



WFP Bhutan



COUNTRY BRIEF

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP Bhutan supported the finalization of the Emergency Logistics Preparedness Procurement Manual, supporting a quick and swift respond to emergencies and disasters situations in Bhutan.
- WFP supported the development of 25 nutrition model gardens in four districts to facilitate remote smallholder farmers with better access to diverse, nutritious foods.
- WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock are developing a second Agriculture Resilience Plan to promote climate-resilient, commercial agriculture in central and southern Bhutan. The ARP identifies suitable crops for each sub-district based on local climate and soil conditions.

IN NUMBERS



9,055 people assisted in 2025



1,435 national stakeholders benefitted from capacity strengthening initiatives in 2025



101 smallholder farmer groups supported in 2025



45 partners supported in emergency training

Photo Caption & Credit: More than 50 percent of workforce engaged in agriculture are women in Bhutan
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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Since 1974, WFP has stood with Bhutan. Today, our partnership is more critical than ever, as the country faces mounting challenges - from limited arable land and climate shocks to rising food imports and malnutrition in all its forms.

The 13th Five-Year Plan (2024–2029) lays out a bold vision for a food secure and a resilient future. But big dreams need bold solutions - and strong partners.

WFP is delivering where it matters most: Smarter Food Systems and Climate Resilience:

- We build resilient value chains, reduce food losses, and support climate-smart agriculture for a sustainable future.
- Markets that Work for Farmers: WFP connects farmers to markets and shape smart food policies that drive inclusive growth.
- Nutrition that Powers Potential: Through school meals, we fight hunger, boost learning, and invest in Bhutan's next generation.
- Preparedness that Saves Lives: With real-time data and early warning systems, WFP help Bhutan act before crises strike.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

For fast and swift emergency response

WFP Bhutan supported the finalization of the Emergency Logistics Preparedness Procurement Manual, to enable government agencies to respond to emergencies and disasters in Bhutan quickly and swiftly during shocks and crisis situations.

The manual aims to expedite the procurement process for essential goods and services, including heavy machinery and equipment needed in emergencies, by establishing contractual agreements between government agencies and service providers prior to disasters. This document is a critical resource for ensuring that individuals impacted by crises receiving food and necessary supplies promptly, thereby strengthening Bhutan's capacity for resilient and disaster-ready logistics operations.

Addressing nutrition challenges

WFP supported the development of 25 nutrition model gardens in Trongsa, Zhemgang, Sarpang and Tsirang in central and southern Bhutan, providing a long-term solution for the smallholder farmers living in remote communities with improved access to variety of nutritious food. Support in nutrition gardens provide farmers with tools and skills to practice small-scale farming enabling them to expand vegetable production and adopt climate resilient agricultural practices. The farmers will be linked with schools, aggregators, and nearby schools to ensure improved access to the market and increase production. This intervention strengthened smallholder farmers' skills in climate-smart, nutrient rich farming, resulting in higher incomes and more secure livelihoods.

Resilient and commercial food system for smallholder farmers

WFP in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock is developing second Agriculture Resilience Plan (ARP) that would help build a climate resilient and commercial agriculture systems, backed by a detailed investment plans, clear market and value chain analysis in central and southern Bhutan.

The second ARP provides a clear analysis of the types of crops that could be grown at the Gewog (sub-district) level, considering change in weather patterns, rainfalls, soil types and temperatures, a major factor affecting agricultural growth in Bhutan. By the end of the ARP exercise, three high potential commodities from each district of Trongsa, Tsirang, Zhemgang and Sarpang will be identified.

Strategic hub locations for high potential commodities with interventions, both infrastructure and capacity building, will also be identified. Once the report is ready, the findings and results will help in developing a robust plan to achieve the set objectives.

Making Trongsa's dairy industry vibrant and market ready

WFP supported the development of a Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) for dairy industry in Trongsa district, central Bhutan, bringing together farmers, farmer groups, vendors, small enterprises and other value chain actors involved in dairy businesses.

The MSP provides a common platform for all people involved in the dairy business to discuss challenges, opportunities, and find ways to strengthen the dairy industry in Trongsa. The initiative involved 32 value chain actors; provided structured and transparent mechanisms for joint decision-making and aligned efforts toward making dairy industry commercially viable and competitive. The MSP will be complemented by Strategic Investment Plan, which identified the need for the establishment of a centralized milk processing plant with capacity to take 3,000 litres of milk per day and 29 milk collection centers, among others.

BRECSA project Supervision Mission concludes

The second supervision mission for Building Resilient Commercial Smallholder Agriculture (BRECSA) project strengthened strategic alignment among IFAD, WFP, and the Royal Government of Bhutan. The supervision mission provided a comprehensive assessment of project performances and visited project sites.

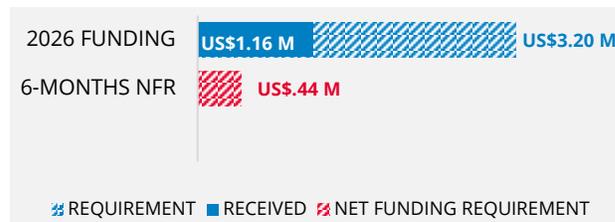
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Country Director WFP Bhutan (right) met with Director Department of Procurement and Public Properties and discussed ways to enhance logistic preparedness and emergency response Bhutan.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2024-2028)



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