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**

- **Children**: 95%
- **Adults**: 5%

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

Type of Assistance Provided

- **Children who received food during school closures**: 236,250 (planned), 174,055 (actual)
- **People who received cash assistance for improved food security and income generation**: 67,662 (planned), 48,153 (actual)
- **Smallholder farmers and family members provided with training & other assistance to boost household food security and local economies**: 4,900 (planned), 3,280 (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.
### 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 in lieu of in-school meals among whom **39,345** children benefitted from take-home ration packs.

### 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.

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*Affected by the impacts of COVID-19 and the marine disaster from the cargo vessel ‘MV X-Press Pearl’*
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 Support to the People of Sri Lanka

- **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 Thriposha (a supplementary food product) to pregnant/nursing mothers and children.
- **Cash assistance to 1,517 vulnerable pregnant and nursing mothers.**

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COVID-19 Response

Support to the Sustainable Development Goals

- **2** Number of people reached through WFP to improve their food security:
- **183,683**
- **17** Number of multi-stakeholder partners directly engaging with WFP:
- **13**

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A WFP staff member verifying the identity of a beneficiary of the “Samurdhi” 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 Samurdhi 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 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 staff member interacts with a participant of WFP’s “RSn” resilience building programme.

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