



# WFP Bolivia Country Brief

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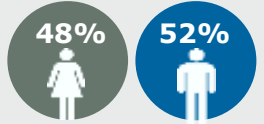
## In Numbers

69.54 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 99,253 cash based transfers made

USD 1.16m total requirements

34,328 people assisted in May 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) and Uru Chipaya (Oruro). Assets created in Tupiza (Potosí) and Las Carreras (Chuquisaca) are almost finalized and food assistance is reaching beneficiaries in May and June (*Food Assistance for Assets, FFA*).
- As part of its emergency assistance to Uru Chipaya community in Oruro, WFP supported 318 families with the distribution of vouchers for the rehabilitation and strengthening of productive and community assets, in coordination with the government of Oruro, indigenous authorities of the Uru Chipaya community and the Vice ministry of Civil Defence.
- In Yacuiba, WFP assisted 363 families in 34 communities with FFA for the rehabilitation and improvement of flood defensive works, increasing their resilience to future rains.
- In the framework of the pilot project for the promotion of smallholder farmers in Oruro, smallholder associations composed mostly of women distributed locally produced nutritious foods to schools of 14 municipalities, for the benefit of 4,858 schoolchildren.
- As part of the school meals program in Entre Rios, department of Tarija, WFP has supported 60 schools with the setup of their own vegetable gardens and provided them with seeds. The schools with the most productive gardens were selected as seedbanks, in order to sustainably provide the remaining schools with seeds.

#### Main Photo

Credit: WFP\_ Ricardo Paris  
Caption: Scene captured during the distribution of vouchers in the indigenous community of Uru Chipaya, where WFP is carrying out emergency assistance.

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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	0.28 m	0.05 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	. m	.23 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	0.09 m
<b>Strategic Outcome 3:</b> Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes by 2022.	4.03 m	0 m	0.21 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	0.28. m	-0.13. m

- **Probitas Foundation:** Is supporting a pilot under school meals and confirmed its continued support to extend the project until mid-2019.

## Partnerships

- **Embassy of Spain:** WFP Bolivia is partnering with the Embassy of Spain to collaborate on a ten-day campaign for the 'Global Tapas Day'. WFP has challenged the 34 participating restaurants in La Paz and Santa Cruz to create a nutritious tapa #ZeroMalnutrition that will be offered in their establishments for the duration of the campaign, together with their recipes, in an effort to create awareness on the high anemia and obesity rates in the country.
- **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 approved by ECHO. WFP has carried out a preliminary study on the capacities of the Vice ministry of Civil Defence, implementing partner of this project, and will commence implementation of the project in July.

## 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

- Following a request from the Ministry of Rural Development and Land, WFP has carried out an *Emergency Food Security Assessment* in 3 flood damaged municipalities of Santa Cruz.

## Donors

- **Repsol Foundation:** Is supporting school meals in the Municipality of Entre Ríos, Tarija department.



Credit: WFP\_Edgar García  
Caption: WFP voucher distribution as part of its emergency assistance in Uru Chipaya, department of Oruro.