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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, which worsened access challenges.

The WFP has been operating in Nepal since 1963, supporting the government in achieving greater food security and nutrition among vulnerable communities, responding to disasters, and strengthening resilience.



Population: **29.1 million (2022)**

2022 Human Development Index:
146 out of 191 countries

Income Level: **Least developed**

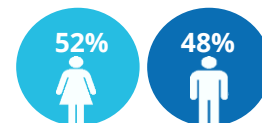
Chronic malnutrition: **25% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

124.4 mt of food distributed

USD 5.08 million net funding requirements (Sept 2025-Feb 2026)

66,879 people assisted



Operational Updates

- WFP, as a lead of the Early Warning for All (EW4ALL) technical working group led by the government and comprising UN agencies and other partners, co-hosted a national workshop aimed at preparing an EW4ALL roadmap for Nepal for 2025 to 2030.
- Under the UN India SDG Country Fund, WFP Nepal and WFP India Country Offices, in collaboration with the Governments of Nepal and India, are working to strengthen Nepal's fortified rice supply chain system through the South-South Triangular Cooperation. Plans are underway to facilitate a learning and exchange visit by a delegation from different Ministries of the Government of Nepal to learn from India's public distribution system, put in place with WFP's technical assistance.
- As a continuation of its capacity-strengthening support to the government, WFP is working on operationalizing the Home-Grown School Feeding model by providing training on meal preparation using locally produced ingredients. The menus include at least four food groups and meet 30 percent of the recommended dietary allowance for school-aged children, helping improve nutrition, boost school attendance, and support local agriculture.
- In collaboration with local governments, WFP completed the construction of school kitchens and handwashing stations in 56 schools of 14 local governments. All facilities are now fully operational, supporting safe meal preparation and improved hygiene practices in schools. Moreover, WFP distributed 124 metric tons of food, reaching 67,677 school children in targeted communities.
- In Karnali and Madhesh provinces, WFP trained 112 Female Community Health Volunteers on the Complementary Feeding Recipe Book, who then in turn led 103 cooking demos promoting improved nutrition, targeting households within the first 1,000 days window.

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Country Strategic Plan (2024-2028)

Total Requirement (US\$)	Allocated Contributions	Net Funding Requirements
140.4 m	79.92 m	5.08 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: Students enjoy a nutritious midday meal at a remote school in Sudurpaschim Province (Dan Saund/WFP Nepal)

- 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 Madesh province. Through this Programme a joint field mission was conducted with national and provincial ministries. The mission supported gender-responsive, climate-resilient agriculture policy development through consultations with local governments and communities.
- WFP is partnering with UNDP and UN-Habitat under a Joint SDG programme to accelerate the localization of integrated climate actions, implemented in collaboration with the government. WFP developed a catalogue of scalable climate actions through undertaking a desk review of projects in Nepal and through stakeholder consultations with federal and provincial ministries, selected municipalities, the Municipal Association of Nepal and the National Association of Rural Municipalities.
- In Koshi and Sudurpaschim Provinces, WFP and local governments signed an MoU to strengthen capacities on Shock Responsive Social Protection including anticipatory actions. WFP will be transferring multipurpose cash to households at risk of floods using the government’s social protection systems.
- WFP facilitated learning visit to the Kathmandu Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) for Tribhuvan University graduate students, focusing on logistics cluster operations and emergency preparedness. Additionally, a classroom session on international assistance, disaster relief and emergency logistics operations were delivered to 46 Army officers of the National Disaster Management School as part of their command and staff training.
- WFP continues to provide technical assistance to the Government’s Food Management and Trading Company Limited in the production and distribution of fortified rice in food-insecure areas with 9,960 metric tons of fortified rice blended to-date in five blending facilities across the country.
- As part of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP), which aims to enhance food and nutrition security and rural livelihoods in Nepal, WFP is supporting the rollout of 400 Farmer Nutrition Schools across 100 local governments in five provinces, aiming to improve nutrition and livelihoods among vulnerable smallholder farmers. A guiding manual has been developed, and 39 preparatory meetings have been held to initiate implementation.