In Numbers

- **154,100 mt** of food assistance distributed
- **USD 0.4 m** six-month (Aug-January 2023) net funding requirements
- **21,500 people assisted**
  June - August 2022

Operational Updates

- In June, the final month of school feeding assistance, 20,000 children (100 percent of all planned children) were reached with on-site school meals for 22 feeding days, totalling 105 out of 100 initially planned (105 percent of the total planned days) for the 2021/2022 school year.

- On 18th July, the Minister of Education and Higher Education, Mrs. Juliesta Rodrigues, inaugurated a pigsty with a capacity for 70 pigs a year and a model community school garden at the National School Feeding and Health Program (PNASE) headquarters, thanks to a partnership with the Portuguese NGO Helpo and co-funding by Portuguese Cooperation and WFP as part of a project to boost the consumption of local products in school meals.

- In August, the Government delivered the first of three-month WFP-funded emergency food assistance and assets distribution to 1,500 households affected by the floods registered in December 2021 and March 2022. The assistance included food baskets consisting of rice, beans, pasta, oil, sugar and salt, and fishing materials. Estimated at USD 258,500, the emergency assistance will be completed by October 2022.

- On 30 August 2022, the new Law on the National School Feeding and Health Program (PNASE), drafted with WFP technical and financial support, was approved by the National Assembly. It will come into force after its promulgation by the President of the Republic.

- In August, WFP supported the National School Feeding and Health Program (PNASE)’s participation in the Portuguese Speaking Countries on School Feeding forum, organized by WFP Center of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil. PNASE presentation highlighted the nutritious value of home-grown school feeding.

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Photo caption: Officer-in-Charge delivers food basket to families affected by extreme climatic shocks and economic crisis
Challenges

- WFP’s funding situation continues to be challenging. The six-month net funding requirements for WFP’s various activities amount to USD 0.4 million.

- São Tomé and Príncipe’s economic situation worsened as inflation rose, with the country’s overreliance on imports for food, fertilizers, and fuels. According to the governor of the Central Bank of São Tomé and Príncipe, the country’s net international reserves have been diluted in a recent public statement. As per IMF guidelines, the country must maintain foreign reserves to cover at least three months of imports. Sao Tome and Principle is currently unable to guarantee more than one month of imports.

- Parliamentary, municipal, and regional elections are scheduled to be held in São Tomé and Príncipe on 25 September 2022, following an electoral campaign from 10 to 23 September (14 days). During the electoral and post-electoral period, field operations might be lowered until the new Government takes office as Government is a key partner in its implementation.

Donors

Donors to WFP’s CSP include the Government of Sao Tome and Principe, the SDG Joint Fund and other UN funds and agencies.