



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES

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Operational Context

Honduras has a population of 9million, the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in2016 was USD 2,361. . It has one of the most unequal distributions of income and resources in the world. More than half of the population lives below the poverty line and is exposed to violence and crime. The country is further characterized by inequitable access to land, insufficient food production, high unemployment and exposure to natural disasters. Food insecurity and malnutrition among the most vulnerable populations have worsened because of droughts in the southern and western regions of the country, known as the Dry Corridor.

WFP's primary objectives in Honduras are to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition and increase human development by improving the health, nutrition and education levels of children and other vulnerable groups. The WFP Country Strategic Plan proposes a significant shift in WFP 's support to the Government to attain Zero Hunger by 2030.



Population: **9.012 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **130 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **23% of children aged 6-59 months**

In Numbers

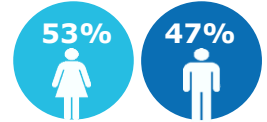
3,459 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 208,000 cash based transfers made

USD 115.66 m total requirements

661,500 people assisted

in July 2018



Operational Updates

- With the objective to integrate gender into daily business, WFP Honduras hosted a Regional Gender Equality workshop with over forty participants from country offices of the region. A field visit to the San Rafael community in Choluteca was conducted to practice acquired skills in gender analysis.
- The Concept Note of the binational project between Honduras and El Salvador for the Adaptation Fund was signed in presence of both ministries of environment and WFP country directors. The objective of the project is to improve livelihood resilience through community-based climate change adaptation in the transboundary watershed of Goascorán in El Salvador and Honduras.
- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia donated for a third consecutive year, 600 metric tons of dates to WFP for the National School Feeding Programme. Dates will increase the nutritional value of the food ration distributed to 129,000 children in 2,947 schools of the Dry Corridor. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a strategic partner of WFP in the global fight against hunger.
- WFP in collaboration with the Secretary of Development and Social Inclusion conducted 16 capacity-building workshops at national level. In total, 595 regional, municipal and district directors, and regional liaison officers of the Secretary of Education and coordinators of the National School Feeding Programme network were trained. The purpose of the workshops was to strengthen and reinforce administrative and payment procedures at regional and local level.

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Honduras Strategic Plan (2018-2021)

Total Requirement (USD 116.1 m)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
115.66 m	49.31 m	-12.22 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food
Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 1: Preschool- and primary-school-aged children across the country have access to safe and nutritious food year round by 2021

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Provide daily nutritious school meals, sourced from smallholder farmers, to preschool- and primary school-school-aged children, complemented with health, hygiene and nutrition activities, gender-transformative education and school gardens.
- Provide capacity strengthening to local authorities, school staff, parents and smallholder farmers, including technical assistance and training in the management of the school meals programme.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: The most nutritionally vulnerable groups in targeted areas have reduced levels of stunting and micronutrient deficiencies by 2021.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Provide capacity strengthening to health institutions at all levels and fortified nutritious foods in targeted areas to girls, pregnant women and lactating women and girls, and children under 2.

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and incomes

Strategic Outcome 3: Rural agricultural labourers and smallholder farmers in targeted areas, especially in indigenous communities, are more resilient to shocks and stressors, contributing to their food and nutrition security throughout the year.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide food assistance for assets to food-insecure households to support the creation and rehabilitation of livelihood assets complemented by capacity strengthening for decentralized government authorities in the management of resilience building and climate change adaptation programmes.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 4: Targeted households affected by rapid- and slow-onset disasters have access to food year-round.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Complement government transfers to the most vulnerable households affected by disasters to facilitate relief and early recovery while supporting strengthened institutional emergency response capacities.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 5: Government authorities and partner organizations at the national and subnational levels, complemented by strategic alliances, have strengthened capacity to achieve the SDGs, particularly SDG 2, by 2021.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening in emergency preparedness and response, including linkages to social protection, to institutions at the national and subnational level.
- Support an advocacy platform and communicate strategically about the 2030 Agenda, with an emphasis on SDG 2, to the general public, the private sector and partners.

Monitoring

- Droughts and pest attacks increased crop failure, food insecurity and migration in the Dry Corridor over the past four years. There continues to be a significant risk of drought and crop losses for the year 2018. The early and extended dry spell has affected the harvest of the first agricultural cycle, reducing maize and beans production by 20 percent. The drought will possibly also affect the second agricultural cycle in the Dry Corridor, increasing the risk of further food insecurity and migration amongst the most vulnerable.

Challenges

- The high level of insecurity, migration and challenging social situation require intensive partnerships with national, UN and other actors to support development efforts and particularly advancement towards achieving ODS2.
- WFP Honduras continues to mobilize resources locally and internationally.

Beneficiary Story

"I had not even dreamed it, this project changed my life and the life of my family ", so begins the story of Norma Linares Cartagena, a small dairy producer of artisan cheese from the community of Azacualpa, Santa Barbara, part of the project financed by Cargill, USAID and WFP.

Before being part of the project, Norma’s family produced 22 liters of milk that they sold to neighbours. When the project came to her community, the technicians trained them in new techniques of production and processing, which lead them to currently process 450 bottles of milk. "At first I was afraid, but with the support we have received and the profits we generated, we acquired equipment that helps us process and produce more and better cheese, which we distribute to the National School Feeding Program. Selling the product to WFP has given us credibility and hence we are also selling to other communities and my small family business is now strengthened."

"This project has been a blessing because it has given me the knowledge, the tools and the market to sell our product, but the most important thing is that I know I am able to make my dream come true," concluded Norma.