



WFP PHILIPPINES

2023 Annual Country Report Overview

WFP, in its final year of implementing the Country Strategic Plan 2018-2023, continued to support the Government's development agendas and priorities. WFP focused on strengthening institutional capacities in social protection and emergency preparedness and response, and strengthening community resilience while addressing cross-cutting challenges.

54,520 people reached
in 2023

WFP supports the Government in strengthening the resilience of food systems to improve nutrition in communities.
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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Integrated Resilience

Building a food-secure and resilient Bangsamoro

WFP continued to support the Bangsamoro Government in building resilient food systems while promoting social cohesion in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).



50,830 people

supported with livelihood activities in the provinces of Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur

WFP provided 50 kg of iron-fortified rice or US\$55 per month to smallholder farmers and fisherfolks, former combatants, Indigenous Peoples, and other conflict-afflicted populations in BARMM as they participated in **food assistance for assets** activities.

Key Numbers



US\$281,000

of cash assistance and **1,045 mt** of iron-fortified rice distributed



102 ha

of community gardens cultivated (equivalent to 2,448 basketball courts)



153 km

of farm-to-market roads rehabilitated

Other Accomplishments



549 government and partner staff participated in training or technical assistance activities



15 cooperatives registered in Farm2Go, a virtual marketplace for farmers to sell their crops to consumers directly from farms





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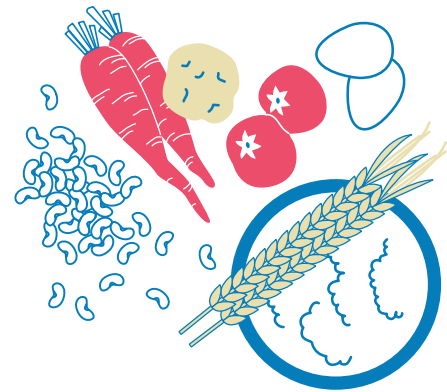
Nutrition

Boosting joint efforts to improve nutrition

WFP contributed to delivering nutrition-sensitive responses, aligned with government targets, to address the immediate and underlying causes of malnutrition.



WFP supported the development of nutrition policies and plans, including the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2023-2028, the BARMM Plan of Action for Nutrition 2023-2028, and the Bangsamoro Food Security and Nutrition Plan.



101,500

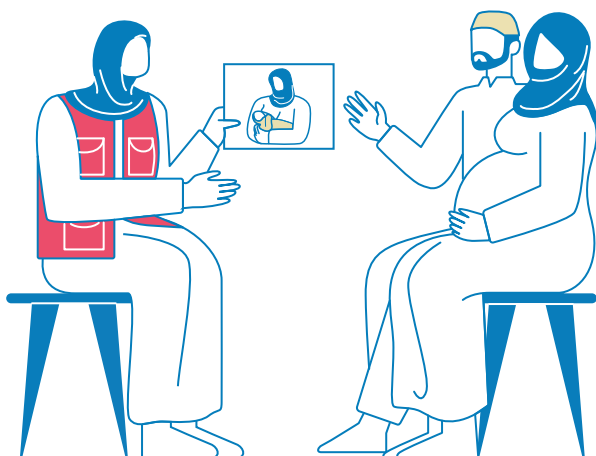
people including pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, and caregivers of children under 5, reached with healthy nutrition messages through social media and interpersonal communication



800 government and national partners staff reached through capacity strengthening activities



2 knowledge exchange on rice fortification (Tajikistan) and central kitchen management (India) facilitated through visits and learning sessions



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Continue supporting government-led initiatives in our **capacity as a facilitator** to strengthen the implementation of the Food Fortification Law and the Rice Fortification Programme



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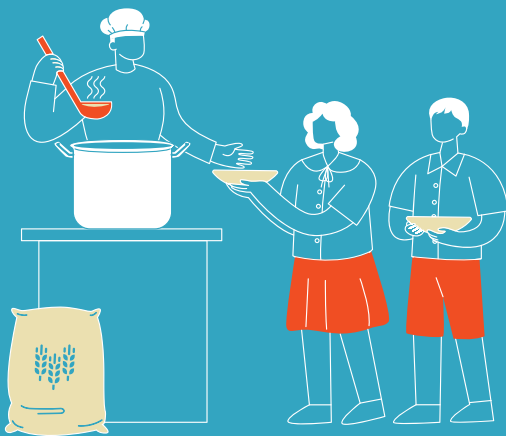
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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

School Meals Programme

Institutionalizing home-grown school feeding

WFP continued to advocate for the institutionalization of home-grown school feeding (HGSF) in the Government's school meals programme, with a focus in BARMM.



Through the HGSF approach, schools provide children with fresh hot meals which contribute to better food and nutrition security. At the same time, by promoting localized food production and distribution, HGSF creates resilient, sustainable, and reliable livelihoods for smallholder farmers and fisherfolks.



7 municipalities in BARMM identified for the HGSF pilot



Supported the creation of an HGSF Core Group to facilitate technical coordination and implementation of HGSF activities in BARMM



Conducted stakeholders' needs and capabilities mapping to implement a diverse and nutritious school meals programme



With WFP's support, the Philippines participated in the first-ever School Meals Coalition Global Summit, where the country presented its plan of action for school meals for the next two years.

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Continue our work with the Government to **scale up** HGSF to reach 3,000 schoolchildren and integrate 500 smallholder farmers to the school meals programme.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Social Protection

Strengthening social protection for Zero Hunger

WFP strengthened the delivery of shock-responsive and nutrition-sensitive social protection programmes to improve people's food security and resilience against risks and shocks.

WFP worked with the Department of Social Welfare and Development in designing and implementing the pilot of *Walang Gutom (No Hunger) 2027*, a government social protection programme that aims to reduce malnutrition and food insecurity using electronic food vouchers.



3,690 people

(784 households)

reached with food e-vouchers and healthy nutrition messages



Through the programme, each household received a food e-voucher loaded with US\$55 (PHP 3,000) per month, which can be used to purchase nutritious food items from smallholder farmers' cooperatives.



US\$57,883

worth of food e-vouchers distributed

ENSURING INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING



WFP conducted a **Leaving No One Behind Study** to identify which groups are being left behind in terms of access to social protection. The findings of the study will be used to enhance WFP's targeting and social inclusion efforts.





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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Complementing the Government's crisis response

WFP provided direct support and technical assistance in designing hunger-preventive and shock-responsive social protection programmes to ensure crisis-affected people meet their food and nutrition needs.



Launched a multi-year (2023-2028) and multi-donor strategy to strengthen PREP: Preparedness and Response Excellence in the Philippines. WFP provides capacity strengthening support and augments existing emergency operations infrastructure and assets of the Government.



Conducted capacity assessment using the Emergency Preparedness Capacity Indicator in two provinces in BARMM to identify gaps and establish baseline for measuring progress on capacity strengthening



4,500 smallholder farmers in 90 locations supported under the Government's El Niño early action activity



30 emergency preparedness and response initiatives featured in the [Super Typhoon Haiyan Commemoration Handbook](#)

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Sign the **first memorandum of understanding** between WFP and the Office of Civil Defense to further collaborate on disaster preparedness and response, policy development, and capacity strengthening activities

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Climate Action

Protecting communities from climate risks

WFP enhanced government capacities for disaster risk reduction and management and climate change adaptation to reduce vulnerabilities to climate hazards.



220,595 people

(44,119 households)
registered under the United Nations Joint Programme on Anticipatory Action (AA)



WFP provided technical assistance in the development of **House Bill No. 9935: Declaration of State of Imminent Disaster Act.**

The Bill aims to integrate AA into the Philippines' Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Framework, allowing government agencies to [access funds for anticipatory actions to mitigate the impact of extreme weather events, before the declaration of a state of calamity.](#)



290 households received early warning messages and cash assistance through an AA simulation exercise



Facilitated a knowledge exchange and dialogues on AA institutionalization



5 regional reports developed based on the Climate Change and Food Security Analysis, which identified geographic areas, population groups, and livelihoods most vulnerable to climate change



Launched the Multi-Hazard Impact-based Forecasting and Early Warning System Project to provide accessible, timely early warning information in far-flung communities





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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Emergency Logistics and Telecommunications

Enhancing government capacities against shocks

WFP supported the Government in strengthening its logistics preparedness and response capacities to prepare for and respond to shocks and stressors.

Logistics



12 Government-led emergency response operations supported



396 trucks mobilized to transport more than 565,000 government family food packs and 5,000 mt of non-food items



Supported BARMM in the completion of the Capacity Needs Mapping that established baseline information on BARMM's capacities and identified gaps in emergency response

Emergency Telecommunications



2 small, emergency telecommunications vehicles designed and developed in-country, and prepositioned in WFP warehouses



Overall



343 government and national partner staff received technical assistance and training



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