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Lachmi, a WFP Benazir Nashonuma beneficiary, buying food together with her son and mother-in-law in Badin, Sindh. WFP/Saiyna Bashir.

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 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**

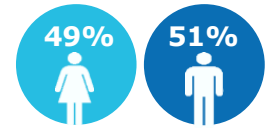
In Numbers

3,605 mt of food distributed in April 2022

US\$ 1,183,647 cash distributed in April 2022

US\$ 11.57 million six months (May 2022 – Oct 2022) net funding requirements

392,080 people assisted in April 2022



Operational Updates

- WFP is supporting the Government of Pakistan with implementing the nationwide Benazir Nashonuma Programme (formerly known as Ehsaas Nashonuma) to improve the concerning health and nutrition situation in Pakistan. **By the end of April, WFP provided specialized nutritious food and health support to 61,042 pregnant and breastfeeding women and 83,660 children under two years, through 52 Government-run Facilitation Centres (FC).** WFP is also overseeing the Community Outreach and Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme components of the Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition intervention at these FCs and is working towards integrating it into the Nashonuma programme.
- Pakistan’s provinces bordering Afghanistan, Khyber Pakhtukhwa and Baluchistan have been severely affected by conflict and recurring climatic shocks over the years. The recent volatility in Afghanistan has further impacted these communities, leading to a loss of livelihoods for many and emergency levels of poverty, food insecurity and undernutrition. In response, WFP is providing lifesaving assistance to the most food insecure people in these border areas upon participation in community rehabilitation activities and training. Along with meeting immediate food needs, WFP aims to improve long-term food security and resilience through this programme. **In April, WFP provided 47,000 households with cash and food assistance, and 54,141 people were engaged in livelihood activities and training.**

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	May-Oct 2022 Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
475.33 M	444.12 M	11.57 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 programme 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 concluded its livelihoods recovery programme to support households affected by multiple shocks in Sindh. **Through the programme, 4,566 households received cash assistance upon participation in community rehabilitation activities and trainings** i.e., construction of seed storages, water ponds, fuel efficient stoves etc. WFP witnessed a high participation of women in all the activities. **WFP also provided unconditional cash to 74 extremely vulnerable households.**
- Eleven million people are currently experiencing food insecurity in neighboring Afghanistan. The alarmingly high rate is forcing households to resort to desperate measures to put food on the table. To support this dire situation, WFP has been procuring food commodities in Pakistan and transporting these items to Afghanistan. **In April, WFP dispatched 28,567 mt of food procured in Pakistan to Afghanistan, along with 2,554 mt of international food shipments that were cleared in Pakistan.**
- **WFP is initiating a livelihood diversification programme in two districts of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) targeting 2,070 households.** Through the project, people receive cash assistance upon participation in activities and training focused on climate change adaptation, natural resource management, and entrepreneurial skills development. The project is being implemented by the AJK Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department in close collaboration with WFP.
- Pakistan is a country with alarmingly high undernutrition rates and with an estimated 22.8 million children out of school. To curb this challenge, WFP wants to initiate school meals programmes in Pakistan, as they are globally recognized as effective tools for promoting children's education and their nutritional status. **As a first step, WFP has planned a National Consultation on School Meals in May 2022 to brief policy makers and key stakeholders on the current developments for a better understanding of school meals and related policy opportunities.**

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