



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES

WFP SRI LANKA

2022 ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORT OVERVIEW

In 2022, WFP Sri Lanka reached over **1.4 million people** through nine activities under four strategic outcomes to enhance long-term food and nutrition security while providing immediate assistance to those affected by the economic crisis. Across the year, WFP continued its work to address malnutrition, by supporting the national school meal programme and enhancing the availability of fortified foods. WFP assisted smallholder farming communities to enhance their resilience to the effects of climate change. WFP also helped strengthen national and subnational capacities to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the impacts of natural hazards, including enhancing shock-responsive safety net programmes to support those affected by emergencies.

In response to the economic crisis, the worst the country has experienced since its independence, WFP joined humanitarian partners to assist the Government through the commencement of an emergency operation in June to support **3.4 million food-insecure people**. Emergency food assistance was provided through cash, vouchers and food. WFP also bolstered national nutrition safety net programmes by providing ingredients for the school meals and *Thripasha* fortified food programme for pregnant and nursing mothers and children under 5.

IN NUMBERS



1,414,637
BENEFICIARIES in 2022



6,323 MT OF FOOD
distributed



72,753 estimated number of
assisted people with disabilities

FUNDING



87% FUNDED
USD 63.7 MILLION in available funding
against an annual needs-based plan of
USD 73.1 MILLION

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

Rice for the school meals programme:

1,053,041 SCHOOLCHILDREN reached



Cash and food assistance to mitigate the effects of the

economic crisis: **354,373 INDIVIDUALS**



Technical assistance and training to strengthen national capacities in food and nutrition:

3,644 INDIVIDUALS



STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1: CRISIS RESPONSE



101,600 PEOPLE received cash assistance to mitigate the impact of the economic crisis



USD 5.45 MILLION cash and value vouchers distributed to crisis-affected people



4,814 MT of **FOOD** distributed to crisis-affected people in seven districts

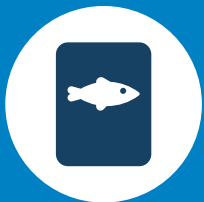


7,912 SCHOOLS supported with approximately 1,500 mt of rice for the school meals programme

STRATEGIC OUTCOME 2: SCHOOL MEALS



2,000 GOVERNMENT and **PARTNER STAFF** received technical assistance and training through 18 capacity development events to strengthen food security and nutrition in all nine provinces



184 MT of **CANNED FISH** provided for the national school meal programme



THE 'HOME GROWN SCHOOL FEEDING' project expanded to **766 SCHOOLS** to support home gardening and poultry farming among school meal caterers

STRATEGIC OUTCOME 3: NUTRITION



1.3 MILLION PEOPLE reached through social media to prompt behavioural changes and promote healthy eating



THE 'NATIONAL NUTRITION AND MICRONUTRIENT SURVEY' of school children was completed to better understand their nutritional profile



6 TRAININGS and **WORKSHOPS** conducted to enhance capacities of stakeholders engaged in national food and nutrition security



370 GOVERNMENT and **PARTNER STAFF** were supported with capacity strengthening initiatives including trainings, action plan development, and review of food fortification standards and nutrition

STRATEGIC OUTCOME 4: STRENGTHENED LIVELIHOODS AND RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE SHOCKS



1,296 PEOPLE received cash and non-food items to strengthen resilience against climate shocks and stressors



654 AGRICULTURAL TOOLS distributed



708 WELLS constructed/rehabilitated for irrigation/livestock use



91.4% of the **TARGETED COMMUNITIES** reported improved environmental conditions which support agriculture and better living standards

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES



Scaled up WFP's '**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK MECHANISM**' enabling beneficiaries to conveniently reach out to WFP for feedback and clarifications



Pilot programme for the '**DISABILITY INCLUSION ROADMAP**' launched to enhance Government capacities in integrating disability inclusion within the national census



EQUAL ASSISTANCE provided across **GENDER** in WFP's emergency operation



ADVOCACY INITIATIVES which contributed to a higher allocation of national budget to the school meals programme

Photo: WFP Sri Lanka/Ruvin de Silva



Sriyani Kusumalatha, a participant of WFP's 'Home Grown School Feeding' project, stands in front of the meals she's cooked using fresh ingredients from her home garden.

Photo: WFP Sri Lanka/Carol Taylor



Deputy Regional Director of WFP Asia Pacific, Anita Hirsch handing over farming tools and equipment to a participant of WFP's resilience building project "R5n".

Photo: WFP Sri Lanka/Lakna Paranamanna



Rondawelu Yogambal, from Nuwara Eliya, with the food rations she received through WFP's emergency operation.

Photo: WFP Sri Lanka/Carol Taylor



Primary grade students of St. John's Maha Vidyalaya, Mattakkuliya, enjoying their morning meal made with rice provided through WFP.

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