In Numbers

17,590.80 mt of food distributed

US$ 13.2 million in cash and vouchers distributed

US$ 11.45 million six-month (August-January 2024) net funding requirements

910,031 people assisted in July 2023

Operational Updates

- Since the start of emergency operations in June 2022, WFP has reached over 3 million people through in-kind food distribution, school meals and nutrition support. In 2023, WFP will continue cash and voucher assistance, general food distribution, school meals and nutrition support, targeting 2.4 million food insecure people.

General food assistance

- Since June 2022 to July 2023, 842,095 people have received emergency food assistance.

- Beneficiary targeting and verification for the phase 3 in-kind food assistance was completed in Nuwara Eliya during the reporting period.

Nutrition support

- WFP has provided specialized nutritious food to over 1 million school children since June 2022. In July, over 875,000 schoolchildren from 7,014 schools were provided with school meals.

- WFP is also providing maize and soy beans to the Government's Thriposha facility, targeting pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under 5. Over 900,000 packets of Thriposha were issued in July, (444,770 packets for mothers and 461,570 packets for children).

Cash-based transfers

- WFP has assisted 635,680 people with cash and value vouchers. Overall, 19 percent of the assistance provided across all activities as of July 2023 was cash transfers and value vouchers.

Monitoring and Assessments

- Markets remain functional with a wide range of products, adequate physical availability of essential goods, and a resilient supply chain, according to WFP’s latest Market Functionality Index Report.

- A household food security survey is scheduled for August, with results expected to be released in early September. The face-to-face assessment will target 4,300 households across the country.
According to the latest National Consumer Price Index, food inflation (year-on-year) in the country was at -2.5 percent in July, a considerable improvement from 2.5 percent in June. This is the first time deflation has been recorded since the beginning of the economic crisis in June 2022.

In July, WFP registered 2,026 cases through its Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM) channels, of which 99 percent were immediately resolved.

**Communication & Advocacy**

- WFP Sri Lanka Representative and Country Director Abdurrahim Siddiqui was interviewed by the Voice of America (VoA) about the lingering effects of the economic crisis on food security. The interview was published in this [VoA article](#).

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**WFP Country Strategy**

### Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

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**Strategic Result 1:** End hunger by protecting access to food

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

**Focus area:** Crisis Response to ensure humanitarian assistance

**Activities:**
- Provide food and nutrition assistance and essential livelihood support to targeted populations

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

**Focus area:** Root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition among school-age children

**Activities:**
- Provide assistance to targeted children, pregnant and lactating women, children under 5, smallholders and communities vulnerable to food insecurity, unhealthy diets and malnutrition through asset transfers, food and cash assistance, home-grown school feeding, training and social and behaviour change communication to improve nutritional outcomes

**Strategic Result 2:** No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 3:** People have improved and sustainable livelihoods.

**Focus area:** Immediate and underlying causes of malnutrition

**Activities:**
- Provide assistance to at-risk and vulnerable communities to develop nutrition-sensitive and inclusive livelihood diversification opportunities that improve resilience to climate change and other risks

**Strategic Result 3:** People have improved and sustainable livelihoods

**Strategic Outcome 4:** National programmes and systems are strengthened

**Focus area:** Resilience building to enable vulnerable communities to better withstand shocks and stresses and to augment government capacity to implement disaster-management and integrated disaster-risk-reduction strategies.

**Activities:**
- Provide technical assistance, including the co-creation, piloting and use of digital technologies among government and other food security, nutrition and social protection actors at the national and subnational levels

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**Cover Photo:** The school meals in Sri Lanka are made up of rice, fortified with iron and folic acid, lentil curry, boiled egg, tempered green leaves and watermelon.

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**Thriposha** is an additional nutritious food aimed at minimizing and preventing maternal and child malnutrition and promoting local agricultural economy.

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