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Women being trained on how to grow vegetables in Sanghar, Sindh under WFP's Livelihood Support programme. @Khalid Masood.

Operational Context

Pakistan is making significant investments to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and its national development programme – Vision 2025. However, high levels of malnutrition, frequent natural hazards, a volatile security climate in parts of the country and the impact of COVID-19 are challenges that continue to obstruct socio-economic progress.

WFP Pakistan's Country Strategic Plan seeks to support this progress. Alongside the provision of critically needed relief and nutrition support to vulnerable population groups, WFP assistance aims to complement the Government's efforts in enhancing food and nutrition security of the people of Pakistan. WFP also provides technical support to the Government by conducting research to generate evidence to guide policy makers and assist in the development of relevant national strategies. WFP's work in Pakistan also encompasses community resilience building, disaster risk management and preparedness elements for sustainability and national ownership. WFP has been present in Pakistan since 1968.



Population (2017 census): **207.7 million**

Chronic malnutrition: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

2020 Human Development Index: **154 out of 189**

In Numbers

2,342 mt of food distributed in March 2022

US\$ 583,324 cash distributed in March 2022

US\$ 10.01 million six months (Apr 2022 – Sep 2022) net funding requirements

231,365 people assisted in March 2022



Operational Updates

- WFP in partnership with the Government continues its efforts to reduce stunting in Pakistan through the innovative nationwide "Conditional Cash Transfer Programme on improving the Health and Nutrition situation in Pakistan – Ehsaas Nashonuma". **By the end of March, WFP provided specialized nutritious food and health support to 55,256 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and 77,646 children under two years, through 49 Government-run facilitation centres.** As of March, 445 health facilities have been identified for the establishment of new facilitation centres (FCs). In total, 1.5 million PLW and children will be targeted over the next three years in 134 districts across the country. The establishment of 83 facilitation centers was initiated in Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Balochistan, Sindh and Punjab.
- WFP is carrying out a multi-donor funded livelihood support and community stabilization programme in Balochistan and KP provinces to support food-insecure communities in the districts bordering Afghanistan.** These two provinces are affected by conflict and are also experiencing recurring climatic shocks. The programme supports vulnerable people through food or cash transfers, conditional upon participation in community rehabilitation activities and trainings. **In March, 16,952 families in KP received food and cash support and 2,623 families in Balochistan received food assistance. Additionally, 40,000 people were engaged in community rehabilitation activities and capacity strengthening trainings.**

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Apr – Sep 2022 Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
475.33 m	438.64 m	10.01 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Affected populations in Pakistan have timely access to adequate food and nutrition during and in the aftermath of natural disasters and shocks (SDG 2.1).

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food
- Asset creation and livelihood support activities

Strategic Outcome 2: The social protection system at the federal and provincial levels provides the populations most in need, especially women, adolescent girls and children, with improved and sustained access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food by 2022.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities
- School meal activities

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: The entire population of Pakistan, especially children under 5, adolescent girls and women of reproductive age, has improved nutrition in line with national targets for 2025.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Malnutrition prevention activities
- Enhanced social and public-sector capacity to identify, target and assist nutritionally vulnerable populations

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Communities in disaster prone districts have more resilient food systems and development gains are better protected by disaster risk management systems at all levels by 2022.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Climate adaptation and risk management activities.
- Emergency preparedness activities

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs (SDG target 17.9)

Strategic Outcome 5: Federal and provincial systems have strengthened capabilities to provide food security and essential services by 2022.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities.

Operational Updates (continued)

- WFP continued the implementation of its livelihoods recovery programme to support families affected by multiple shocks in Sindh. **In March, WFP assisted 3,901 vulnerable people through cash transfers.**
- With support from KS Relief, **WFP is carrying out a Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) programme to treat malnourished children along with pregnant and lactating women in response to the high prevalence of acute malnutrition in the country.** The programme has been initiated in 14 vulnerable districts across AJK and KP.
- Food security in Afghanistan has significantly deteriorated since the Taliban takeover in August 2021. To support the relief work in Afghanistan, WFP has been procuring food commodities in Pakistan and transporting these items to Afghanistan, in addition to facilitating the overall humanitarian action into Afghanistan by operating the Islamabad-Kabul UNHAS airbridge. WFP is also clearing international shipments arriving at the Karachi Sea port for onward shipment to Afghanistan. **As of end of March, out of the 24,048 mt of food procured in Pakistan, 20,304 mt was transported to Afghanistan. Another shipment of food (2,220 mt) procured internationally was also made.**
- **WFP commemorated International Women's Day (IWD) across Pakistan alongside its staff members, local community members, beneficiaries, cooperating partners and Government officials.** WFP published [a gender brief](#), initiated a social media campaign and shared mobile awareness messages with its beneficiaries and partners to support women. In line with the United Nations IWD 2022 theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow", WFP is also promoting partnerships with communities to ensure a greater participation of [women in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and adolescent girls in the context of climate change](#), environmental protection and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.

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