



Nutritional Dialogues

WORLD VISION LANKA

Stakeholder Dialogues with
Faith Leaders

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ENOUGH nutritious food.
ENOUGH funding.
ENOUGH political will.
ENOUGH people like you.
ENOUGH to end child hunger
and malnutrition.

We say **ENOUGH** – no child will suffer
from hunger if we all act **NOW**.

Nutritional Dialogues

- 2025 is a significant year for nutrition: it is the final year of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition
- The Nutrition for Growth Summit (N4G) took place in Paris in March 2025.
- The World Health Organization will renew its global nutrition targets.
- 2025 is a year of 'opportunity to act on nutrition' where all stakeholders can act together to ensure good nutrition for all.
- These dialogues will bring the perspectives and lived experience of those who are most at risk of being undernourished to the decision-making tables of Paris, Geneva and beyond.
- The Nutrition Dialogues platform will be publicly and globally accessible for all interested stakeholders' participation

The Nutrition Dialogues programme consists of

1. Stakeholder Dialogues
2. Children's Workshops

Outputs And Impact

The outcomes of Nutrition Dialogues will be synthesized and presented as key messages and evidence based recommendations.

These outcomes will contribute to policy level advocacy, increased and improved donor commitments, (Nutrition financing, baseline etc.)



Initiating partners



Mobilising partners





Jubilee Year



Pope Francis has declared the Jubilee year—once every 25 years celebration within the Catholic church—with the theme of Pilgrims of Hope. His letter announcing the theme declared, “May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone.”.

October 2025 in Rome will see the celebration of World Food Day, the [World Food Forum](#) Youth Assembly and the [Committee on World Food Security Session](#), bringing youth, key global policy-makers and practitioners together



Background

- **Child Hunger & Malnutrition:** Global challenges impacting millions of children
- **Faith Actor's Role:** Historically pivotal in addressing hunger, transforming unjust system promoting social justice, and advocating for children
- **Strategic Shift:** World Vision move to joining, convening or inspiring coalitions for societal change
- **Campaigns:** ENOUGH Campaign and Jubilee movement alignment (and more)



Why do we want to engage with faith leaders?

Trust and Influence in Communities- Influence the attitudes and behaviors of their communities by helping to shift norms around nutrition, diet, and child feeding practices

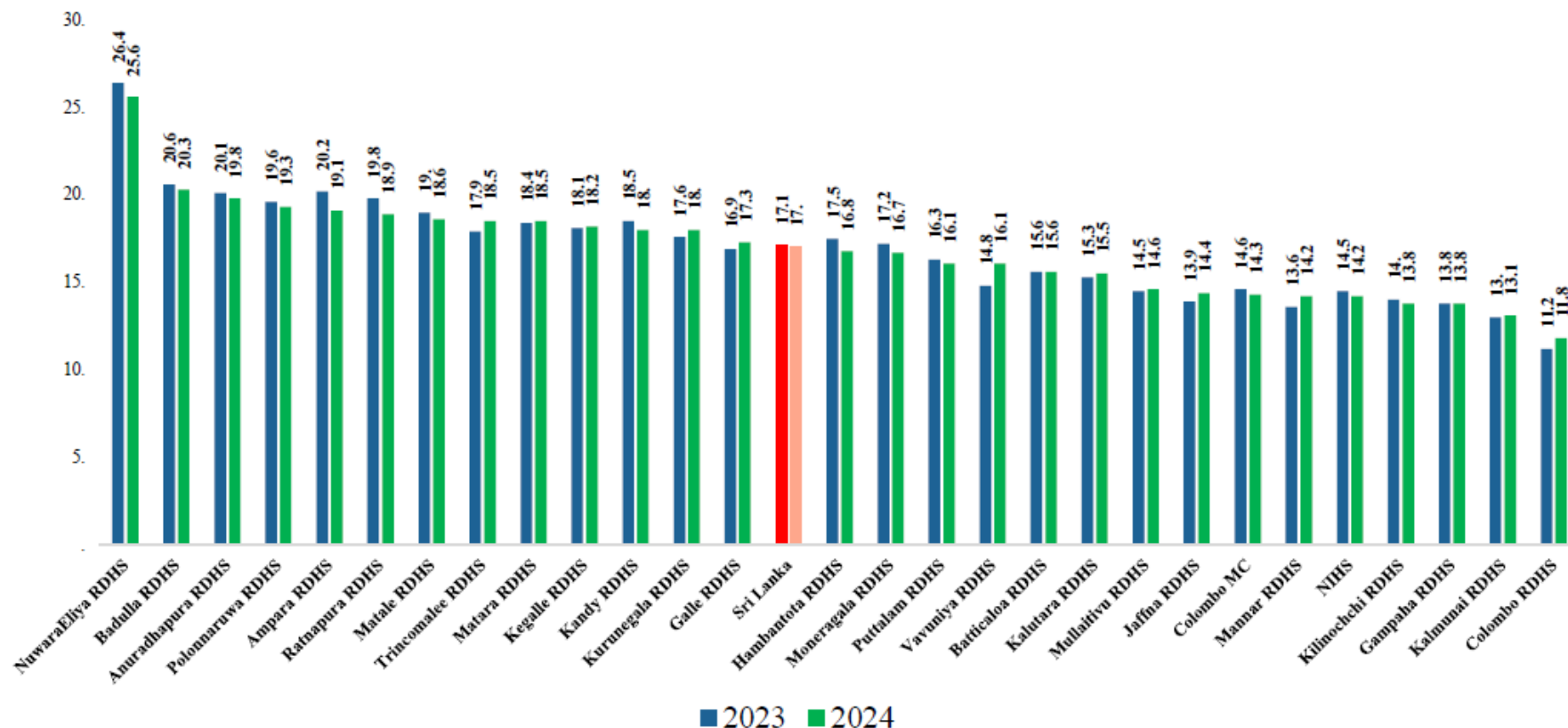
Access to Vulnerable Communities-By operating in remote or conflict-affected areas where government services might not be present, thus serving as critical channels for delivering education on nutrition.

Promotion of Ethical and Sustainable Practices- Faith actors can promote ethical principles around food security, nutrition, and the fair distribution of resources.

Advocacy and Policy Influence- Powerful advocates for nutrition policy reform, influencing government officials and decision-makers.

Cultural Sensitivity- Faith actors help to bridge gaps between global nutrition goals and local realities, ensuring that interventions are both effective and respectful of local customs

Situation in Sri Lanka



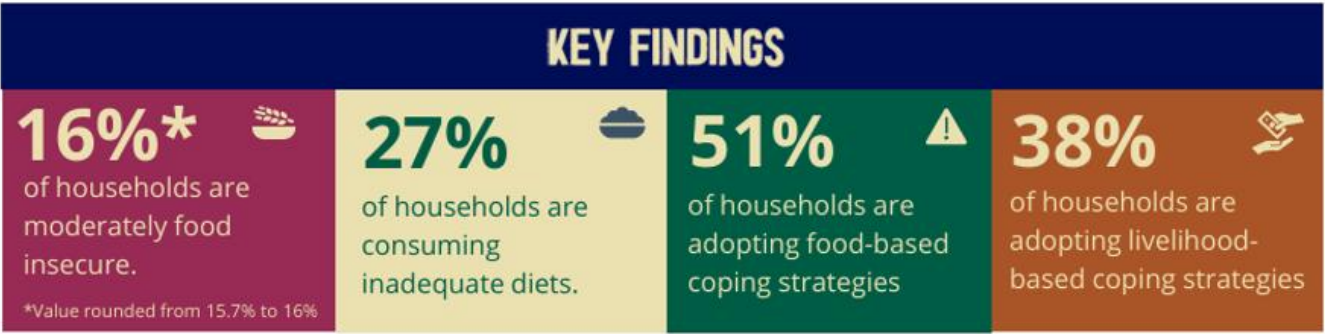
Source: eRHMS 2024

Figure 3: Percentage of children under 5 years with underweight (moderate + severe) by district

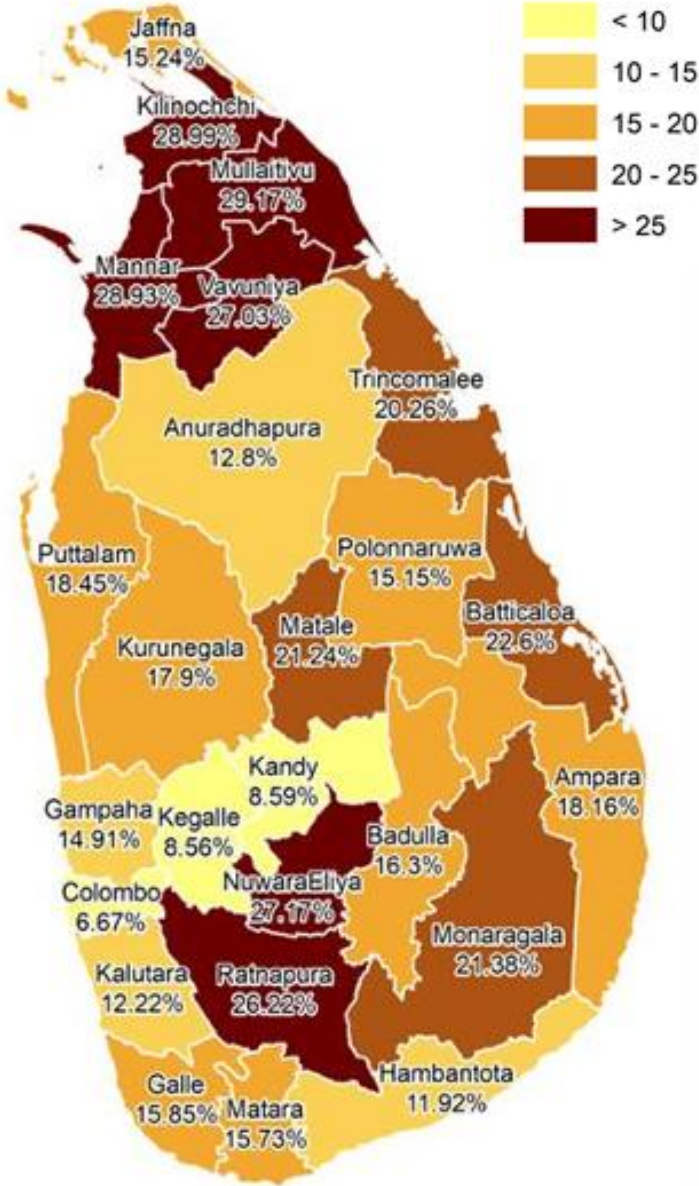
National nutrition month
Summary report
2024



In late 2024, WFP conducted a nationwide food security assessment, surveying 15,000 households. This document aims to provide an overview of the survey findings, while a more detailed report will follow.



Map: District-level food insecurity

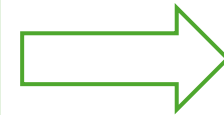


What contributes to good nutrition?



Determinants of nutritional status of children

- Availability of nutritious food
- Access to affordable nutritious food
- Essential nutrition, health, education, sanitation and social protection services
- Age-appropriate feeding and caring practices (incl. breastfeeding)



Nutritional status
of children

Based on UNICEF's [Conceptual Framework](#) on the Determinants of Maternal and Child Nutrition.

Outcomes from improved nutrition



IMPROVED

- **Health and wellbeing**
- **Education**
 - Physical growth and cognitive development of children
 - School readiness and performance
- **Livelihoods**
 - Productivity
 - Economic growth and prosperity
- **Empowerment of women**
- **Social cohesion in societies, including reduced inequality**

Impact of malnutrition



- Developmental (physical and cognitive)
- Economic
- Social, and
- Medical

impacts are serious and lasting, for individuals, their families, communities and countries.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

John 10:10



Thank
You

