WFP Timor-Leste
Country Brief
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Operational Context

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 in areas where WFP has a comparative advantage and potential to maximize the impact of its assistance to ensure that no one is left behind.

Operational Updates
Nutrition
- WFP, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, organized a cooking demonstration session on nutrition and healthy dietary practices. In addition, malnourished pregnant and lactating women (PLW) were encouraged to attend nutrition counselling sessions during the World Breastfeeding Week in early August in all 13 municipalities, including Oecusse region.
- WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion (MSSI) signed a Letter of Understanding to support and strengthen the capacity of MSSI on supply chain and the provision of essential nutritious food to pregnant and nursing women.

Food Fortification
- As part of WFP's strategy on the introduction and scale-up of rice fortification in Timor-Leste, WFP provides capacity strengthening support on the production and blending of fortified rice. On 26 August, WFP signed an agreement with two actors in local agribusiness – Acelda Unipessoal LDA and Graca Agro Trading Unipessoal LDA – on the fortification of local rice in Baucau and Bobonaro respectively. WFP also facilitated the shipment of two integrated fortified rice blending machines for these two actors to produce fortified rice locally.

School Feeding
- WFP supported the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports (MOEYS) to participate in the School Feeding in Portuguese Speaking Countries event to discuss good practices in nutrition and challenges in the implementation of school feeding programme.
- WFP participated in a series of consultation sessions of the National Consultation on Transforming Education Summit organized by MOEYS and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
- WFP provided IT equipment to MSSI's unit of Partnership and Cooperation to support their activities on supply chain and social protection.

Highlights
- On 22 August, WFP donated 100 tablets to the General Directorate of Statistics (GDS) under the Ministry of Finance to support the first digitalized, fourth Population and Housing Census in Timor-Leste.
- WFP, in coordination with the President's Office and other stakeholders, provided technical support to organize a national event to launch the “President's Call for Action for Nutrition” in Ainaro Municipality.

Situation Updates
- Timor-Leste registered an additional 37 locally transmitted COVID-19 cases in August. Since March 2020, 23,170 cases were confirmed. As of end-August, 77.5 percent of the population aged 18 years and above were fully vaccinated. All WFP Timor-Leste's staff are fully vaccinated.

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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

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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

Emergency Response and Preparedness

- WFP participated in the second Timor-Leste Donor Partners Coordination meeting on 17 August. Participants discussed the National Action Plan for Nutrition and Food, the Civil Protection Authority, and the School Feeding Programme. WFP announced its plans to use Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) to assess acute household food insecurity levels (IPC Level 4) in Timor-Leste in 2022. Training on assessments, as well as data collection and analysis are scheduled to take place in October.
- WFP attended a preliminary meeting for the coordination and preparation of the World Food Day with the National Council for Food Security, Sovereignty and Nutrition (KONSSANTIL) on 18 August to support the promotion of food security, as well as healthy and nutritious diet.
- WFP submitted the workplan and budget of the Joint SDG Funds project on the Small Island Development Programme to the UN Resident Coordinator's Office on 19 August. The project aims to reduce disaster risk and strengthen food systems.
- WFP signed a cooperation agreement with the Asia Foundation Timor-Leste for mobile food security data collection on 29 August.
- WFP delivered a series of joint training between 30 May to early August with the Ministry of Health on super cereal distribution and related support for pregnant and lactating women to community health centre staff across 13 municipalities.

Challenges

- Given the global economic uncertainty as a result of the conflict in Ukraine, WFP continues to closely monitor the 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 resources following the food price increases.

Donors

Government of Timor-Leste, Australia, Brazil, China, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea.

Supply Chain

- WFP conducted an assessment for a MSSI's warehouse in Dili to support the management of food commodities.
- WFP donated a forklift to SAMES to bolster warehousing operations in Dili.
- WFP conducted warehouse assessments at potential local food suppliers (Loja Creative Furak, Lisun, Alfa Dili, Loja New ABC, Leader & Perisos) and provided guidance to the companies on completing IPA forms.