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 Thriposha fortified food programme for pregnant and nursing mothers and children under 5.

**IN NUMBERS**

- **6,323 MT of food** distributed
- **72,753** estimated number of assisted people with disabilities
- **1,414,637** beneficiaries in 2022

**FUNDING**

- **87% funded** USD 63.7 million in available funding against an annual needs-based plan of USD 73.1 million
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.
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”.

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

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.

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

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