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Meeting with the Technical Working Group to support the National Disaster Mitigation Agency's policy harmonization. © WFP/Abdoel Malik

Operational Context

Indonesia is an upper-middle-income country based on its Gross National Income of US\$4,580 per capita per year (World Bank, 2022). Despite this significant achievement together with decreasing poverty, inequality, and reducing food insecurity, malnutrition indicators remain concerning.

Stunting of children aged under 5 years remains high at 21.5 percent in 2023 (SSGI), with the most cases among children aged 2 to 3 years. On the 2023 Global Hunger Index, Indonesia is ranked 77 out of 125 countries. Undernourishment decreased to 8.5 percent in 2023 from 10.2 percent in 2021. Overall, 68 out of 514 districts/municipalities remained vulnerable to food insecurity in 2023.

Gross domestic product grew in the first quarter of 2024 by 5.1 percent year-on-year, and inflation rates in 2023 stood at 2.61 percent, the lowest since 2000. Food prices continue to fluctuate, rendering household purchasing power precarious. Additionally, the looming impact of El Niño, forecasted to commence in the coming months, poses an increased risk of drought and insufficient rice production.

WFP engages in policy dialogue and provides technical assistance to the Government of Indonesia in the context of food security and nutrition analysis, climate and disaster risk management, and healthy diets.



Population (2020): **270 million**

2023/2024 Human Development Index: **112 out of 193**

Income Level: **Upper middle**

Chronic Malnutrition (2019): **28% children under 5 years old**

Highlights

- WFP and the National Disaster Mitigation Agency reached a key milestone in strengthening National Logistic Clusters through the development of a regulation for logistics and equipment management. Alongside the technical guidelines, these tools are now ready for public consultation at the sub-national level.

Operational Updates

- WFP supported the National Disaster Mitigation Agency in making significant progress on their policy harmonization initiative. This initiative focused on developing a regulation for logistics and equipment management, along with technical guidelines. The Technical Working Group overseeing the initiative agreed on the content of each guideline and the Logistics and Equipment Management System Regulation. This initiative will enhance national logistics and aid distribution during disaster events.
- WFP continued to support the Regional Disaster Mitigation Agency in East Nusa Tenggara in strengthening systems to address recurring droughts. Since mid-2023, WFP has collaborated on revising the Drought Contingency Plan by integrating anticipatory action. Endorsed in early 2024, the plan guided the declaration of "Siaga Darurat" (imminent emergency) from June to December 2024 to anticipate drought and minimize its impact.
- WFP co-organized a multisectoral forum to support the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Cultural Affairs' National Action Plan for School-Age Children's Well-being. Discussions covered updates on the Integrated Primary School Nutrition model, Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology's support for school nutrition, WFP's strategy for promoting healthy diets, insights on regional standards and ASEAN School Nutrition Package, and an overview of the Global School Meal Coalition. The meeting aimed to improve stakeholder coordination and to develop a detailed action plan for national and district-level initiatives.
- WFP, in collaboration with the Meteorological, Climatological, and Geophysical Agency and the Provincial Crop Protection Unit, completed the third batch of a modified Climate Field School for anticipatory action training in West Kalimantan. This training, simulating potential extreme climate scenarios, equipped farmers with the skills to develop early actions and access funding for mitigation. Concurrently, WFP and the Unit provided an orientation for local government committees, focusing on anticipatory action protocol development and engagement with broader government institutions. This initiative aims to secure pre-impact, early-action funding for 2025, fostering a proactive approach to climate resilience.

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Country Strategic Plan (2021-2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
15.83 m	12.44 m	0.06 m

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 1: By 2025 the Government and other partners have enhanced capacity to generate and apply high-quality evidence as a basis for the reduction of food insecurity and malnutrition.
Focus area: *Root Causes*

- **Activity 1:** Provide policy engagement, technical assistance and advocacy for Government and other partners to enhance attention to, and the use of, food security and nutrition evidence.

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 2: By 2025 the Government, other partners and communities have enhanced capacity to mitigate the impact of disasters and climate change on food security and nutrition.
Focus area: *Resilience Building*

- **Activity 2:** Enhance partnerships, policy engagement and technical assistance to the Government, other partners, and communities to reduce risks and the impact of disasters and climate change on food security and nutrition.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: By 2025 populations at risk of multiple forms of malnutrition benefit from increased national capacity to design and implement programmes that enhance access to and promote positive behaviours on healthy diets and prevent stunting and other nutritional deficiencies.
Focus area: *Root Causes*

- **Activity 3:** Undertake policy engagement, technical assistance, and advocacy for healthy diets as a means of preventing all forms of malnutrition.

- WFP has strengthened the capacity of Provincial Logistics Clusters (PLC), particularly the Jambi PLC, established in 2023. Under the leadership of the National and Regional Disaster Mitigation Agency, WFP supported a workshop to enhance the understanding of PLC members' roles and responsibilities. WFP's contributions included designing and finalizing scenarios and facilitator guidelines, ensuring effective collaboration and preparedness in logistics management.
- WFP sustained its support to the Government in advancing the Small Area Estimation (SAE) methodology. Following an independent assessment in 2023 by Statistics Indonesia, Statistics Polytechnic, and WFP, strategic discussions with key partners were conducted in June 2024 to deepen insights into Indonesia's data landscape. This collaborative effort aims to advance the feasibility study for SAE implementation, ultimately enhancing the precision and effectiveness of localized data-driven decision-making in Indonesia.
- As part of a joint initiative with the Ministry of Health, WFP conducted qualitative and quantitative research to understand youth knowledge and behaviours regarding healthy diets and lifestyles. The research findings will inform the development of a social and behavioral change communication digital campaign targeting urban adolescents and youth. Preliminary findings were discussed, and the feedback has been incorporated into the ongoing analysis.
- In partnership with the National Food Agency, WFP is enhancing the data-driven decision support system for food supply chain adaptation. An outline of the framework model has been developed and is under review by the Agency for further refinement. This initiative supports the Government's vision of food system transformation, promoting resilience and sustainability in food supply chains.

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