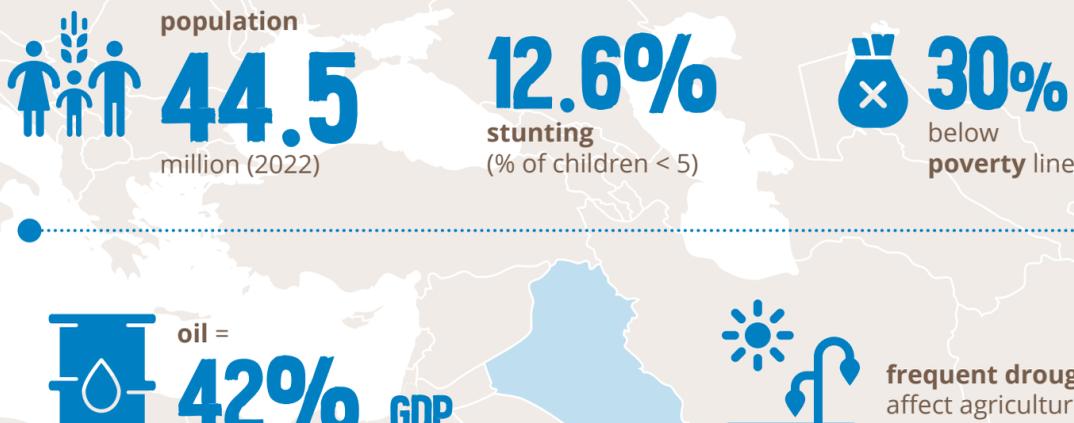


COUNTRY CONTEXT



COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) focused on three strategic outcomes

1

Crisis affected people meet their basic food and nutrition needs (**42%**)

2

Targeted communities have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to shocks (**35%**)

3

National and subnational institutions have strengthened capacity and systems (**23%**)

Beneficiaries covered by CSP

2018 → **92%**
2019 → **85%**
2020 → **123%**
2021 → **77%**
2022 → **88%**
2023 → **61%**

CSP budget 600.9 USD million | **54%** funded (October 2023)

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KEY FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

RELEVANCE AND STRATEGIC POSITIONING



Aligned with national, regional and UN priorities, focus on transitioning Iraq to a post-recovery stage



WFP leveraged its comparative advantage in emergency response, food security and digitization



Flexibility of the CSP enabled WFP to navigate contextual changes and evolving priorities

RESULTS AND PERFORMANCE



Ongoing shocks and soaring food prices impacted the outcomes of unconditional food assistance



Livelihoods and climate adaptation activities provided income generation and training opportunities



Support to the Public Distribution System and social safety net reform brought positive changes

CROSS CUTTING PRIORITIES



Progress made in mainstreaming equality between men and women, disability inclusion and humanitarian principles



Limited awareness of feedback mechanisms for beneficiaries



Climate change work helped WFP play a leading role in environmental sustainability

EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES



Assistance delivered in a timely manner, despite COVID-19 disruptions



Cost savings thanks to shift to direct implementation

FACTORS EXPLAINING PERFORMANCE



Predictability and flexibility of funding in decline; significant efforts made to diversify donor base



Ability to generate evidence a key enabler to ensure adaptiveness



Direct implementation helped build up a diverse network of partnerships



Growth in new skills for development programming, with many staff reskilling

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Support climate resilience, emergency preparedness and response, and social safety nets, with clear milestones to transition
- Integrate cash-based transfers, resilience, social protection and emergency preparedness into government systems
- Adjust WFP operations for a low funding profile and develop contingency plans
- Diversify funding and ensure funding for sustainable change
- Leverage partnerships in support of development interventions and to access niche expertise
- Ensure that women's empowerment and disability considerations are included