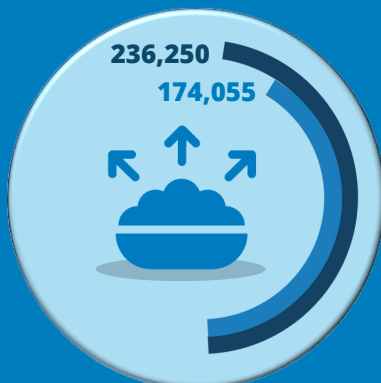
Children  
**95%**



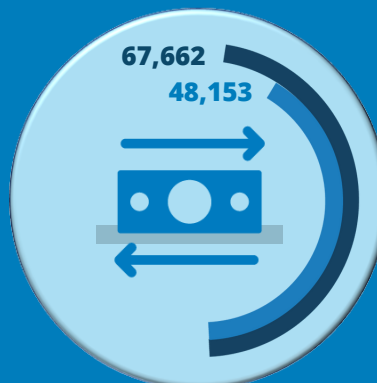
Estimated number of assisted **people with disabilities** : **Approx. 4,250**

### Type of Assistance Provided

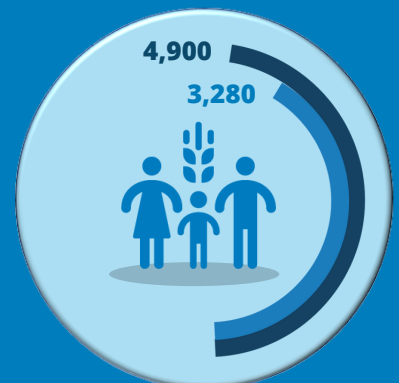
Children who received food during school closures



People who received cash assistance for improved food security and income generation



Smallholder farmers and family members provided with training & other assistance to boost household food security and local economies



planned ■ actual ■

WFP assisted the above targeted beneficiaries (some of whom received more than one type of assistance) amidst several challenges including school closures and COVID-19 restrictions. Since no major disaster occurred in 2021, the number of people reached in emergency response efforts was lower than planned.

# Number of People Reached

## Strategic Outcome 1

*Crisis-affected people in Sri Lanka have access to food all-year round*

**4,504** people

including pregnant and nursing mothers and fishing communities\*

received

**USD 151,451**  
as cash assistance

to help them meet their immediate food and nutrition needs.



## Strategic Outcome 2

*School-age children in food insecure areas have access to food all-year round*

**174,055**

school children received  
canned fish

among whom

**39,345**

children benefitted  
from take-home  
ration packs



in lieu of in-school meals.

## Strategic Outcome 3

*Children under-five, adolescent girls, and women of reproductive age in Sri Lanka have improved nutrition by 2025*

Nearly  
**1 million**

viewers (indirect beneficiaries) received messages on healthy eating through mass and social media.

**500** personnel from small and medium enterprises provided with nutrition awareness and business development training to help overcome income losses.



## Strategic Outcome 4

*Vulnerable communities and smallholder farmers in Sri Lanka have strengthened livelihoods and resilience to shocks and stressors all-year round*

**5,124**  
people



received cash assistance and training to build/ rehabilitate community and household farming assets.

**6,500** households

pre-registered in WFP's 'SCOPE' platform enabling quick and efficient beneficiary identification in the national social protection system.

**512** government employees trained on emergency preparedness + nutrition & cash management for dissemination among social safety net beneficiaries.

*\*Affected by the impacts of COVID-19 and the marine disaster from the cargo vessel 'MV X-Press Pearl'*

# COVID-19 Response



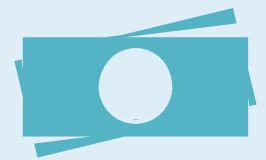
**174,055** school children received canned fish among whom **39,345** children received take home rations.



**57,584** people benefitted from fruit saplings for home gardening.



Procured maize to provide **1,304,070** packets of Thripsha (a supplementary food product) to pregnant/nursing mothers and children.



Cash assistance to **1,517** vulnerable pregnant and nursing mothers.

## WFP's Support to the People of Sri Lanka

2021 was a challenging year against a backdrop of COVID-19 restrictions. In spite of this, WFP continued with its on-going projects, especially in building the resilience of rural communities against climate shocks. WFP also responded to emerging needs and emergencies, including supporting fishing families affected by the MV X-Press Pearl marine disaster. This complemented WFP's on-going technical assistance towards improving national capacities in emergency preparedness and response.

## WFP's Work to Strengthen Institutional Capacities

Building on its advocacy efforts, WFP conducted trainings to enhance policymakers' knowledge on the cost of a nutritious family meal. WFP also conducted a feasibility assessment on rice fortification in the national school meal programme to evaluate its roll-out across the country. Furthermore, WFP supported with food security analyses, including assisting the Department of Census and Statistics to report achievement of indicators related to Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger.

## Support to the Sustainable Development Goals



Number of people reached through WFP to improve their food security:

**183,683**



Number of multi-stakeholder partners directly engaging with WFP:

**13**

## Our Donors







A staff member interacts with a participant of WFP's "R5n" resilience building programme.



A youth participating in a vocational training in agriculture, which was adapted to an online module during COVID-19 restrictions.



Small and Medium Scale (SME) entrepreneurs at a workshop conducted by the SUN Business Network.



A WFP staff member verifying the identity of a beneficiary of the "Samurghi" national social protection programme, via WFP's "SCOPE" platform.



Children in the Aththanagalla town of the Gampaha district with their take-home rations handed out in lieu of in-school meals.



A pregnant mother receives cash from a Samurghi Bank Manager in the flood-prone Kalutara district.



Fruit plants ready to be handed over to the Government in support of the national home gardening programme.



A student from a town in the Polonnaruwa district with the canned fish she received in her take-home ration pack.