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WFP and the National Food Agency signed a Joint Work Plan to develop national fortified rice standards. © WFP/Hizkia Respatiadi

Operational Context

Indonesia is an upper-middle-income country based on its Gross National Income of US\$4,810 per capita per year (World Bank, 2023). Despite this significant achievement together with decreasing poverty, inequality, and reducing food insecurity, malnutrition indicators remain concerning.

On the 2023 Global Hunger Index, Indonesia is ranked 77 out of 127 countries. Undernourishment decreased to 7.2 percent in 2024 from 8.5 percent in 2023. 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 2024 stood at 1.5 percent, down from 2.61 percent in 2023. 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.

Around 2,000 disasters stemming from environmental hazards and extreme weather events occurred in Indonesia in 2024, much lower than in 2023. Of the disasters that occurred, most of them were attributable to climate anomalies. In this period, disasters affected over 6 million people.

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 Food Agency formalized a Joint Work Plan on the development of national standards for fortified rice, complementing the fortified rice kernels (FRK) standards enacted last year.
- WFP and the Government of Indonesia convened a high-level consultation to discuss and refine priorities for the upcoming Country Strategic Plan 2026–2030, strengthening collaboration on food security, nutrition, and climate resilience ahead of its finalization.

Operational Updates

Rice Fortification

- WFP and the National Food Agency signed a Joint Work Plan to co-develop the national fortified rice standard, building on last year's fortified rice kernel standards. These standards will provide the legal foundation for producing and scaling fortified rice within government social protection programmes. The signing was followed by multi-stakeholder discussions with government agencies, the private sector, and development partners.

Country Strategic Plan 2026-2030

- WFP and the Ministry of National Development Planning convened a high-level consultation meeting to support the formulation of the WFP Country Strategic Plan 2026–2030. The event brought together key representatives from ministries, national agencies, and development partners to align priorities and strengthen collaboration on food security, nutrition, and resilience. Discussions focused on WFP's proposed vision, strategic outcomes, and joint actions to advance national and regional goals, reinforcing WFP's role as a trusted partner in Indonesia's development agenda.
- WFP held a consultation workshop in Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara, to align its 2026–2030 Country Strategic Plan with local development priorities. Attended by government partners, academia, civil society, and disability groups, the workshop focused on strengthening food and nutrition security, disaster preparedness, and anticipatory action through government systems. Participants highlighted the need for improved data quality and use, community nutrition education, and stronger collaboration across sectors. Recommendations included launching anticipatory action campaigns, using social media for school outreach, and conducting a climate risk study focused on vulnerable groups.

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Free Nutritious Meals Programme

- WFP supports the Government of Indonesia in developing contextual school meal models for remote areas. As part of this effort, WFP, the National Nutrition Agency, and the Indonesia Food Security Review conducted a week-long joint assessment in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) to explore local needs and supply chains and identify a pilot site. With a national target of 113 kitchens in NTT by 2025, the model aims to inform and support implementation. The mission concluded with strong local commitment, including from 11 district offices and the Deputy District Head, who facilitated coordination, data sharing, and stakeholder engagement.
- WFP briefed the Local Education Group (LEG)—a national platform of education stakeholders—on the Global Partnership for Education (GPE)'s Technical Assistance Facility. This initiative supports Indonesia in strengthening its national school meal programme through cross-sectoral collaboration and long-term planning. GPE, a global fund for education in lower-income countries, partners with WFP to improve learning outcomes through school meals. This aligns with WFP's support to the Government of Indonesia in advancing food security, nutrition, and education. A follow-up session was held with LEG members, co-presented with a GPE representative from Washington.

Healthy Diet Promotion and School Nutrition

- As part of a youth-focused capacity building strategy to promote healthier lifestyles, WFP and the Ministry of Health conducted a series of online workshops in February–March 2025 featuring experts on nutrition. The first session on 17 February featured discussion on calorie management and balanced nutrition for students. The second session on 21 February highlighted healthy snacking and stress-free dieting. The series concluded on 8 March with a session on integrating exercise into daily routines, led by the Head of the Ministry's Exercise Team and a youth influencer.

Climate Change Adaptation and Anticipatory Action

- WFP is supporting the NTT Provincial Government in developing a monitoring and evaluation tool for climate resilience. In coordination with the NTT Development Planning Agency and the Climate Change Working Group, WFP presented a Vegetation Health Index analysis to assess agricultural climate sensitivity over the past decade. Efforts are ongoing to incorporate additional spatial and socio-economic data to strengthen climate resilience indicators in the province. This initiative aligns with WFP's goal of enhancing food security and supporting the Government of Indonesia in building climate-resilient food systems.

Country Strategic Plan (2021-2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
15.8 m	14.3 m	111,622

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.

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