



WFP Nepal Country Brief

- The WFP Country Programme platform was used to support the Karnali drought response by utilising the existing food pipeline to expand activities to include a blanket supplementary feeding programme to prevent acute malnutrition. The CERF funding has now concluded and food distributions are complete.
- Registration of beneficiaries from three earthquake affected districts is completed in SCOPE, WFP's digital beneficiary and transfer management system, and asset creation under food assistance for assets (FFA) and cash-based assistance for assets (CFA) are underway.

WFP Assistance

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
Country Programme (CP)			
DEV 200319 (2013-2017)	216.3 m	58.6 m (27%)	9.7 m (61%)
Restoring Food and Nutrition Security and Building Resilient Livelihoods in Earthquake-Affected Areas			
PRRO 200875 (Jan 2016 – Dec 2018)	63.7 m	9.1 m (14%)	7.4 m (65%)
Food Assistance to Refugees from Bhutan			
PRRO 200787 (Jan 2015 – Dec 2017)	7.4 m	4.2 m (56%)	0.1 m (9%)
Logistics and Telecommunications Augmentation and Coordination in Response to the Earthquake in Nepal			
SO 200848 Apr 2015 - Dec 2017	36.2 m	26 m (72%)	-
Augmentation of National and District Level Emergency Logistics Preparedness in Nepal			
SO 200999 (Nov 2016 – Dec 2016)	7.2 m	0.0 m (0%)	-

*February – July 2017

GENDER MARKER 2A  PRRO 200875

CP 200319: The Country Programme (CP) supports the Government of Nepal in enhancing the food and nutrition security of vulnerable communities and increasing resilience to disasters. The CP covers four areas:

Livelihood creation provides seasonal employment and livelihood training, rehabilitation of rural roads and trails, irrigation channels and other community assets. Under the livelihood creation programme, WFP implements the Rural Women's Economic Empowerment (RWEE) project, a joint five-year initiative that promotes the empowerment of rural women through livelihood activities.

Education support is provided to the Ministry of Education to achieve holistic approaches to student well-being by improving nutritional intake through school meals. In addition, support is provided to

continue increasing knowledge related to nutrition.

Nutrition support is provided to the Ministry of Health to prevent chronic malnutrition among pregnant women, nursing mothers and children aged 6 to 23 months.

Capacity development includes Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM), the Government's Food Security Monitoring System (NeKSAP) and Emergency Preparedness Response.

PRRO 200875: The Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) transitions from the Emergency Operation (EMOP) 200668 and will support vulnerable earthquake-affected populations in Gorkha, Nuwakot, and Dhading with food assistance for assets (FFA) and cash-based assistance for assets (CFA) asset creation activities.

PRRO 200787: This operation continues to support refugees from Bhutan through food assistance. WFP further supports the refugees with a Reclamation Gardening Programme, wherein the population are supported with vegetable seeds, saplings, manure, gardening equipment and trainings.

SO 200848: The Special Operation (SO) comprised the Logistics Cluster, Emergency Telecommunications Cluster, and the Remote Access Operation (RAO) during the initial response to the earthquake emergency. At present, WFP is continuing the RAO, with trail work in earthquake affected districts.

SO 200999: Approved in November 2016, this SO builds on the national and district level emergency logistics capacities to respond to future emergencies.

In Numbers

246,421

children received school meals in January

34,400

people in four earthquake affected districts were highly food insecure

Main Photo

Credit: Helen Somes
Caption: Gautam Bhattacharyya, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission of the Swedish Mission in New Delhi, India, talks with women engaged in the Rural Women's Economic Empowerment project during a site visit in December.

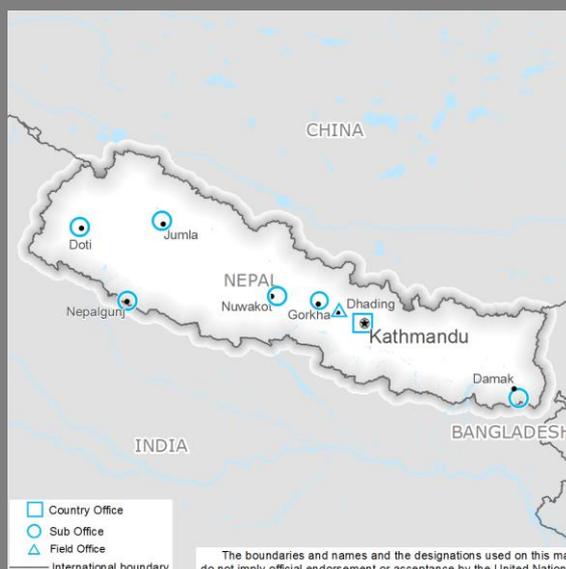
Operational Updates

- Earthquake affected populations in Gorkha, Nuwakot and Dhading have been registered in SCOPE and have begun work on community asset creation. Food and cash distributions will commence in March.
- WFP livelihood and asset creation projects have delivered technical skills trainings reaching 2,550 participants, from 7 Village Development Committees (VDCs) in Doti. The trainings included masonry, disaster risk reduction (DRR) awareness and women's leadership against violence against women.
- WFP continues to focus on rural access to support food security and resilience. With the extension of SO 200848 until the end of 2017, further trail improvements and strengthening are planned. This month 100 km of trails were assessed in Dhading District and two trails (36km) were completed in Sindhupalchok District. The United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) provided forklift trainings which took place in the middle of January; these will be certified by the Department of Transport, Nepal.
- The United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) provided GBP 1.5 million for trail improvement and assessment in October 2016. Work has commenced on 30km of trails in Gorkha, with a further 100km to commence in February 2017. In addition, 158km of trail will be assessed in Gorkha and Dhading during April and May 2017.
- WFP participated in a USAID mission for the formative assessment of the US Government's Let Girls Learn Initiative in Nepal. Field visits to some of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/WFP supported schools are expected to take place in Q1 2017.

Challenges

- WFP Nepal is working to expand its donor base in order to develop partnerships and mitigate any resource challenges.
- WFP is awaiting for an update on refugee policies from the Government of Nepal. With reducing numbers of beneficiaries due to the international resettlement programme and reduced funding contributions, an exit strategy is being refined by WFP for the PRRO supporting Bhutanese refugees.

Country Background & Strategy



After a decade of post-conflict transition, political and social progress in Nepal has been slow. The GDP per capita is USD 707 and 25 percent of the population lives on USD 1.25 per day.

Frequent natural disasters negatively affect livelihoods and food security. Nepal's vulnerability to high food prices, especially in remote mountain areas, further exacerbates food insecurity. Challenging and isolated geography, natural disasters, civil unrest and lack of infrastructure complicate efforts to improve livelihoods, establish functioning markets and transport food.

WFP's Country Programme supports the Government of Nepal in tackling food insecurity, focusing on social safety nets in the areas of nutrition, education and rural livelihoods support. WFP is providing food assistance to refugees from Bhutan in Nepal. A Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation aims to support the livelihoods and food security of vulnerable people affected by the 2015 earthquake. An emergency preparedness operation will continue the work started before the earthquake.

WFP has been operating in Nepal since 1964.

Population: **26.6 million**

2015 Human Development Index:
145 out of 188

Income Level: **Least developed**

Chronic malnutrition: **37% of children under 5 years old**

Donors

Top 5 donors in 2016: United States of America, United Nations Other Funds and Agencies (excluding CERF), United Kingdom, Private Donors, and Republic of Korea.