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### Foreword

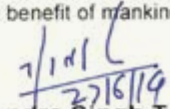


I am very pleased to know that the Government of India and UN World Food Programme have completed 50 years of collaboration and partnership.

Our country has had an arduous but rewarding journey in achieving food security for her people. The Green Revolution that changed the face of agriculture and lives of farmers, and their families, was a key milestone for our agrarian country. It is a judicious mix of traditional knowledge of our farmers and infusion of science and technology that has enabled record production of food grains, pulses and horticulture commodities. The White Revolution changed the lives of dairy farmers – men and women alike – setting the country on the path of progress and becoming the largest producer of milk. And we now move to Blue Revolution harnessing the potential of fresh water and marine fisheries. These achievements, in the face of an increasing population and challenges posed by climate change, is a laudable achievement with few parallels.

A signatory to the resolution adopted on 'Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' at the 70<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly, India has developed its vision and strategy for achieving the targets set therein by effectively making them a part of government policies and programmes. Given the importance of rural India and linkages of agriculture with multiple targets of SDG 2 the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare is playing a critical role in achieving the collective target of 'end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture'.

UN World Food Programme is one such partner who has stood by the side of Government of India and made significant contributions in this journey from a food deficit to a now food surplus state. WFP continues to implement innovative pilots in India, the rice fortification in Mid Day Meals program in Odisha being among these. These experiences need to be scaled up in India as well as shared with other developing countries. A pilot project in India, considering its sheer size and diversity, is equivalent to country-wide programme in many other nations. I therefore, look forward to upscaling of the experiences and expertise generated by this partnership for the benefit of mankind in the world.

  
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## Preface



As WFP marks 50 years of its partnership with the Government of India, we take the opportunity to reflect on our cooperation and the milestones achieved by the country towards eradicating hunger and malnutrition and WFP's evolving role from food aid to technical assistance, in supporting the Government's priority initiatives.

WFP's journey in India has been a long and successful one. It has been fortunate to witness significant positive changes in the food and nutritional security status of people, and substantial efforts made by the Government to address malnutrition. The successes achieved have been, in large part, due to the leadership of the Government of India and its commitment to its people in uplifting the nation — towards a better and brighter future.

While we still have some way to go in addressing malnutrition, there have been numerous ongoing efforts and substantial investments and the nation has already become an inspiration for many others who are striving to achieve the targets set under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), including Goal 2, which is to end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture globally by 2030. The remaining, much shorter road towards achieving the SDG 2 targets in India is clearly plotted out through the current policies and initiatives and is achievable within the set timeline.

Through this compendium, which details the success and challenges of WFP's work and partnership in India, I hope, we can inspire deliberation and encouragement to all those who are working for a world with zero hunger and no malnutrition.

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