Operational Context
The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Timor-Leste Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2018-2022) supports the attainment of the Government of Timor Leste’s vision and contributes to the National Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030. The WFP CSP promotes the shift from the provision of food assistance to policy engagement and capacity development. It emphasizes putting people at the center of the country’s development efforts through the Road Map for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including ending hunger, combating all forms of malnutrition, and establishing sustainable food systems.

The CSP addresses food security and nutrition gaps identified by the National Strategic Review on SDG 2 and repositions WFP in areas where it has a comparative advantage and potential to maximize the impact of its assistance to ensure that no one is left behind.

Highlights
- WFP participated and supported the launch of “President’s Call for Action for Nutrition” with other UN agencies and government partners. WFP provided technical assistance in organizing the national event and advocacy to reduce malnutrition in the country.
- Dageng Liu, WFP Representative, conducted an official farewell meeting with Dr José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Mr Taur Matan Ruak, Prime Minister, and Mr Fidelis Leite Magalhães, Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Minister.
- On 14 July 2022, Dr Ramos-Horta conferred the Order of Timor-Leste to Mr Liu in recognition of his work in addressing Zero Hunger; the Order of Timor-Leste is awarded to express gratitude to individuals for their significant contribution to Timor-Leste and its citizens.

Situation Updates
- Timor-Leste registered an additional 47 locally transmitted COVID-19 cases in July 2022. Since March 2020, 23,004 cases were confirmed. As of end July, 76.4 percent of the population aged 18 years and above were fully vaccinated. All WFP Timor-Leste’s staff are fully vaccinated.

Operational Updates
Emergency Response and Preparedness
- WFP supported the Civil Protection Authority by providing transportation to deliver food and non-food items for a total of 4,072 people (1,712 households) affected by floods in Covalima, Manatuto, Manufahi and Viqueque municipalities.
- WFP launched the fortified rice production at the National Logistics Center (CLN)’s warehouse in Tibar. During the launch, CLN handed over the fortified rice to the Civil Protection Authority to respond to the emergency relief needs in the country.

Nutrition
- WFP, together with the Office of Prime Minister, the Ministry of Health, and relevant government ministries, organized cooking demonstration of super cereal and the social behavioural change communications campaigns. The event focused on the promotion of healthy dietary practices and encouraging malnourished pregnant and lactating women to attend nutrition counselling sessions.
- WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, conducted a training for the targeted supplementary feeding programme for nutrition coordinators, Saude Na Family focal points, and maternal and child health focal points in 7 municipalities: Baucau, Covalima, Ermera, Lautem, Manatuto, Manufahi and Viqueque.
- WFP is also supporting the Ministry of Health for the distribution of Super Cereal Plus to assist pregnant and lactating women in all 13 municipalities in Timor-Leste.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

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**Strategic Result 2:** No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Children under five, adolescent girls, and pregnant and breastfeeding women have improved nutrition towards national targets by 2025

**Focus area:** Root Causes

**Activities:**
1. Provide nutritious food and raise awareness through social and behaviour change communication for targeted individuals.
2. Provide the Government and partners with technical assistance and evidence for enhancing the efficiency of national programmes and safety nets.

**Strategic Result 5:** Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 2:** National and subnational government institutions have increased capacity sustainably to deliver food, nutrition, and supply chain related services by 2022.

**Focus area:** Resilience

**Activities:**
3. Provide the Government and partners with technical expertise for improved targeting, monitoring, and programme analysis.
4. Provide the Government and partners with technical expertise for the development of an efficient and effective supply chain management system.

**Strategic Result 8:** Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 3:** The Government of Timor-Leste has access to augmented services during and the aftermath of crisis

**Focus area:** Crisis Response

**Activities:**
5. Provide on-demand food procurement services to the Government of Timor-Leste

Food Fortification

- WFP hosted an official handover ceremony of the fortified rice blending machineries to the National Logistics Center in CLN's Tibar warehouse. The event was also attended by government and development partners, including the President of the Civil Protection Authority, representatives from the Embassy of Australia (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), and the New Zealand Aid in Timor-Leste.

- WFP continued to support the CLN on the production of fortified rice, with rice donated by the Government of India to the Civil Protection Authority (CPA) at the CLN warehouse in Tibar. In July 2022, CPA distributed 19.7 mt of fortified rice to meet the needs of the flood victims in eastern municipalities of Ainaro, Covalima, Manatuto, Manufahi and Viqueque.

- To continue supporting the rice fortification efforts in the country, WFP procured two integrated fortified rice blending machines. With the support of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, these machines will enhance rice fortification in Baucau and Bobonaro municipalities.

School Feeding

- As part of capacity building support for the education sector, WFP provided IT equipment, audio sound system, and sporting material to the Secretary of Oecusse's Regional Office of Education and schools in Dili, including Fatumaca Vocational School.

- WFP participated in the School Feeding Workshop organized by Scale-up Nutrition Secretariat under the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of State Administration. The workshop focused on strengthening the school feeding programme implementation with a linkage to reduce corruption.

Supply Chain

- WFP continued to engage with the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion (MSSI) to strengthen its supply chain management system. WFP worked with MSSI to improve the management of handling and storing of 2,500 mt incoming food commodities. WFP also provided capacity building opportunities for MSSI logistics staff.

Research Assessment and Monitoring

- WFP supported the Prime Minister Office (PMO)'s local value chain initiative by informing the PMO of the school meals cost calculation.

- WFP provided data collection seminars to the National University of East Timor students on 15 July; the seminar was part of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Result Group 1 to improve their understanding on the importance of data and results-based management.

- WFP shared a progress update of the joint Small Island Development State's funds programme with Food and Agriculture Organization and World Health Organization. It highlighted strengthening the national food system and disaster risk reduction. The progress report was approved by the UN Resident Coordinator in Timor-Leste and submitted to SDG Fund Secretariat on 22 July 2022.

- WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, handed over seeds and livestock (goats) to farmer groups, as part of the horticulture and livestock programme. With contribution from the Government of Brazil, this programme aims to restore the livelihoods of farmers in the aftermath of Cyclone Seroja in 2021.

Challenges

- In view of global uncertainty emanated from the conflict in Ukraine, WFP continues to closely monitor prices of food and non-food items, together with the Government of Timor-Leste.

- Malnutrition prevention and treatment services for women and children require more investments following the food price increases.

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