

COUNTRY CONTEXT



population

23
million

→ **81%**
rural



undernutrition and overnutrition remain challenges



vulnerable to climate change



gender inequality
Gender Gap Index ranking 102/153 (countries)

poverty and food insecurity exacerbated by COVID-19 and economic crisis

COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN focused on four strategic outcomes



USD **53.97**
million

1

Access to food year around for crisis-affected people

2

Access to food year around for school-age children in food-insecure areas

3

Improved nutrition by 2025 of children <5, adolescent girls and women of reproductive age

4

Strengthened livelihoods and resilience of vulnerable communities and smallholder farmers

EVALUATION covers WFP activities implemented from 2018 to 2021

August 2021

May 2022

Evidence and lessons to inform the development of the new Country Strategic Plan in Sri Lanka



document review

223

interviews

14

case studies



field mission



attention to confidentiality, gender and ethical considerations

CONCLUSIONS



CSP well-aligned with national and UN priorities. Highly relevant shift from direct delivery to enabling role focused on resilience building and nutrition



A balance between responsiveness to context with coherence and alignment to CSP strategy was needed



Strong relationship with government at operational level, but closer collaboration with UN agencies and civil society needed to build evidence base and support sustainability



Shift to country capacity strengthening appreciated by stakeholders; but need to narrow WFP's strategic focus to areas of comparative advantage



Targeting well-focused on at-risk geographic areas and the most vulnerable; but few activities missed out on directly targeting some of the latter

RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Next CSP should build on WFP's core mandates and comparative advantages that align with government priority needs

2

Maximize longer-term impact of WFP programming and enhance coherence across strategic outcomes and activities as well as their gender and nutrition sensitivity

3

Strengthen strategic and operational partnership with the Government at national and subnational level in alignment with other UN agencies

4

Continue initiatives in country capacity strengthening, focusing on government prioritized sectoral gaps

5

Review targeting to ensure alignment with latest evidence and CSP goals; make more explicit the commitment to the most vulnerable