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Minister of Labour and Social Development visits WFP in Rome

In June 2016, the Minister of Labour and Social Development Kudaibergen Bazarbaev visited Rome to attend the 21st annual session of the Executive Board, and meet with WFP's senior management and diplomatic representatives of donor governments. One of the key topics at the meeting with the WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin was a discussion on the joint interventions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and WFP to improve food security and nutrition, and reduce poverty in the Kyrgyz Republic. The Executive Director noted the significant achievements of the Kyrgyz Republic in reducing poverty from 37 per cent to 32 per cent, and expressed WFP's support for continued joint activities between the Kyrgyz Government and WFP, including in the area of social protection and policy development.

The visit of the Minister coincided with the historic visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to WFP, who addressed the WFP Executive Board with an appeal to member states to increase their commitments to fight for Zero Hunger. Pope Francis also met with Minister Bazarbaev, who wished the Kyrgyz people peace, prosperity and sustainable development.



WFP receives the Partner of the Year award

In March 2016, WFP received an award as "Partner of the Year of the Ministry of Emergency Situations" in recognition of the strength of the growing collaboration between partners.

WFP has been active in providing national level support to promote the priorities of the Sendai Framework on disaster risk reduction and on the implementation of National Strategy for Comprehensive Safety of Population and Territories of the Kyrgyz Republic from disaster and emergencies 2015-2030.

A key activity has been technical support to the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES) to establish a new data and mobile system of the national Crisis Management Centre. WFP has also supported the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction to undertake a stakeholder-mapping exercise to develop a database of key players in disaster risk management (DRM) in the Kyrgyz Republic. Advocacy and awareness raising



have also been a priority, with WFP and MES jointly producing six short DRM awareness videos that were broadcast on national TV channels. Leaflets on preparing for disasters including, floods, earthquakes, landslides and avalanches, as well as fire safety and swimming safety, were distributed amongst the community.

At the field level, WFP is continuing to implement critical structural mitigation and "green" projects to respond to hazards at the local level. Activities include riverbank protection with gabion nets, construction or rehabilitation of mudflow canals and planting of trees in landslide-prone areas.

WFP pilots new social protection initiative in Kochkor and Bazar Korgon districts

In 2016, WFP in close partnership with the Ministry of Labour and Social Development launched two pilot projects under its “Productive Measures of Social Development” activity in Kochkor district of Naryn province and Bazar Korgon district of Jalalabad province.

This approach aims to enhance the social protection instruments available to the poor and vulnerable to improve food security and nutrition, reduce poverty and promote local economic development.

The new approach gives an emphasis to:

- Ensuring a productive role for social protection, in addition to existing protective measures, so that the poor and vulnerable can improve their food security and nutrition and livelihoods.
- Institutionalizing a platform for the delivery of

services to improve the food security and livelihoods of food insecure communities and households.

- Mobilizing communities to participate in rural development actions through community consultations for local economic development.



National Communication campaign launched to support wheat flour fortification and improve micronutrient uptake

WFP, in coordination with the Civil Alliance on Food Security and Nutrition, have joined forces to promote the healthy benefits of choosing fortified wheat flour either available from local mills or fortified wheat supplies distributed through WFP projects to rural communities.

fortified products in the Kyrgyz Republic to tackle the problem of malnutrition, including stunting, by encouraging parents and families to choose iron and micronutrient fortified flour as the basis for their staple food.

The leaflets have also been distributed through WFP-supported Resource Information Centres, which are situated in 100 Ayil Okmotu across 27 districts of the country. The leaflets highlight the nutritional benefits of consumption of fortified wheat. They also seek to dispel two misconceptions that have obstructed the uptake in consumption of fortified wheat flour, namely that it has the harmful side effects and an unpleasant taste.

With vulnerable and poor members of the population more likely to fall victim to misinformation, these actions are expected to contribute to more informed decisions about wheat flour consumption and long-term health benefits. WFP is ensuring that the focus of the leaflet distribution is on target groups that include women of reproductive age, but also parents and health workers, who have access to broader sections of the community.



The campaign aims to improve the level of uptake of

Pepsico Foundation provides \$ 50,000 grant for renovation of school kitchens

Pepsico Foundation has provided a US \$50,000 grant that will be used to provide five schools in Issyk-ata, Chui province with modern kitchen equipment in order to ensure that the schools can serve hot meals to children.

The grant is being used to procure equipment such as ovens, fridges, water boilers, and other utensils, which will be ready for the new school year in September 2016.



WFP and UNDP represent UN at national Nooruz charity fair



On 21 March, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a charity Fair in the Old Square in Bishkek, which coincided with the celebration of Nooruz. Embassies and diplomatic missions participated in the event, which led to the sale of a wide range of foods and cultural items, with the proceeds donated to social institutions, including orphanages.

UNDP and WFP represented the UN, with WFP providing items produced by poor and vulnerable beneficiaries under their development projects. These included lunch boxes to demonstrate the contents of school meals, and felt products, vegetable seedlings and dried fruit produced by beneficiaries of WFP's productive safety nets project.

WFP launches a hotline to ensure accountability to beneficiary populations

WFP places a strong emphasis on ensuring accountability to beneficiaries and other stakeholders. In April 2016, after distribution of information at project sites WFP launched a hotline service to obtain regular real time feedback from beneficiaries on its operations.

The hotline service will support an existing monitoring system by serving as an additional control mechanism to ensure the quality, transparency and accountability

of project implementation. The service is designed to work on an automated message recording system that is operated by an external call center, which allows beneficiaries to leave messages after dialing 6363.

An internal committee in the WFP country office will ensure adequate documentation and review of all complaints and suggestions from beneficiaries and ensure appropriate follow-up actions.

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- ⇒ ДАТП тарабынан **төмөнкү сапаттагы азык-түлүктү** бөлүштүрүү (ун, май)
- ⇒ ДАТПнын азык түлүктү **туура эмес сактоо** (кампада, мектепте)
- ⇒ Берилген азык түлүктү берүү/жеткирүү/түшүрүү үчүн **акча топтоо**
- ⇒ ДАТП тарабынан берилген **жабдууларын бузук абалда** жеткизүү
- ⇒ Долбоорлордун катышуучуларын **тандоо критерийлерин туура эмес** аткарылуусу (тизмелер, аттар)
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Ministry of Education and Science launches nationwide green campaign

In March 2016, the Ministry of Education and Science launched a tree planting initiative under the Kyrgyz proverb "Чырпык чынар болот, чынар гүлзар болот" which translates as "A seed becomes a tree, a tree becomes a garden". This year-long project will ensure that every school in the country receives fruit and spruce trees under a campaign that will see the planting of more than 100,000 trees across the 2,207 schools in the Kyrgyz Republic. The tree seedlings have been donated by the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry.

The green campaign provides a strong boost to WFP's school meals programme as the steps taken by schools that schools take to create school gardens are supportive of conditions required for schools to shift

to the provision of hot meals. The creation of the gardens also provides an educational opportunity for children to learn about planting of trees and crop production during practical lessons on biology and the environment.



WFP and the Ministry of Emergency Situations collaborate to enhance the professional knowledge of civil protection specialists

From March to April 2016, WFP in collaboration with the Training Center of the Ministry of Emergency Situations delivered training of trainers (ToT) sessions on disaster risk management for 135 local civil protection specialists from Talas, Naryn, Osh and Batken provinces.



The main purpose of ToT was to improve the overall readiness and capabilities of local civil protection specialists in order to promote community preparedness, disaster mitigation and response activities.

Topics included the disaster management cycle, risk monitoring and mapping, contingency planning, early warning, civil protection policies, climate change adaptation, first aid and fire safety.

As confirmed in pre and post-test assessments, training seminars helped participants to improve their knowledge of disaster risk management, national the civil protection system, disaster risk mitigation and preparedness planning. They also formulated individual action plans to share their knowledge with local communities, schools, mosques, updated community preparedness plans and implemented disaster risk mitigation projects.

WFP participates in the Festival of Education

WFP was one of the key exhibitors at the Fourth Annual Festival of Education held in Bishkek on 22-23 April. This two-day event provided children and their parents with a broad range of information from sports activities, book reading to art workshops. WFP exhibited a booth with information on its school meals programme, while the head of school meals programme, Ms. Nadya Frank, was a keynote speaker for the "Green presentation". This was a series of talks related to green topics, including healthy eating. These talks were delivered alongside first Lady Raisa Atambaeva and former President Roza Otunbaeva. WFP also held art workshops to promote health and nutrition among children.



Culinary masterclass for school chefs of non pilot schools

On 21 April, WFP and the Rosa Otunbaeva Foundation held a culinary masterclass to improve nutrition in schools. The participants were cooks from schools in Chui province who are not yet serving hot meals in their schools.

The masterclass was an opportunity for school cooks to upgrade their cooking skills and improve their knowledge of basic hygiene and sanitation. The participants were split into several groups, who competed in their ability to deliver more than twenty new recipes.



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About WFP

The World Food Programme is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide.

WFP's goal in the Kyrgyz Republic is to support the national Government to improve food security and nutrition, and build the resilience of vulnerable populations against the impact of recurrent natural disasters, economic shocks and food price spikes.