WFP DPR Korea
Country Brief

Highlights

- Due to lack of resources, and in order to scale up the fortified blended food ration to 100 percent during the lean season starting from May, WFP has been forced to reduce its rations for children and pregnant and lactating women to two-thirds until April.
- If no new funding is received before the end of April, the ration of fortified biscuits for children will continue to be reduced to two-thirds during the lean season and will be ceased entirely by the end of October.
- Delay in funding has forced WFP to cease fortified blended food assistance to 190,000 children in kindergartens during March and April.
- Nutrition assistance in the flood-affected areas concluded by the end of March and reached 30,818 people with 100 percent food rations.

WFP Assistance

Nutrition Support for Children and Women and Strengthening Community Capacity to Reduce Disaster Risks PRRO 200907 (July 2016 - Dec 2018)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	128.6 m	36.6 m (28%)	8.9 m (35%)

*April 2017 – September 2017

GENDER MARKER 2A PRRO 200907

WFP's protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200907, which plans to assist 1.7 million women and children, was launched in July 2016 for a period of 2.5 years until December 2018.

The PRRO has two components:

1. Nutrition support for children and pregnant and lactating women (PLW), which aims to prevent undernutrition and reduce micronutrient deficiencies, including through the local production of fortified foods; and

2. Food for Disaster Risk Reduction (FDRR) activities which focus on mitigating the impact of natural disasters on local communities.

In addition, if food needs increase because of natural disasters such as floods or droughts, WFP will allocate resources for an emergency response.

WFP's operation contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2, Zero Hunger, and to the outcomes of the United Nations Strategic Framework for DPRK (2017-2021).

WFP's nutrition assistance is part of the Humanitarian Country Team's Needs and Priorities document, which outlines humanitarian needs and programmes by the humanitarian community in DPRK.

WFP co-chairs the DPRK Food Security and Agriculture Sector Working Group and the Nutrition Sector Working Group.

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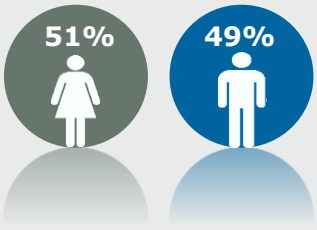
In Numbers

18 million people in DPRK do not eat a sufficiently diverse diet

680,249
People Assisted
March 2017



Operational Updates

- WFP reached 680,249 people with 1,768 mt of food in March, including through nutrition support, and flood recovery support in North Hamgyong province.
- Nutrition assistance, as part of WFP's flood recovery support, reached 30,818 children and PLW in March with full rations. Nutrition assistance in the flood-affected areas concluded by the end of March 2017.

Main Photo Credit: WFP/Colin Kampschoer
Caption: Children in a WFP-supported institution in South Pyongan province.

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March 2017

Challenges

- Funding constraints have forced WFP to reduce its rations for children and PLW to two thirds. Two-thirds of the standard ration (66 percent) of fortified cereals and biscuits is being provided – the minimum to have a nutrition impact. In order to scale up fortified blended food rations to 100 percent during the lean season starting from May, this assistance with reduced rations will continue until end of April. The fortified biscuits ration for children will remain at 66 percent if further resource is not confirmed before the end of April.

- Delay in funding has also hindered the arrival of vitamin premix - an essential ingredient for WFP's fortified cereals. As a result, it has required WFP to cease its fortified blended food assistance to 190,000 children in kindergartens starting from 1st of March until the end of April, across all 60 counties where WFP is operational. Below is the summary of the main beneficiary groups and food rations distributed in March:

Beneficiary group	Ration of fortified blended food	Ration of fortified biscuits
Nursery children	66%	66%
Kindergarten children	0	66%
PLW	66%	N/A

- Until March, WFP continued to provide a full ration and reached all beneficiary groups, including children in kindergartens, in the three worst flood-affected counties in the north of the country. The arrival of vitamin premix, which is currently expected in April, is crucial to continue local food production.

- If no new funding is received before the end of April, rations will be ceased entirely by the end of October. This will leave the most vulnerable children and women without vital nutritious food and at risk of malnutrition.

Partnerships

WFP partners with the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This partnership facilitates WFP access to the counties covered by the operation. WFP supports 11 local factories, which produce fortified blended food and fortified biscuits. The Government contributes by providing factories, warehouses, staff, (ood) TJETqB 28 76

Donors in 2017

Russian Federation, CERF and Multilateral Fund