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.

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Highlights
- In collaboration with the President's Office and other stakeholders, WFP provided technical support to establish and organize the Supplementary Feeding Programme at the President's office. The Programme aims to provide nutritious food to malnourished pregnant and lactating mothers and children.
- WFP, in collaboration with other United Nations (UN) agencies, provided technical support to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports (MoEYS), for a national workshop to disseminate information on plans to distribute Supplementary Iron Folic Acid to adolescent girls to reduce risks of iron deficiency and anaemia.

Situation Updates
- Timor-Leste registered an additional 87 locally transmitted COVID-19 cases in September. Since March 2020, 23,257 cases were confirmed. As of end-September, 78.4 percent of the population aged 18 years and above were fully vaccinated. All WFP Timor-Leste’s staff are fully vaccinated.

Operational Updates
Nutrition
- WFP, in partnership with the MoH, organized 40 cooking demonstrations of super cereal and promoted social behavioural change communications (SBCC) at the community level. The cooking demonstrations focused on nutrition and healthy dietary practices, which encouraged malnourished pregnant and nursing women to attend nutrition counselling.
- WFP supported the Community Health Centres and continued to distribute the fortified blended food (Super Cereal) to 5,784 pregnant and lactating women at all municipalities, including Oecusse Region.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the MoH, WFP introduced a Nutrition Education Club initiative in Bobonaro Municipality to engage with students to promote the importance of nutritious food and healthy diets.
- With support from the Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste, WFP is procuring registration books and information, education, and communications (IEC) materials, including posters and brochures on balanced diet and rice fortification to six municipalities: Ermera, Dili, Covalima, Manufahi, Manatuto, and Baucau.

School Feeding
- WFP conducted a coordination meeting with MoEYS regarding the School Feeding Manual to prepare for another round of discussion to align with the national school feeding decree law.

Population: 1.3 million
2021/22 Human Development Index: 140
Income Level: Lower middle
Chronic malnutrition: 50% of children between 6-59
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

**Food Fortification**

- As part of WFP’s strategy to scale up rice fortification in Timor-Leste, WFP continued its capacity strengthening on the production and blending of fortified rice.
- WFP completed the installation of two blending machines for fortified rice in Baucau and Bobonaro for two private sector companies to produce fortified rice locally in the near future.
- WFP conducted a due diligence analysis on a potential vendor in Surabaya, Indonesia to evaluate the possibility to procure blending machines for rice fortification to support school feeding programmes in three municipalities.
- WFP coordinated with the Medical and Pharmaceutical Supply Agency (SAMES) to support the distribution of over 500 mt of Super Cereal to municipalities. WFP also provided technical guidance for upcoming distribution plans.

**Supply Chain**

- WFP conducted a warehouse assessment for the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion in Dili to support the management of food commodities for social protection.
- WFP donated a forklift to SAMES to enhance its warehouse operations in Dili.
- WFP conducted warehouse assessments on potential local food suppliers in Dili and provided technical guidance on completing vendor assessment forms in selection for food commodities for potential vendors.

**Research, Assessment, and Monitoring**

- WFP participated in the second meeting on the World Food Day with the National Council for Food Security, Sovereignty and Nutrition in Timor-Leste (KONSSANTIL) and committed to providing financial support for upcoming event coordination and advocacy work on food security.
- WFP completed its mobile data collection on household food security and essential needs analysis through its remote monitoring system (mVAM) for the first time on 22 September. Data analysis is ongoing.
- WFP completed its market price monitoring data collection for August.
- WFP facilitated the second round of distribution of agriculture equipment and fertilizer to eight farmer groups in Atabae Municipality, as part of the Horticulture & Agriculture programme funded by the Government of Brazil.

**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.

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