



## WFP Kyrgyz Republic

COUNTRY BRIEF

March 2026



### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and JICA, launched a project to strengthen agricultural product value chain in the southern Kyrgyz Republic, supported by the Government of Japan.
- In February, 229 mt of diverse and fortified food commodities were distributed to 135,618 primary schoolchildren, addressing dietary gaps and iron deficiency that affects 30 percent of children aged 5–9. Through community development projects, 2,285 low-income residents received USD 60,150.

### IN NUMBERS



**137,903** people assisted in February 2026



**51%**  
Male



**49%**  
Female



**229 mt** food distributed



**USD 60,150** cash transferred

**Photo Caption & Credit:** Signing ceremony marking the launch of agricultural product value chain project by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Government of Japan, JICA and WFP. © WFP/Photo Library

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Kyrgyz Republic, a landlocked mountainous country, remains among the poorest in the Asia-Pacific region. Rural communities account for over half of 7.3 million population. Poverty affects 26 percent of the population, with over 40 percent in the Batken province. Moreover, 41 percent cannot afford a nutritious diet, while 75 percent rely on negative coping strategies such as debt or reduced spending on healthcare. Malnutrition persists, with 21 percent of children under five with anemia.

Despite high economic growth, food security remains fragile due to heavy reliance on remittances, large-scale migrant returns, limited agricultural self-sufficiency, high food and fuel prices, and climate shocks. With 93 percent of its territory covered by high mountains, the country is highly disaster-prone, particularly to mudflows.

WFP supports government implementation of the National Development Programme 2030, the Mountain Agenda, Nationally Determined Contributions 3.0, and sectoral strategies, focusing on inclusive and green economic growth, human capital development, universal social protection, disaster risk reduction and climate resilience. In collaboration with partners, WFP aims to transform food systems and livelihoods, ensuring that economic growth leads to greater resilience and more equitable opportunities, particularly in the country's most remote and mountain areas.

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### Strengthening Climate-Resilient Food Systems and Value Chains

- With support from the Government of Japan, WFP, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), has launched **a project to develop agricultural product value chain** in the most climate-vulnerable areas of Batken, Jalal-Abad, and Osh provinces. This initiative aligns with the Ministry's plan to develop berries and vegetables value chain by integrating rural producers and strengthening cooperatives. Over 17,000 smallholder farmers will benefit from capacity-strengthening support, including training in climate-smart practices, post-harvest management, cooperative governance, and financial management - all aimed at enhancing climate resilience, productivity, and food security.
- WFP participated in **"AgroDialogue 2026,"** organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, which highlighted innovative solutions to boost efficiency in the agricultural sector. WFP showcased how a cooperative in the Batken province, supported by the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) and WFP, has been strengthened through climate-smart techniques, resource conservation, organic composting, reduced post-harvest losses, and sustainable revolving funds. This initiative helped over 3,000 farmers boost productivity, resilience, and incomes, with 26 percent reporting higher yields and 41 percent improved resilience to climate shocks. It also advances sustainable value chains and stronger food systems to support long-term growth and food security.
- In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Union of Cooperatives, WFP **assessed 63 agricultural cooperatives** across Batken, Chuy, Jalal-Abad, Naryn, and Osh provinces, gathering data on organizational structures, budgets, crops, and challenges to evaluate their operational capacity. Based on this, 25 cooperatives were selected to receive capacity-strengthening support under a project funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), aimed at empowering farmer members, particularly women, to enhance resilience and supplying local food for school meals. The initiative seeks to strengthen farm-to-school linkages, local food systems, and ultimately boost productivity and farmer incomes.

### Promoting Equitable Access to Employment and Social Protection

- As co-chairs of Results Group 1 'Quality Social Services and Decent Work' under the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023–2027), WFP, together with the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Migration (MLSSM) and WHO, held **national consultations** to set priorities for 2026–2027. The Government, UN, and civil society partners discussed aligning efforts with national commitments to human capital development, decent work, and equitable access to education, health, and social protection.
- In collaboration with MLSSM and an Organization of Persons with Disabilities, WFP developed a **training course on inclusive employment**. This course aims to enhance staff skills, empowering them to promote equitable job opportunities and expand participation of persons with disabilities in social protection programmes. Currently, the course is being piloted in four districts.

### Improving Household Food Security

- WFP's annual survey assessed the impact of its assistance on household food security. Vulnerable groups, especially single-parent households, showed notable gains, with 18 percent reporting improved food consumption scores - reflecting more diverse and nutritious diets. To build on this progress, WFP will refine targeting to better reach food-insecure households.

#### Success story:

**Watch how the boarding school in remote mountains of Yssyk-Kol was equipped with modern kitchens and now serves nutritious hot meals**  
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## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

CSP FUNDING	US\$74.30 M	US\$120.01 M
6-MONTHS NFR	US\$0.0 M	
REQUIREMENT	RECEIVED	NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT

**Donors:** China, GAFSP, Green Climate Fund, Japan, Kyrgyz Republic, Private Sector, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, and Switzerland