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WFP Indonesia Country Director and GPE Partnerships Specialist during a discussion on advancing education sector engagement in the Free Nutritious Meals Programme.
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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 conducted consultations with key education stakeholders to support Indonesia's Free Nutritious Meals Programme under the Global Partnership for Education's Technical Assistance Facility, resulting in a shared understanding of the sector's role and agreement on initial support priorities.
- WFP and national partners reached an agreement to formalise the Anticipatory Action (AA) guideline under a ministerial regulation and align AA in its development roadmap, advancing its institutionalisation in disaster management.

Operational Updates

Climate Change Adaptation and Anticipatory Action

- At the national level, WFP reached a key milestone through an agreement reached with the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Cultural Affairs and the National Working Group to formalise the integration of the Anticipatory Action (AA) national guideline into the Ministry's regulation. The Working Group also reached consensus on the roadmap outline, aligning timelines and work plans for the guideline's development. This coordinated effort strengthens cross-agency collaboration and paves the way for institutionalising AA within Indonesia's disaster management system.
- At the sub-national level, WFP is working closely with the East Nusa Tenggara Province Climate Task Force to provide technical assistance to district governments in integrating findings from the Consolidated Livelihood Exercise for Analysing Resilience (CLEAR+) study into their medium-term development plans. Twelve districts have received targeted support to ensure climate risks and adaptation strategies are reflected in local planning processes. This effort strengthens climate resilience and aligns local development with provincial priorities.
- Key progress was made to institutionalise AA in Yogyakarta Province. WFP and partners strengthened coordination with provincial and district Disaster Management Agencies, with several districts demonstrating strong ownership by allocating local resources for AA-integrated contingency plans. Collaboration with Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) was reinforced to standardise AA triggers and thresholds, with a joint UGM-WFP technical team to support both provincial implementation and national guideline development. In parallel, WFP contributed to the finalisation of the national AA guideline, led by key non-governmental organization partners, underscoring a growing commitment to scale AA across governance levels.

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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	14.43 m	0.22 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.

- The National Disaster Mitigation Agency and WFP are collaborating to integrate a drought early warning system into the Agency's Prevention Dashboard, supporting timely, risk-informed decision-making. A joint needs assessment will be conducted in East and West Nusa Tenggara to identify local vulnerabilities, assess data availability, and evaluate existing early warning capacities. Insights from these pilot areas will guide the development of an operational methodology and ensure the dashboard meets the Agency's institutional needs and can be scaled nationally.
- The Agency for Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics and WFP are collaborating to integrate the Model of Models (MoM) into its flood early warning system to enhance AA and disaster preparedness. The integration aims to improve the accuracy and lead time of flood forecasts, enabling faster and more informed responses. WFP shared progress updates and upcoming plans with support from its Flood Early Warning System expert. A draft MoM user guideline has been shared with the Agency to support its operational use and strengthen national flood risk management efforts.

Free Nutritious Meals Programme

- As the grant agent for the Global Partnership for Education's (GPE) Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) supporting Indonesia's Free Nutritious Meals Programme, WFP launched pre-inception consultations with key education stakeholders, including GPE partners and the Local Education Group. In addition to bilateral meetings, WFP convened a half-day consultative session to explore the education sector's role in the programme and identify priority support areas. The session resulted in a shared understanding of sectoral entry points and initial agreement on thematic priorities for GPE TAF support.
- To enhance strategic collaboration and mobilise support for Indonesia's Free Nutritious Meals Programme, WFP facilitated a high-level field mission in East Nusa Tenggara involving representatives from The Rockefeller Foundation and the Asian Development Bank. Through joint consultations with provincial and district authorities—including agriculture, planning, and supply chain stakeholders—the mission identified opportunities for integrated action and sustainable local sourcing models.

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Operational Updates *(continued)*

Rice Fortification

WFP and the National Food Agency convened a multi-stakeholder consultation to finalise the draft national standard for fortified rice, bringing together representatives from government, private sector, civil society, development partners, academia, and technical experts. Leveraging technical support from WFP, the participants reached a consensus on the revised draft standard. Once finalised by the National Standardisation Agency, it will serve as the legal foundation for scaling up rice fortification and its integration to the Free Nutritious Meals programme and other social protection programmes.



WFP Indonesia Country Director delivering her opening remarks during the consultation on the draft national standard for fortified rice. ©WFP/Gracia Marcelin

Healthy Diet Promotion and School Nutrition

- WFP and the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Cultural Affairs undertook a field mission in Tana Toraja to advance the Integrated Primary School Nutrition programme, with a focus on strengthening subnational ownership and multisectoral collaboration. The mission, supported by the subnational government and the Nutritional Service Unit, successfully concluded formative research on knowledge, attitudes, and behaviours related to healthy diets and lifestyles among primary school students. The findings identified critical gaps and opportunities, providing a robust evidence base to guide the programme's future scale-up and policy alignment at both district and national levels.
- WFP and the Ministry of Health organized a public event in West Kalimantan, featuring discussions with nutrition experts and key youth figures. The event aimed to inspire and equip youths with knowledge on living a healthy lifestyle and was part of the broader *Si Paling Megang* campaign, a national initiative that combines online campaigns, social media content, online workshops, and interactive offline activities to support Indonesian youth in adopting healthy lifestyles, aligned with the national Healthy Living Community Movement.



WFP staff discussed with students on their knowledge related to healthy diets and lifestyles. ©Rida Desiana



WFP and partners jointly organized a public event to improve youths' knowledge on living a healthy lifestyle. ©Bagus Setiawan