Sao Tome and Principe country context:
➢ Two islands with less than 200,000 inhabitants
➢ Lower-middle-income country
➢ 2016 gross national income per capita: USD 1,730
➢ 2017 Human Development Index: 143rd of 189 countries
➢ 2018 Gender Inequality Index: 131st of 160 countries

National response for achieving SDGs:
• Integrated the “Vision Sao Tome and Principe 2030: The country we need to build”
• Adopted the “National Zero Hunger Strategic Review” (ZHSR) as a road map for achieving zero hunger by 2030
Main challenges on food security and nutrition

➢ **Access to food**: high unemployment rates, low infrastructure, weak performance of agriculture, fishing and livestock sectors and heavy reliance on food imports

➢ **School meals**: the country’s main safety net with strong government commitment, technical support required for local purchases/home-grown school meals approach

➢ **Nutrition**: need to reinforce nutrition education and gender-aware communication strategies to promote infant and young child feeding and maternal nutrition practices

➢ **Smallholders productivity**: Underdeveloped and poorly integrated agricultural markets, lack of a value chain for nutritious food

➢ **Information systems**: A lack of periodic food security and nutrition data for the country and a lack of mechanism for monitoring and evaluating progress
Key Country Priorities

➢ **Sao Tome and Principe Transformation Agenda 2030**: Achieving annual GDP growth of 6%, reducing poverty by 10%, strengthening human capital and social service delivery

➢ **National development plan:** Accelerated and sustainable growth, strengthening the social cohesion and external credibility of the country

➢ **National nutrition pillars:**
  - Have an autonomous school meals programme by 2024, increase food production and reduce food imports;
  - Promote and reinforce communication programmes for behavioural change;
  - Build community awareness of the importance of good nutrition for good health.
WFP CSP Strategic Outcome:

The Government of Sao Tome and Principe has strengthened capacity to implement an environmentally and socially sustainable, gender-transformative and smallholder-friendly home-grown school meals (HGSM) programme and related food security and nutrition policies and programmes nationwide by 2030.
Key CSP outputs

➢ An improved national home-grown school meals (HGSM) framework for primary schoolchildren to increase access to nutritious food, improve health and achieve better education results

➢ A well-coordinated, equitable smallholder agricultural market support and local food value chains

➢ Strengthened national capacities to operate gender-transformative social and behaviour change communication programmes on nutritional practices

➢ Strengthened capacity of the Food Security and Nutrition Council (CONSAN) to coordinate equitable and inclusive food security and nutrition policies and programmes
CSP activities

• **Activity 1:** Provide capacity strengthening (including through South-South cooperation) to the Government in the design, management and coordination of an environmentally and socially sustainable, gender-transformative and nutrition-sensitive HGSM programme and related food security and nutrition policies and programmes

• **Activity 2:** Provide capacity strengthening and coordination support to the Government in providing incentives for sustainable and equitable local food value chains and stimulating smallholder agricultural markets
CSP Monitoring and evaluation strategy

Aligned with WFP’s Corporate Results Framework (2017–2021) and national efforts to track SDG progress, which include:

➢ Gender-responsive monitoring and evaluation plans;
➢ Annual country report;
➢ Performance measurements systems.

**Main steps**

➢ Systems Approach for Better Education Results exercise in 2021;
➢ Mid-term review in 2022;
➢ Country office-led decentralized evaluation of the smallholder farmer support activity in 2021, to be carried out in collaboration with the Government;
➢ CSP evaluation in 2022-2023, led by the WFP Office of Evaluation.
THANK YOU!