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Operational Context

Nepal has undergone significant changes since the promulgation of its constitution in 2015, which transformed the country into a federal democratic republic. This constitutional shift has presented a promising opportunity for Nepal to focus on economic growth, poverty reduction, and the pursuit of the 2030 Agenda.

In 2024, the GDP growth rate increased to 3.9 percent, from 1.9 percent in 2023. This increase was due to increased remittances and hydropower production and improved performance in agriculture and the tourism sector. According to the World Bank, growth is set to rise to five percent in 2025, driven by gradual monetary policy relaxation. As of October 2024, 16.5 percent of the population was food insecure—0.9 percent higher than March 2024 but 6.4 percent lower than the April 2020 peak—while 4.81 million people had inadequate food consumption, with stable food prices overall but higher costs in mountain regions, worsening access challenges.

WFP has been operating in Nepal since 1963, supporting the Government to achieve greater food security and nutrition among vulnerable communities and respond to disasters while also strengthening resilience.



Population: **29.1 million (2022)**

2022 Human Development Index:
146 out of 191 countries

Income Level: **Least developed**

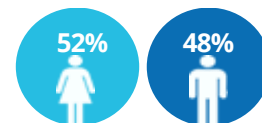
Chronic malnutrition: **25% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

265.8 mt of food distributed

US\$ 11.95 million net funding requirements (Aug 2025-Jan 2026)

105,479 people assisted



Operational Updates

- In Madhesh Province, WFP provided technical support to 16 municipalities on Nutrition-Friendly Local Governance to help them plan and implement nutrition programmes. Similarly, in Karnali Province, WFP provided technical assistance to the Health Service Directorate in Mother and Child Health and Nutrition and the management of moderate acute malnutrition.
- WFP supported the training of 281 female community health volunteers on the recipe book for nutritious meals and complementary feeding for children aged 6–23 months using locally available foods. The trainees will conduct cooking demonstrations during Health Mothers' Group meetings to share these practices during community visits.
- As part of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP), which aims to enhance food and nutrition security and rural livelihoods in Nepal, 49 Farmer Nutrition School (FNS) clusters have been identified by Local Level Coordination Committees across five provinces, setting the stage for community-level implementation. The FNS will apply a participatory, hands-on learning approach to train smallholder farmers on agricultural practices for improved household food security and nutrition.
- WFP supported a three-day workshop in Sudurpaschim province for the development of inclusive, evidence-based and costed Local-Level Education Plans. These plans are essential for adapting national education goals to meet the specific needs of local communities.
- WFP released the [May 2025 Market Update](#) where prices of most food commodities showed a marginal increase. On average, the cost of the food basket was 25.8 percent higher in May 2025 than the reference month of April 2022. The cost of the food basket in Karnali Province was 22.1 percent higher than the national average. Most food prices are likely to increase or remain stable in the upcoming months due to possible disruption in supply caused by monsoon-induced disasters such as landslides and floods.

Country Strategic Plan (2024-2028)

Total Requirement (US\$)	Allocated Contributions	Net Funding Requirements
140.4 m	79.8 m*	11.95 m

Strategic Result 1: Access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Affected and at-risk populations in Nepal meet their food, nutrition and other essential needs before, during and after shocks and other stressors.

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activities:

- Provide assistance to meet the immediate essential needs of crisis-affected populations, including food, nutrition and livelihood recovery, before, during and after shocks and other stressors.
- Provide capacity strengthening and coordination support to the Government, communities and humanitarian actors for evidence-based emergency preparedness and effective response.

Strategic Result 2: End Malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: School-age children and adolescents and nutritionally deprived groups in Nepal have improved education and nutrition outcomes and greater access to affordable, nutritious and safe diets, including through social protection programmes, by 2028.

Focus area: *Root Causes*

- Provide nutrition-sensitive school meals in targeted food-insecure areas and technical and operational assistance to strengthen the Government's capacity to implement the national school meals programme as part of the national social protection framework.
- Assist national institutions and the private sector to strengthen and deliver effective and sustainable health and nutrition-focused social protection programmes to meet the needs of vulnerable populations.

Strategic Result 4: Sustainable Food Systems

Strategic Outcome 3: Smallholder farmers and climate vulnerable populations in Nepal benefit from climate-resilient and equitable food systems, sustainable livelihoods and climate-proof assets and services by 2028.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance to national institutions and an integrated package of livelihood support activities, skills, services and assets to communities vulnerable to climate and other risks to build resilience to shocks and stressors.

Strategic Result 5: Enhance Global Partnerships

Strategic Outcome 4: Communities vulnerable to and affected by crises in Nepal benefit from improved common services and enhanced capacities of the Government and humanitarian and development actors by 2028.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- Provide on-demand services, including supply chain, cash-based transfers, engineering, analysis and evidence generation to the Government and humanitarian and development partners.

Donors

France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Joint SDG Fund, Nepal, Norway, United Nations, United States of America, World Bank, and private donors.

Photo 1: Students enjoy nutritious mid-day meals during a joint monitoring visit with local Lions Clubs International members (WFP/Rudra Sunar)

Photo 2: Workshop participants engage in discussions during the AFCIA event (WFP/Srawan Shrestha)

Photo 3: Participants of the national workshop on advancing food fortification standards (WFP/Nafisha Pradhan)



- WFP successfully launched the Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA) programme in Nepal, a global initiative that supports innovative climate adaptation solutions for vulnerable communities. Facilitated by AFCIA and WFP, the programme was launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Forest and Environment, during which key climate challenges and potential innovations for Nepal were identified. This one-year programme will offer equity-free, small grants of up to USD 200,000 to support 3-4 innovative ventures/startups to be piloted in Nepal that contribute to effective, long-term climate adaptation.
- Under the Rural Women's Economic Empowerment (RWEE), a Joint Programme implemented by FAO, IFAD, WFP, and UN Women, aimed at strengthening economic resilience and climate adaptation of smallholder farmers in Madhesh province. The initiative supported 101 land-poor and landless individuals, including single women and persons with disabilities, to start income-generating businesses. It also improved irrigation for 245 smallholder farmers across 35 hectares and trained 84 champion farmers in climate-smart practices to promote sustainable agriculture and community-level adaptation.
- The Government's Department of Food Technology and Quality Control and WFP jointly organized a national workshop to advance food fortification standards. The event focused on creating a strong regulatory framework and laboratory protocol to ensure fortified foods are safe, high-quality and contain the right nutrients resulting in improved nutritional outcome.

