



WFP NEPAL

2023 Annual Country Report Overview

In 2023, WFP reached over 540,000 people and accelerated its shift from direct implementation towards technical assistance and country capacity strengthening to all three tiers of government. The constitutionally-enshrined Right to Food, augmented social protection and climate change impacts remained at the heart of WFP's entry point in working with the Government.

540,226

Total Beneficiaries
in 2023

63%  37%



Chitra, in her mustard fields near her home in Kailali District of Sudurpaschim Province, Nepal. ©WFP/Samantha Reinders



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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Crisis Response

Strategic Outcome 1

WFP supported crisis-affected, food-insecure and nutritionally vulnerable populations with conditional and unconditional food and cash assistance to meet their basic food and nutrition needs.



18,158

people affected by the Jajarkot earthquake reached with unconditional cash assistance



US\$ 344,205

in unconditional cash distributed to people affected by the Jajarkot earthquake



175.69 MT

 of specialised nutritious food distributed to pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, and children 6-23 months old

51% of cash spent on food
17% of cash spent on medicines



73% of households receiving nutrition support had an acceptable food consumption, in terms of types of food consumed, frequency and its nutritional value.



IN 2024, WE AIM TO

Support food security recovery efforts of the most vulnerable earthquake-affected households in Karnali, support disaster preparedness and response planning, implement flood anticipatory action if triggered and maintain WFP's emergency response capacity in case of disaster and in support to the Government.





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School Meals Programme

Strategic Outcome 2

WFP provided an integrated school feeding package and strengthened the Government's capacity to deliver a quality, efficient and effective national midday meals programme.

WFP successfully transitioned an additional district (Accham) to the government's national Midday Meals (MDM) programme, bringing the total transitioned districts to eight out of 11, while continuing to provide technical assistance and support to the roll out of the home-grown school feeding model across WFP and Government-supported programme districts.



323,271

children benefited from school meals and related interventions, including school health and nutrition



2,440 MT of food provided to girls and boys under WFP's school meals programme in four districts of Sudurpaschim



1,900 new farmers groups formed and linked to schools for the provision of ingredients

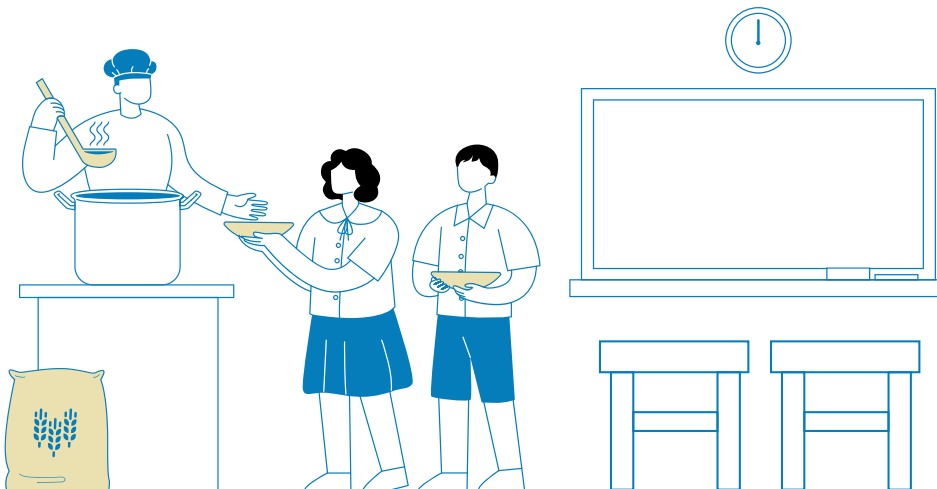


1,565 people linked to school meals followed safe food preparation and storage practices

IN 2024, WE AIM TO



Continue strengthening government capacity to implement HGSP across Nepal. Build evidence and scale up green school models and web-based monitoring mechanisms of the MDM programme.





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Nutrition and Fortification

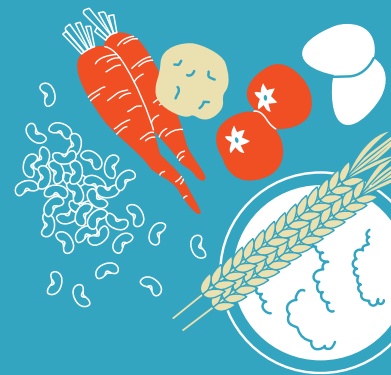
Strategic Outcome 2

WFP supported vulnerable groups to improve their nutritional status and increase access to affordable, nutritious diets through nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive social protection interventions.



115 MT of fortified rice produced for the first time in Nepal

The publishing of the national standards for fortified rice in the Nepal Gazette, supported by WFP, unlocked a policy-enabling environment for rice fortification, allowing the development of additional strategies and guidelines to continue advancing the fortification agenda in Nepal.



65% of children 6-23 months attaining the minimum dietary diversity



95% of participants under the MCHN programme in Koshi and Madhesh provinces with an acceptable food consumption



88,737 pregnant and breastfeeding women and children 6-23 months benefiting from improved nutrition services provided by the Government



110,000 mothers and caregivers reached through interpersonal social behaviour change interactions



IN 2024, WE AIM TO



Collaborate with the government and key stakeholders to create a policy enabling environment for large scale food fortification in Nepal. Continue supporting malnutrition prevention among pregnant and breastfeeding women and children 6-23 months.



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Resilience Building

Strategic Outcome 3

WFP provided technical assistance to national institutions and an integrated package of livelihood support to communities vulnerable to climate and other risks to build their resilience.



5,786 smallholder farmers, mostly women, supported with training, inputs, equipment and infrastructure



190 farmer groups formed and provided with enhanced skills for collective bargaining power to sell their produce

Women smallholder farmers received capacity and skills training for the adoption of climate-smart, resilient agricultural practices to enhance their productivity and were linked with the midday meals programme and other value chain actors to sell their produce.

WFP's support helped increased household incomes by 267 percent, fostering enhanced business and entrepreneurial skills.



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local governments in Karnali province supported with technical assistance for improved delivery of green, resilient, sustainable local infrastructure



89 productive, protective, climate-resilient, and employment generating community assets delivered by the local governments, thanks to WFP's technical support



IN 2024, WE AIM TO

Continue to provide technical assistance to the national institutions to deliver resilient infrastructure services, reconstruct earthquake-damaged public infrastructures, and scale up livelihood support to smallholder farmers, particularly women, to enhance their resilience.





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Emergency Preparedness

Strategic Outcome 4

WFP continued to strengthen the capacity of national institutions, including all three levels of government, in emergency logistics preparedness and coordination.



2,935 m²

of storage space provided to 8 different government institutions across Humanitarian Staging Areas

WFP enhanced the capacity of government and humanitarian partners at national, provincial, and local levels for logistics and supply chain emergency preparedness and response.

This involved the use of the network of humanitarian staging areas (HSAs) constructed in strategic locations, as well as through the provision of capacity strengthening support on emergency logistics to Government and humanitarian partners.

IN 2024, WE AIM TO



Transition the management of the Humanitarian Staging Areas to the government while continue to enhance emergency logistics capacity. Establish the last of the HSAs in Pokhara for rapid crisis response.



1,420 m³ relief items of Government received and stored under Jajarkot earthquake response



48 representatives from government and humanitarian partners trained on emergency logistics



92% of user organizations satisfied with key components of WFP's Emergency Preparedness and Response programme



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Anticipatory Action & Food Security Monitoring

Strategic Outcome 4

WFP enhanced knowledge on early warning systems and implementation of anticipatory actions as well as food security monitoring for evidence-based decision making.



12 market monitors &
1 national household survey assessing the food security and nutrition situation published

WFP enhanced its food security monitoring by undertaking additional in-depth assessments of three districts to better understand the underlying causes of food insecurity, reports being published in 2024.



5 river basins with revised rainfall-based triggers for improved accuracy



21 local governments received capacity strengthening to access early warnings, and early warning communication to communities.

WFP supported the institutionalization of anticipatory action-based contingency plans and beneficiary targeting guidelines across 20 local governments of Madhesh, Lumbini, Sudurpaschim and Koshi provinces.

WFP continued its support in system strengthening for multi-hazard early warning and monitoring systems to estimate affected households and assess damages in critical infrastructures for timely and effective responses. This included development of triggers for landslides in selected districts of Koshi province.



1,304 Government and public sector staff participated in Anticipatory Action trainings



IN 2024, WE AIM TO

Institutionalize impact-based forecasting and warning services to enhance the EW4ALL initiative across local governments vis-à-vis pre-disaster risk assessment tools. Continue generating evidence for informed decision-making.





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Policy

Strategic Outcome 5

WFP supported Nepal in integrating the food security and nutrition agenda into key policy documents, establishing a legal mandate to ensure food governance and policy coherence.



4 Food Councils set up in Koshi, Madhesh, Bagmati and Sudurpaschim provinces to operationalise food systems provisions



2 Local Governments prepared 5-year strategic plans as a result of the pilot on localisation of food systems



IN 2024, WE AIM TO

Scale up the localization of food systems at municipal levels and support the government in reflecting the Right to Food and Food Systems agenda in the 16th Plan of Nepal (2024-2029).

WFP continued to work with the Government of Nepal to operationalize the Right to Food and Food Sovereignty Act and Bylaws



7 Local Governments (one in each province) successfully piloted the localisation of food systems

2 Provincial Governments trained on the Right to Food and Food Systems Strategic Planning

UN Food Systems Summit +2

WFP supported Nepal's high-level delegation, led by the Prime Minister, where he reiterated Nepal's commitment to transform the food systems





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Service Delivery / Common Services

Strategic Outcome 6

WFP extended its expertise in engineering, storage, logistics, transport, administrative and cash-based transfer management services to Government and the broader humanitarian community.



Aligned with Strategic Result 8 (Enhance Global Partnership) and Sustainable Development Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), activities under this strategic outcome operated under a service delivery modality with full-cost recovery.

WFP continued to support several partners, primarily United Nations agencies and international NGOs, through the provision of storage and handling services as the co-lead of the national logistics cluster, in addition to engineering and administrative services for accessing rental facilities.

WFP responded dynamically by providing on-demand cash-based transfer management support to other UN Agencies, playing a crucial role in enabling sister agencies to reach vulnerable households efficiently.



5,262 m²

of storage services provided to four partners across WFP-managed network of Humanitarian Staging Areas (HSAs)



1 user renting office space through WFP's administrative services



2 emergency medical warehouses built on WFP's HSA premises in Biratnagar and Nepalgunj



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