2022 proved to be another challenging year for Nepal, with a range of factors contributing to heightened food insecurity. One in seven households did not have enough food to meet their daily needs by the end of 2022. WFP reached over 1.8 million food-insecure people in remote and often inaccessible locations through school feeding, nutrition, climate resilience and emergency response. In addition, WFP successfully activated its forecast-based anticipatory actions at scale, reaching over 100,000 people with cash assistance to mitigate the impact of floods. WFP continued to support the Government to address the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition, enhancing the resilience of vulnerable communities and continuing its strategic shift towards increased capacity strengthening support.

**KEY FIGURES**

- **1,293,042** people received food assistance
- **372,864** people received cash assistance
- **358,557** people benefitted from capacity strengthening
- **5,436 MT** of food distributed to communities in need
- **USD 5.2 million** in cash transferred

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* Number of unique beneficiaries.
** 1.2 million children and their families benefited from one-off take-home rations during COVID-19 school closures.
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Strategic Outcome 2: Improved Nutrition

251,806 children in 2,415 schools reached with hot meals prepared with 1,775 mt of fortified rice, vegetable oil, lentils and salt.

Continued technical support to the Government to roll out Home-grown School Feeding and facilitate the transition of two additional districts to the national school meals programme, bringing the total districts transitioned to seven out of 11.

28,090 pregnant and lactating women and children aged 6-23 months received specialized nutritious food for the prevention of malnutrition.

Supported the Government to advance Rice Fortification in Nepal to address micronutrient deficiencies in the country, resulting in the finalisation of the national standards for rice fortification.

Strategic Outcome 3: Resilience Building and Support to Smallholder Farmers

27,510 people benefitted from asset creation schemes to strengthen resilience to climate-induced shocks.

Supported 15 local governments to improve climate-resilient infrastructure development to create employment and drive local economic development.
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 4: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND LOGISTICS

- Completed the planned network of 11 humanitarian staging areas built over the course of eight years to strengthen the Government’s emergency preparedness and response capacity.

- Finalised standard operating procedures and a transition strategy to initiate a smooth transition of national management and ownership of the humanitarian staging areas.

- 3 nationwide household surveys and monthly market monitoring expanded to cover 25 markets conducted to monitor and assess the impact of the global food crisis in Nepal.

- 22 municipalities supported through innovative forecast-based anticipatory actions to provide assistance before a natural disaster causes damage.

- 100,231 people in three districts in western Nepal reached with anticipatory cash, minimizing flood impact and augmenting household level resilience.

STRATEGIC OUTCOME 5: INCLUSIVE AND COHERENT POLICY SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT

- Facilitated country-wide consultations to support the finalization of the Federal and Provincial Bylaws for the implementation of the Right to Food and Food Sovereignty Act 2018.

- Supported the Government and relevant stakeholders in institutionalizing the food systems initiative in Nepal, including the Government’s approval of the Food Systems Transformation Strategic Plan in 2022.
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 6: ON-DEMAND SERVICE PROVISION FOR AID ACTORS

Provided year-round on-demand services to the Government and humanitarian partners in country including on logistics, storage, engineering, cash-based transfers and administration

CROSS CUTTING THEMES

Equal wage opportunity provided to both men and women across all asset creation activities

Disability inclusion prioritized across all activities through strategic engagement with local organisations of people with disabilities

Sustainable food chains created linking smallholder farmers to the national school meals programme, reducing the carbon footprint from transportation, storage and distribution

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