



WFP Lao PDR Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Country Programme Lao People's Democratic Republic	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
DEV 200242 (Jan 2012 – Feb 2017)**	102 m	72m (70%)	-

*February 2017 – July 2017
**A new CSP is scheduled to launch in March 2017.

WFP’s long-term goal in Lao PDR is to enhance food security and nutrition in the most vulnerable communities by implementing sustainable programmes.

The Country Programme is in line with the Government’s 8th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2016-2020), and other sectorial strategies, including United Nations Partnership Framework (2014-2018).

In addition to building national capacity, WFP-supported activities address the three elements of food security by: i) increasing food availability, ii) improving households’ access to food, and iii) advocating for adequate food utilisation. To achieve this, WFP uses a lifecycle approach.

The Mother and Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) programme provides pregnant women and nursing mothers and children between 6-23 months of age with nutritional support through supplementary foods and food rations. The programme ensures nutritional balance to prevent chronic malnutrition.

For pre-primary and primary school children, the school meals programme provides a nutritious snack or lunch to 140,000 children in 1,500 schools across seven provinces. In line with the Government’s School Lunch Policy (2014), WFP supports the transition from snack to lunch.

Highlights

- A donor mission from Yum! Brands Australia visited Lao PDR to visit the villages where Mother and Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) and school meals activities are supported with their contribution. The representatives met with local government officials, visited two schools, three health centres and two villages in Sekong and Savannakhet districts in the south of the country.

The school meals programme includes setting up school gardens as part of the Government’s priority for home grown school feeding. WFP is working on a hand-over strategy of the programme to the Government.

Through Food Assistance for Assets (FFA), WFP supports communities to build assets for the community, such as access roads or irrigation systems. These activities aim at encouraging self-sufficiency and improving long-term food security in vulnerable communities.

Located in a geographical area prone to natural disasters, Lao PDR is affected by recurring floods, excessive rain or persistent droughts leading to food insecurity. The Emergency Preparedness and Response programme aims at improving resilience to natural disasters in the Government and the communities through capacity development activities. In the event of an emergency, WFP maintains an emergency stock of food which can be distributed to the affected population.

In Numbers

167,551

People Assisted
January 2017



