



WFP India

COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP participated in the Global AI Impact Summit 2026, showcasing its leadership in leveraging technology to advance food security and nutrition. In partnership with the Department of Food and Public Distribution, WFP co-hosted a joint exhibition that highlighted innovative solutions transforming India's food systems. The exhibition was visited by the Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Pralhad Joshi, who met with WFP Deputy Executive Director Carl Skau.
- WFP India has published its [2025 Annual Country Report](#).



SITUATION OVERVIEW

- India continues to face significant food and nutrition insecurity despite ever-rising food grain production. The country ranks 102 out of 123 on the 2025 Global Hunger Index, with malnutrition indicators remaining above acceptable thresholds: 35 percent of children under five are stunted, 19 percent are underweight, and anaemia affects 57 percent of women of reproductive age and 67 percent of children aged 6–59 months.
- India's food-based safety nets reach nearly 800 million people every month. WFP has partnered with the Government of India for over 60 years, through technical assistance and capacity strengthening to enhance efficiency, nutrition quality, digital innovation, and climate resilience across the food system.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Social Protection and Supply Chain

- The results of procurement supply chain optimisation were shared with 15 states for Kharif (monsoon)-season crops and six states for the Rabi (winter) marketing season. This will improve procurement and distribution links, particularly between buying centres and mills, reducing transportation costs. As a new pilot, the results of the optimization on the school meals programme in two districts was also shared with the Odisha Government.

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Photo Caption & Credit: WFP showcased solutions at the India AI Impact Summit, including the Grain ATM SMART Warehouse, the Supply Chain Optimisation tool, and a bot.

- Another Annapurthi, or automated grain-dispensing solution, was installed in Jharsuguda, Odisha, providing round-the-clock access to food entitlements. It reduces waiting time, provides exact quantity, and is accessible on demand. In partnership with UPS, the Annapurthi solution was showcased at the PMI Kovai Sangamam Conference in Coimbatore to demonstrate its potential to improve efficiency through human-centric technology.

Nutrition and School-Based Assistance

- WFP convened the 7th Technical Advisory Group meeting on 23 February 2026 to further advocacy efforts for enhanced rice and wheat flour fortification standards and share findings from the wheat flour fortification landscape study. During the period, WFP sensitised 491 Anganwadi (childcare centre) workers in Kerala and Odisha, and 2,245 Fair Price Shop owners in Uttar Pradesh, and trained 154 rice millers and 70 State Food Department officials in Chhattisgarh on new rice fortification Standard Operating Procedures.
- In February, Department of Food and Public Distribution announced a temporary pause on the rice fortification scheme owing to shelf-life concerns.
- With WFP's support, the Uttar Pradesh Government is transitioning to improved fortified blended food recipes under the national childcare Services, aligned with the new standards defined by National Food Security Act 2023, offering better nutrition. Nearly 500 people have been trained.
- WFP commissioned a take-home ration unit in Murthal, Haryana, and trained 442 Anganwadi workers for a nutritionally improved Take Home Ration pilot in Nuh.

Climate and Resilience

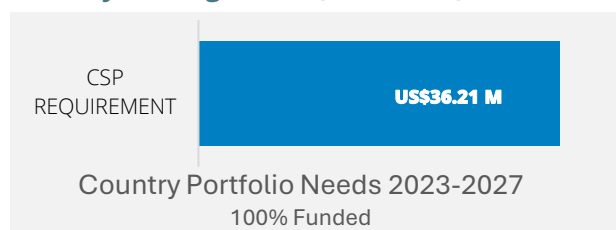
- In Assam, under the *Enhancing Climate Adaptation of Vulnerable Communities through Nature-based Solutions and Gender-Transformative Approaches project*, WFP engaged 70 women farmers on mushroom cultivation, boosting diversified incomes through improved production, branding, and market linkages. The project also procured 12 MT of flood-resilient rice seeds for community

seed systems. 20 master trainers under Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission were trained and provided with awareness materials for Social Behaviour Change Communication outreach across 300 Women Self Help Groups (SHGs).

- Under the Adaptation for Resilience Project, 100 climate champions were selected in Odisha through Gram Panchayat consultations; Tamil Nadu held coordination meetings to plan activities, including the establishment of Climate Adaptation Information Centres; and in Andhra Pradesh, a Government-WFP joint mission verified the field conditions and WFP supported and participated in the International Women's Day event, highlighting the roles of women farmers.
- The Resilient and Inclusive Initiatives for Sustainability and Empowerment project in Ganjam, Odisha conducted cascade trainings, reaching over 1,300 participants through farmer and SHG sessions on last-mile climate services, climate-resilient agriculture, livelihoods, and women's empowerment. Complementing this, 65 SHG members were trained in incense stick production, and eight mushroom units were established, supporting diversified incomes and improved nutrition.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)



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