



WFP BHUTAN

Country strategic plan (2024-2028)

SAVING
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WFP's country strategic plan (2024-2028) is anchored in Bhutan's draft 13th five-year plan (2024-2029), and guided by the priorities of the United Nation's sustainable development framework (2024-2028). WFP's focus is on strengthening and supporting the Government's efforts to deliver equitable and inclusive economic growth and advance human capital development. Through its long-term contributions to capacity strengthening and inward investment, WFP assistance will enable the Government to build more resilient food systems, empower women's engagement in food value chains, integrate nutrition considerations into social protection programmes such as school feeding, promote healthy diets, and strengthen national systems for emergency preparedness and response. All WFP activities will operate with and through its Government partners and promote an expanded role for the private sector.

Strategic outcomes

Strategic outcome 1:

Rural populations in Bhutan, particularly women smallholder farmers, young people and persons with disabilities, achieve climate-resilient livelihoods and increased food security and nutrition by 2030



Resilience building

Farmer-based organizations led by women, men and young people receive skills, assets and other Government support that increases resilience of smallholder food production to the climate emergency, natural hazards and other risks.



Small-scale agro-enterprises and other value chain actors receive skills, assets and other Government support that enable them to add value to local products and gain sustainable access to smallholder agriculture markets like schools.



Strategic outcome 2:

The citizens of Bhutan, particularly vulnerable population groups, benefit from enhanced human capital and a food system that is resilient to climate and other crises and shocks by 2030



Human capital development

Beneficiaries of national school feeding programmes have sustainable access to nutrient-dense food and safe, healthy and diversified meals all year round.



Bhutan's citizens, especially schoolchildren, adolescents and groups at risk of malnutrition, are empowered to access and consume safe, nutrient-dense and healthy diets that meet international food quality and safety standards.

Populations facing shocks and stressors benefit from enhanced government services, including the integration of nutrition-sensitive and shock-responsive social protection mechanisms in national and sub-national disaster risk management polices, programme and systems.




COUNTRY OVERVIEW



0.65 million
population

12.4% National poverty rate

50% of food is imported 

27% of household **cannot afford** to meet their **nutrient needs**



Bhutan is highly vulnerable to earthquakes and climate shocks

44% Children under-5 are anemic

56% of the Bhutanese are smallholder farmers, of which **65% are women**



1 in 5 children are stunted

2023 Bhutan transitioned to lower-middle income group

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