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## WFP Bhutan



COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP Bhutan and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) sign USD 9.5 million agreement to support the construction of green school kitchens and connect farmers to schools.
- WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock kick-start Index-based insurance programme to build the resilience of smallholder farmers.
- WFP Bhutan handed over 13 multipurpose tents to the Department of Local Governance and Disaster Management to be used during emergencies.
- WFP Bhutan has published its [2025 Annual Country Report](#).

### 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 in 2025

### 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) presents a bold vision toward ensuring food security and building resilience for the future. Achieving these goals will require innovative approaches and the support of 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: We connect 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, we help Bhutan act before crises strike.

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**Photo Caption & Credit:** The project will benefit over 100,000 school going children in government and monastic schools in 13 districts. WFP/ Rein Skullerud

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### WFP and KOICA to support construction of green school kitchens and connect farmers to schools

United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) signed a USD 9.5 million agreement to improve access to nutritious school meals for more than 100,000 children in Bhutan, while strengthening local food production and rural livelihoods. The agreement marks a major step forward in supporting Bhutan's National school feeding and nutritional status through locally sourced food, thereby increasing the income of farmers and improve the food security of local farmers. The project will support the construction and rehabilitation of green kitchens and food storage facilities in 57 schools, run by the Ministry of Education and Skills Development and the Central Monastic Body.

### Index-based insurance programme to build the resilience of smallholder farmers

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MoAL) and WFP Bhutan hosted an inception workshop to kick start the index-based insurance programme funded by Adaptation Fund.

Officials from MoAL, financial institutions: Royal Insurance Corporation of Bhutan Limited - RICB, Bhutan Insurance Ltd, Bhutan Development Bank Ltd - BDB, RENEW Microfinance Private Limited and the Ministry of Finance attended the inception workshop, which also formed a taskforce to fine tune the project implementation.

The project will develop microinsurance solutions, providing financial protection against crop losses caused by climate shocks (excess rainfall, droughts, floods, landslides). The project will open engagement opportunities for the private sector and financial institutions.

### Building a network of nutrition advocates

WFP Bhutan in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and Tarayana Foundation is building a network of advocates who will support communities access affordable and nutritious food for healthier lives and help earn extra income from surplus produce, leading to improved food and nutrition security. A Training of Trainers on nutrition education for Community Mobilisers and Extension Supervisors in Trongsa and Zhemgang districts was conducted as part of the Building Resilient Commercial Smallholder

Agriculture (BRECSA) project in Zhemgang and Trongsa districts.

### Strengthening emergency preparedness and response measures

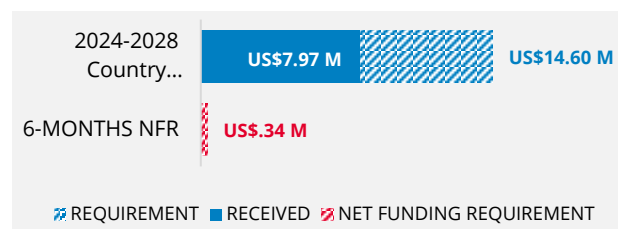
WFP Bhutan handed over multipurpose tents to the Department of Local Governance and Disaster Management (DLGM), which will be used as a storage unit, operations center and relief camps during emergencies and disasters across Bhutan. The tents will ensure the people affected during emergencies and crisis receive essential services and support within the shortest time, strengthening emergency preparedness and stocks of assets required during crisis situations. It will also play a vital role in helping key government agencies respond to emergencies and disaster events because the mobile storage unit can be used as a multi-purpose service center during emergencies as per the need.

### Market and value chain assessment for Samcholing Green Tea in Trongsa

WFP Bhutan conducted market assessment for all women green tea group in Trongsa to generate evidence for commercialization, market integration and demand-led up-scaling of green tea production. The assessment confirmed strong and growing consumer demand for green tea, driven by increasing health awareness, preference for locally produced products, and tourism-related consumption. Green tea is also identified as a priority climate resilient and value chain commodity for the 13th Five Year Plan, recognizing the potential to enhance livelihood, supporting long term growth in agriculture sector.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Country Strategic Plan (2024-2028)



### Donors:

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