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WFP Sierra Leone Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2020 - 2024

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Opportunities for Sierra Leone

Zero Hunger Strategic Review: A product of the inclusive review process, a comprehensive analysis of the challenges faced and strengthened the country's institutional capacity to develop agriculture effectively.

Government as a partner of choice: The new government has keen interest in school feeding and in September 2018 made an official request (including financial contribution) for WFP to support in the implementation of its national school feeding. The government has also prioritized free and quality education in all government-run primary schools and has expanded school feeding to those schools.

WFP Sierra Leone will prioritise **gender and social power dynamics** to improve access to socio-economic opportunities and control of productive assets and resources.

The **Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment (CFSVA)** conducted by WFP in 2015 has been used as a baseline for several sectorial policy documents, including the new National Development Plan.

The CSP is closely aligned and informed by the recently **completed UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF 2020-2023)**. WFP is co-leading with FAO the first Pillar on Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security.

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What is new?



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The new changes have been informed by lessons learned from previous interventions, national priorities, government support, and resourcing trends. They are they following:

- The support of a **government-led school feeding programme**, funded from the national budget, with WFP providing supply chain support and continuing the direct implementation of its own school feeding programme.
- The shift from malnutrition treatment to **prevention interventions, and a focus on nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative responses**—including through social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) that is in line with the national strategic orientation within the SUN network.
- **Resilience building and support to smallholder farmers**, to increase the availability and affordability of food and enable an eventual shift to an HGSF model.
- The inclusion of a **contingency component for crisis response**, while helping to reinforce government capacities to respond to and manage disasters.
- **Gender-transformative approaches** and the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all areas of WFP engagement.
- **Strengthening of social protection and national safety nets programs**, in order to increase community resistance to withstand shocks, also resulting in improved food security and nutrition.
- WFP Sierra Leone has a detailed **partnership action plan**, and will continue to pursue strategic partnerships.



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Thank you.

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