



# WFP Bolivia Country Brief

March 2018

## In Numbers

12.82 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 40,767 cash based transfers made

US\$ 1.6m total requirements

10,069 people assisted  
in March 2018



### Operational Context

Bolivia has made significant progress in improving food and nutrition security, and reducing extreme poverty. However, sustaining progress, particularly in the most vulnerable areas, depends on the future of the country's oil and gas revenues, which in recent years have shown dramatic decreases. Despite the progress, poverty and malnutrition levels remain amongst the highest in the region.

Currently WFP Bolivia office is implementing its transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (January - June 2018) that emphasises capacity strengthening of national, departmental and municipal entities, and enhances national ownership. WFP's programmes are in line with the Five-Year National Development Plan 2020 that emphasizes the need for the social development of vulnerable populations.

WFP has been present in Bolivia since 1963.



Population: 11.4 million

2016 Human Development Index:  
118 out of 188

Income Level: Lower middle

Chronic malnutrition: 16% of  
children between 6-59 months

### Operational Updates

- WFP is currently assisting families affected by floods in the municipalities of Yacuiba (Tarija department), Tupiza (Potosí) and Las Carreras (Chuqisaca) with *Food Assistance for Assets*. In addition, WFP announced the start of an emergency intervention in the indigenous territory of Uru-Chipaya in Oruro after the Country Director visited the affected areas together with the Viceminister of Civil Defence and the Governor of Oruro.
- As part of WFP's emergency interventions, the CD Elisabeth Faure visited Tupiza municipality together with the local authorities in order to assess current emergency relief efforts and plan the next steps to rehabilitate the damaged community assets and livelihoods of the most vulnerable.
- WFP participated in an event that counted with the presence of the President of Bolivia Evo Morales and which highlighted WFP assistance.
- In the framework of the promotion to smallholders pilot project in in the Municipality of Entre Ríos, WFP distributed honey, peas and peanuts to 84 schools. Additionally, in the framework of the school meals programme, WFP distributed seeds for the vegetable gardens of 95 schools, constructed six energy-efficient stoves and finalized the equipment of a meat dehydration plant that will provide jerky meat to the schools.

#### Main Photo

Credit: WFP\_Jose Velasco  
Caption: President Evo Morales holds a speech at an event with WFP participation.

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	Total Requirements (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
<b>Bolivia Country Strategic Plan (July 2018- December 2022)</b>			
	11.69 m	1.64 m	-0.72 m
<b>Strategic Outcome 1:</b> Communities affected by shocks are able to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements in times of crisis.			
	3.4 m	0.36 m	-0.01 m
<b>Strategic Outcome 2:</b> Vulnerable groups at risk of malnutrition in all its forms have improved nutritional status by 2022.			
	0.78 m	. m	0.02 m
<b>Strategic Outcome 3:</b> Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes by 2022.			
	4.03 m	0.45 m	0.03 m
<b>Strategic Outcome 4:</b> National and subnational institutions have strengthened capacity to manage food security policies and programmes by 2022.			
	0.7 m	. m	. m

## WFP Country Activities

<b>SO 1</b>	1	Provide Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) to crisis affected households
	2	Provide capacity strengthening and technical assistance to the Government for the delivery of innovative nationwide communications campaigns and multisectoral policies and programmes that contribute to eradicating malnutrition.
<b>SO 2</b>	3	Provide FFA and training to subsistence smallholder farmers
	4	Strengthen government institutions in order to link smallholder surplus production under activity 3 with the demand generated by the school meals programme.
<b>SO 3</b>	5	Strengthen capacities of government institutions to reduce the food insecurity of the most vulnerable communities.
<b>SO 4</b>		

## Monitoring

- WFP is preparing to carry out an Emergency Food Security Assessment in Chipaya municipality of Oruro in April to identify the number of flood-affected families that will require WFP assistance.
- Food deliveries to schools took place and this will cover the needs for the next 6 months. Monitoring will continue to guarantee regular consumption according to the plan and to oversee the project, until its finalization in June 2018.

## Challenges

- Funding shortfalls currently hamper WFP activities in Bolivia. The country office is working to expand its donor base targeting non-traditional donors, promoting South-South cooperation and UN joint initiatives.

## Donors

- **Repsol Foundation:** Is supporting school meals in the Municipality of Entre Ríos, Tarija department.
- **Probitas foundation:** Is supporting a pilot under school meals and confirmed its continued support to extend the project until mid-2019.

## Partnerships

- **Sweden:** A meeting was held with the Ambassador to explore funding opportunities.
- **Repsol Foundation:** Confirmed the funding for school meals for over 5.000 children in Entre Rios Municipality. Their collaboration will also support SO 3 of the upcoming CSP.
- **ECHO / UE:** The proposal "Beneficiary Intelligence and Mobile Information Systems for Disaster Risk Reduction" presented to the European Commission - European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations made by the end of 2017 has been pre-approved by ECHO

