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COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026



21,654 people supported through capacity building in February – March 2026



34%
Male



66%
Female



Capacity strengthened: For improved Mid-Day Meals delivery, strengthening nutrition plans, expanding Farmer Nutrition Schools, livelihoods support and enhancing monsoon preparedness through capacity and supply chain assessments



USD 5.52M (APRIL – SEPT 2026) net funding requirements

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP facilitated home-grown school feeding learning sessions nationwide, engaging officials from 100 municipalities to strengthen the Mid-Day Meals Programme.
- Reached 4,900 pregnant and breastfeeding women and caregivers with nutrition counselling and practical guidance, increasing awareness of the importance of maternal and child nutrition.
- Established 103 Farmer Nutrition Schools engaging 2,575 smallholder farmers, while additional training of trainers certified 23 facilitators for promotion of climate-resilient, nutrition-sensitive techniques, improving food access and livelihoods, especially for women farmers.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- In March 2026, election was held, and a new government was formed.
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate increased 3.9 percent in 2024 and further to 4.6 in 2025, supported by strong remittance inflows, expanded hydropower generation and improved agriculture performance. However, the World Bank has projected growth to slow down to around 2.3 percent in 2026 due to the impact of domestic unrest and external shocks.
- In 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.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Research, Assessment and Monitoring

- WFP is closely monitoring the potential impacts of geopolitical developments in the Middle East and the increase in fuel price on food prices and market functionality in Nepal. Food price monitoring data are being collected, and a household survey will be conducted to assess potential impacts at the household level.

Readiness, Emergency Preparedness & Response

- WFP strengthened disaster response readiness activities in Koshi, Lumbini and Sudurpaschim Provinces by establishing a baseline survey on local government capacity and assessing locally available high-energy food supply chains, improving the speed and reliability of emergency response planning. Building on these foundations, the planned technical support will strengthen beneficiary targeting, social protection databases, and shock-responsive systems enhancing anticipatory action and overall emergency preparedness at local level.

Social Protection

- As Chair of the inter-agency Cash Coordination Group and Social Protection Task team, WFP strengthened inter-agency readiness for Shock Responsive Social Protection by leading a joint coordination forum. The team identified critical household-level data flow gaps, registry verification requirements and priority preparedness actions required to strengthen anticipatory and post disaster cash assistance ahead of the 2026 monsoon season.

School-Feeding Programme

- WFP transitioned to full technical assistance, handing over the remaining 1,000 schools previously supported with in-kind meals, strengthening national ownership of school feeding. Capacity for implementation of the national Mid-day Meals Programme was expanded through introductory workshops conducted across all seven provinces, engaging education and agriculture officials from 100 municipalities. WFP together with the Sustainable Financing Initiative, delivered the country's first end-to-end fiscal and costing analysis for national school meals across different agro-ecological zones, providing critical evidence base to improve planning quality and inform sustainable long-term financing of the national programme.

Nutrition and Fortification

- Under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Population, WFP supported the development of the National Nutrition Action Plan (2026-2030) through coordinated engagement with UN partners. At community level, counselling, food demonstrations, and outreach through mother's groups and community platforms, reached 4,900 pregnant and breastfeeding women and caregivers improving

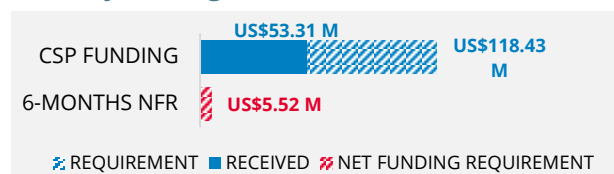
awareness and uptake of optimal maternal and child nutrition practices.

Resilience and Livelihood Support

- Through the Nuts and Fruits in Hilly Areas (NAFHA) project, WFP supported in the establishment of 103 Farmer Nutrition Schools across participating municipalities, engaging 2,575 smallholder farmers. The initiative increased adoption of climate-resilient and nutrition-sensitive agricultural practices, leading to improved land management, crop diversification, and strengthened household food security and dietary diversity through participatory learning.
- WFP strengthened Farmer Nutrition School delivery by training and certifying 23 facilitators through its eighth Training of Facilitators cohort from Koshi, Bagmati, Gandaki, Karnali and Sudurpaschim provinces. All participating households have been equipped with seasonal diversity kits. These interventions enabled the establishment of home nutrition Gardens across more than 365 hectares, increasing year-round food availability and improving household dietary diversity.
- Under the Rural Women Economic Empowerment (RWEE) Joint Programme in Madesh province, WFP enhanced post-harvest handling capacity of 220 farmers, reducing losses, improving product quality and increasing readiness for market engagement. Value chain linkages were strengthened through two multi-stakeholder interaction workshops engaging 111 participants, while training enabled 360 nutritionally vulnerable households to establish nutrition gardens, improving access to diverse and nutritious foods.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2024-2028)



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