



# WFP Pakistan

COUNTRY BRIEF

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Government of Sindh and the U.S. Department of Agriculture launched a landmark USD 80 million [school meals programme](#) that will support 200,000 children. As a key partner, WFP will support 100,000 of these children.
- The Benazir Nashonuma Programme saw key advancements with the launch of its real-time digital [dashboard](#) and the [inauguration of new facilitation centres](#), further strengthening monitoring, access, and services across Pakistan.

## IN NUMBERS



**575,000** people assisted in February 2026



**34%**  
Male



**66%**  
Female



**2,519 mt** food distributed



**USD 470,000** cash transferred



**USD 18.48M** (Mar 2026 – Aug 2026) net funding requirements

**Photo Caption & Credit:** Smiles amid struggle, Azhar's children, once left without food or shelter after the 2025 devastating floods, are now recovering with support from WFP. WFP/Dinar Ahmad

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Pakistan, the world's fifth most populous country, holds significant economic and human capital potential, with the Government making substantial investments to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Yet the country continues to face complex and overlapping humanitarian and development challenges that strain the food and nutrition landscape and constrain human capital development. Persistently high stunting rates (40 percent) and the high number of out-of-school children (25 million) underscore the vulnerabilities that require continued system-level support. These vulnerabilities are compounded by recurring climate shocks. In 2025, severe monsoon flooding impacted over 6.9 million people.
- The latest multistakeholder [Integrated Phase Classification](#) (IPC) analysis indicates that 7.5 million people (21 percent of the analysed population) remain in IPC Phase 3 (Crisis) or above. This includes around 1.25 million people who are experiencing critical levels of acute food insecurity, IPC Phase 4 (Emergency).
- WFP currently implements its Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2023-2027, which supports national development priorities. Alongside the provision of critical relief and nutrition support to vulnerable population groups, WFP's systems enhancement and technical assistance aims to complement Government efforts in enhancing the food and nutrition security of the people of Pakistan.

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## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### Emergency and Recovery Assistance

- WFP continues to support the Government's **emergency response** to the floods with food, cash and nutrition assistance, primarily in Punjab province. So far, WFP has assisted over 395,000 people affected by the floods – distributing 2,863 mt of food and transferring PKR 1,021 million in cash assistance.
- WFP is also implementing **recovery** activities in Sindh, focusing on livelihoods restoration and community-based asset creation for 26,000 people over five months.

### Nutrition

- WFP continues to support the Government in implementing the **Benazir Nashonuma Programme** to address chronic malnutrition, particularly stunting. Since 2020, over 4.4 million pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under 2 have been enrolled, receiving health services, specialized nutritious food, awareness sessions, and cash stipends. To date, 1.1 million beneficiaries have successfully graduated after completing the 1,000 days cycle. In February, 435,000 women and children received specialized nutritious food."
- Nashonuma operates through **557 facilitation centres** across 157 districts. To strengthen coverage, WFP and the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) recently established 14 new centres and plan to open an additional 23.
- WFP and BISP launched the **Nashonuma Dashboard**, providing geospatial mapping and real-time visualization to strengthen operational efficiency and evidence-based decision-making.
- Under the **Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)** programme, 14,700 malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women and young children in Sindh received specialized nutrition products, while 19,000 people received cash assistance.

### Social Protection

- While regular **school meals** are paused during the holidays, WFP provided daily cooked meals to 2,000 children attending winter camps in Quetta. School meals will resume in March, with recent data showing a 53 percent rise in enrolment and a 9 percent boost in attendance.

- WFP concluded the first Phase of the Leveraging Pakistan's Social Protection Programmes for Adolescent Girls' Nutrition (**SOPRAN**) project. The initiative supported adolescent girls and their families through e-vouchers for fortified wheat flour, Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) activities, and improved access to safe drinking water. Approximately 14,600 families were supported in Islamabad, Faisalabad, and Quetta between September 2025 and February 2026.
- The Chakki **Wheat Fortification** Project, produced 2,200 mt of fortified wheat flour from 165 chakkis across 23 districts approximately and 45 new micro feeders are being installed at chakkis and mills.

### Resilience and Livelihood Support

- In collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Provincial/Regional Disaster Management Authorities (DMAs), and the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), WFP developed the first draft of the **National Anticipatory Action Strategy (NAAS)**. The strategy set to launch in April 2026 to advance the institutionalization of Anticipatory Action in Pakistan.
- Under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) project in **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**, WFP held consultations with federal and provincial stakeholders to validate capacity and gap assessment findings and review technical specifications for the Early Warning System and risk-modelling components. Feedback is now informing final system design and district-level integration.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)



### Donors:

In alphabetical order: Czech Republic, European Commission (ECHO), Gates Foundation, German Government, Green Climate Fund (GCF), Japan, JAWFP, Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Spain, the United Kingdom (FCDO), and the United States of America (PRM and USDA).