



WFP EVALUATION

Evaluation of China WFP Country Strategic Plan 2022–2025

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Country context

- China is the **second largest economy** in the world
- Extreme poverty eradicated in 2020; however, uneven **poverty rates** persist
- Following the eradication of extreme poverty, national priorities have shifted toward **rural revitalization**
- China faces **nutrition challenges** including overweight, obesity & micronutrient deficiency



Summary of key insights from the evaluation



Insight 1:

Relevance, alignment & strategic direction

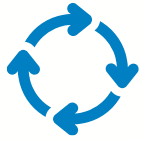
- CSP strategically addresses the **root causes of food insecurity** in China
- **Strong alignment** with national priorities & UN priorities
- **Fragmented strategy** led to an unclear strategic trajectory limiting the ability to show results
- Separation of Centre of Excellence/CSP **hinders coherent engagement**



Insight 2:

Evidence generation & use

- **Evidence generation** was high-volume but did not always inform China's policymakers of the potential added value for scaling up pilot interventions
- **Limited insight into decision-makers' needs** impeded uptake of WFP's strategic support
- Support helped provincial partners to target the most vulnerable, but experience **not leveraged to inform national level**



Insight 3:

Sustainability of results & challenges

- **Value chain activities** show mixed potential for sustainability
- **Nutrition initiatives** stronger potential due to focus on behaviour change & capacity strengthening
- Challenges included **dispersed locations & short funding cycles**
- **Planning & evidence gaps** hindered scope for scale-up and funding

Recommendations

1

Transition to a **post-CSP** relationship with China

2

Set out an **ambitious strategy** to grow the WFP-China partnership

3

Increase the length & tighten the **geographic focus** of CSP programmes

4

Develop **women's empowerment approaches** & include people with disability in project design

5

Invest in WFP China's capacity to **generate credible evidence** for decision making