Operational Context

The World Food Programme (WFP) Timor-Leste Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2023-2025) supports the Government of Timor-Leste's vision for zero hunger and contributes to the National Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030.

Rates of child malnutrition and stunting are at 47 percent and remain a persistent problem. Timor-Leste has the highest rate of stunting in the Southeast Asia Region. In total 22 percent of the population face acute food insecurity.

In response to these challenges, WFP is shifting programmatic focus to be an enabler and strengthen the country's capacity to reduce hunger, with a nutrition- and climate-sensitive food systems approach. The approach emphasizes putting people at the centre in line with the Road Map for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including ending hunger, combating all forms of malnutrition, and establishing sustainable and climate-resilient food systems. The overall goal of CSP is to improve food security and nutrition through strengthening the existing social protection programmes (Bolsa da Mãe Jerosaun Foun, Merenda Escolar), food value chain (Cadeia de Valor, supply chain management, and home-grown school feeding), and emergency shock response.

The CSP will support the Government in achieving their goals under SDG 2: Zero Hunger to ensure that no one is left behind with a gender and disability inclusion lens.

Operational Updates

Nutrition

- WFP trained 11 nutrition coordinators selected by the Ministry of Health on the treatment of moderate malnutrition for pregnant and breastfeeding women during a three-day nutrition training activity.
- Transported a total of 819.25 metric tonnes of raw rice, stored by the Government of Timor-Leste’s Civil Protection Authority (CPA), to WFP-trained domestic rice millers in Baucau and Bobonaro, for fortification prior to distribution through the National School Meal Programme.
- WFP continued to leverage tele-media to generate public awareness of healthy diets and nutrition through a rice fortification video (61 views), a school feeding programme video (90 views) and a Super Cereal advert on national television reaching 4,248 people.
- Established 12 Nutrition School Clubs across schools in Dili, Bobonaro and Manufahi and selected 313 students (178F/135M) as members of the clubs to be responsible for raising awareness of nutrition education in these schools.

Social Protection / School Feeding

- WFP conducted a joint fundraising event in Lisbon, Portugal to mobilize additional resources to improve school infrastructure in Timor-Leste, in collaboration with the Governments of Portugal and Timor-Leste. The event was attended by industrialists, private sector, and high-net-worth individuals.
- As part of WFP’s ongoing improvements to the National School Feeding Programme, WFP handed over kitchen equipment for 28 schools in Manufahi to the Municipal Education Director, in the presence of Municipal Administrator of Manufahi under the Say No to 5S (SNSS) project funded by KOICA.

Highlights

- Conducted a fundraising event with the support of the Timor-Leste Embassy in Portugal to mobilize additional resources to improve school cooking kitchen infrastructure in Timor-Leste.
- Improved the National School Feeding Programme for 6,038 students, through the handover of new kitchen equipment for 28 schools in Manufahi to the Municipal Education Director and Administrator of Manufahi, under the Say No to 5S (SNSS) project funded by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).
- Co-chaired the first Cash Working Group with UN agencies and development partners forwarding plans to develop a Minimum Expenditure Basket and oversee a Financial Service Provider assessment.

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### WFP Country Strategy

#### Country Strategic Plan (2023-2025)

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**Strategic Outcome 1:** People are better able to meet their urgent food and nutrition needs

**CSP Outcome 1:** Crisis-affected populations in Timor-Leste have equitable access to adequate nutritious foods that meet their basic nutritional needs during and in the aftermath of shocks.

**Focus area:** Crisis response

**Activities:**
1. Provide food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected populations.

**Strategic Outcome 2:** People have better nutrition, health and education outcomes.

**CSP Outcome 2:** People vulnerable to nutrition insecurity, in particular women, adolescent girls, and school-age children, in Timor-Leste have equitable access to enhanced nutrition-sensitive programmes that promote and enable healthy diets by 2025.

**Focus area:** Root causes

**Activities:**
2. Provide technical assistance to national institutions working to enhance the quality and nutrition integration of school-based programmes and other social assistance programmes by improving the availability, affordability, equitable access to and consumption of nutritious and safe food.

**Strategic Outcome 3:** National programmes and systems are strengthened

**CSP Outcome 3:** People vulnerable to shocks in Timor-Leste benefit from enhanced national capacity for disaster preparedness and response and supply chain management by 2025

**Focus area:** Resilience building

**Activities:**
3. Provide technical assistance to national institutions in strengthening disaster risk and supply chain management

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### Logistics and Supply Chain

- The Supply Chain team conducted a Logistics Capacity Assessment in Maliana covering warehouses, assets, and infrastructure to enhance emergency preparedness measures in the municipality and community.

### Research, Assessment, and Monitoring

- As Co-Chair of the Cash Working Group (CWG) in Timor-Leste, WFP hosted the first CWG meeting with World Vision, other UN agencies and Development Partner organizations. The CWG plans to develop a Minimum Expenditure Basket and conduct a Financial Service Provider landscape assessment, through technical sub-groups of partners.

- As part of ongoing technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and National Directorate of Statistics, WFP supported the publication of a Quarter 1 2023 Market Monitoring report.

### Challenges

- **Food inflation has risen** impacted by the global economic uncertainty due to the conflict in Ukraine, in response WFP continues to closely monitor the prices of food and non-food items, in collaboration with the Government of Timor-Leste.

- **Malnutrition prevention and treatment services for women and children continue to require more resources** following food price increases.

- **Changes in leadership resulting from the National Government election** on 21 May delayed the dissemination of some reports and will require time to scope and build relationships with new government ministers and officials.

### Donors

Government of Timor-Leste, Australia, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Joint SDG fund.

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### Social Protection / School Feeding continued

- Supported by an experienced engineer, WFP updated the kitchen design for schools under the KOICA-funded SN5S project. The revised designs, which are more cost-efficient and provide increased ventilation, will be presented to line ministries in the Government for endorsement.

### Capacity Strengthening

- As part of the RBB-led Supply Chain Country Capacity Strengthening Community of Practice, WFP shared insights covering engagement with the CPA and the use of the Institutional Ability Readiness Index tool with other country offices.

### Emergency Preparedness

- WFP and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies-led Climate Centre held discussions on anticipatory actions in Timor-Leste and future collaboration in this area.