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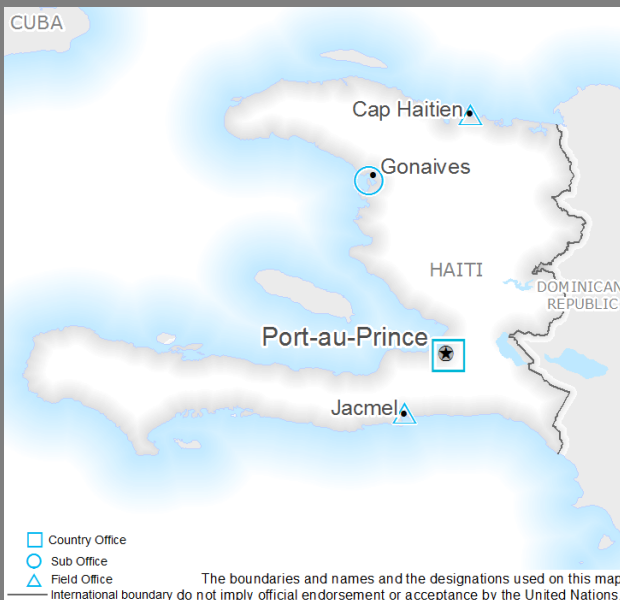
# WFP Haiti Country Brief September 2018



## Operational Context

Haiti ranks 163<sup>rd</sup> of the 188 countries on the 2016 Human Development Index. Haiti has one of the highest levels of chronic food insecurity in the world, more than half of its total population is chronically food insecure, and 22 percent of children are chronically malnourished. Underlying drivers of this situation include extreme poverty and frequent natural disasters. On the 2017 Climate Risk Index, Haiti is third among the countries most affected by extreme weather events.

WFP has been working in Haiti since 1969. WFP's first priority is to support the Haitian Government in developing sustainable solutions to hunger and malnutrition with the goal to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2 "Zero Hunger".



Population: **11 million**

2016 Human Development Index: **163 out of 188**

Food Imports: **over 50% of national requirements**

2015 Maplecroft Index: **6th most vulnerable country to climate change**

## In Numbers

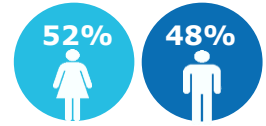
**1,077 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 217,560** cash based transfers made

**US\$ 85.12 total requirements**

**65,004 people assisted**

In September 2018



## Operational Updates

### School Meals

- The first distribution for the current school year was finalized to assist 279 844 students in 1 222 schools for 49 school days from September to December.

### Social Protection

- A meeting has been held with the new Minister of Social Affairs and Labour to discuss next steps regarding the elaboration of a national social protection policy.
- WFP organized, along with National Coordination for Food Security (CNSA) and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (MAST) a training for the PROCSIMAST surveyors. On 8 October 2018, 70 surveyors will be deployed to the communes of Anse Rouge and Terre Neuve from.

### Food Assistance for Assets

- WFP started a Disaster Risk Reduction project under Cash for Assets activities in partnership with the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communication (MTPTC), the Minister of Agriculture and its departmental entities (DDA) in Artibonite, Nord, Nord-Est and Sud departments. The first cycles of work ended in Nord Department. In the Artibonite department, activities targeted 3,682 participants and in the Sud Department 4,788 participants.

### Cash-Based Transfers

- Under WFP leadership, the Cash Based Transfer Working Group (CBTWG) has finalized a first version of technical guidelines for Cash-Based Transfers (CBT) programming in emergencies. This good practice review centralizes lessons learnt from the Matthew hurricane response, and synthesizes existing CBT guidelines in terms of preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Humanitarian actors in Haiti might also refer to this guidance to gauge the country's capacity to support cash-based transfers, the main delivery mechanisms and Financial Service Providers (FSP) in Haiti, or the value of a Survival and Minimum Expenditure Basket (S-MEB).

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## WFP Country Strategy

### Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (January 2018- June 2019)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
85.1 m	65.4 m	-25.8 m

#### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1: Households in affected areas have access to sufficient and adequate food to meet their basic food needs after a shock**

**Focus area:** Crisis Response

**Activities:**

- Provide unconditional food assistance to families affected by shocks

**Strategic Outcome 2: Nutritionally vulnerable households in areas with a high prevalence of chronic food insecurity have access to nutritious food during the lean season.**

**Focus area:** Resilience building

**Activities:**

- Provide nutritious-sensitive, targeted seasonal food assistance

**Strategic Outcome 3: Pre-primary and primary school-aged children have adequate access to nutritious food all year long**

**Focus area:** Root Causes

**Activities:**

- Provide daily nutritious school meals
- Support policy implementation for school feeding

#### Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes

**Strategic Outcome 4: Food insecure vulnerable smallholders have more resilient livelihoods to meet their food security and nutritious needs**

**Focus area:** Resilience building

**Activities:**

- Provide support to smallholder farmers to sell agricultural products
- Food Assistance for Assets

#### Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 5: Governmental institutions and other organizations have enhanced capacities to address food insecurity and malnutrition by 2030**

**Focus area:** Root Causes

**Activities:**

- Provide assistance to the national social protection safety net programme
- Provide technical assistance in Emergency Preparedness and Response and assessments

- With the support of ECHO, WFP has completed the first round of unrestricted and unconditional cash distribution in Terre-Neuve and Anse Rouge to more than 3,500 heads of households, including 79% of women. It will help them to meet their minimum needs for a balanced and a healthy diet. The unrestricted nature of the cash disbursed will also support families with the beginning of the school year.

### Emergency Preparedness

- For the hurricane season, WFP is ready to respond with an in-kind contingency stock to cover the needs of 300,000 people for a month. WFP also has the modality of cash transfers and can cover 150,000 people within its contingency plan.

### Monitoring

- In September, M&E trained AVSI enumerators on the new Nutrition Baseline Survey that was developed specifically for projects combining infant and young child feeding practices, behavioural change communication and cash transfers. The surveys started end of September and will continue until mid-October in the Grande Anse Department.
- The newly developed school feeding monitoring questionnaire was piloted in the first schools and will be rolled-out beginning of October.
- WFP's hotline aims to provide feedback and strengthen WFP's monitoring system. The majority of the calls were related to Food Assistance for Assets activities concerning the payment schedule.

### Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping

- WFP provided support to CNSA for the planning and the organization of a national survey on food and nutrition security. This assessment will allow the Government, WFP and the humanitarian sector to have a better understanding of the drought's impact on food and nutrition security in order to elaborate the Integrated Phase Classification, Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

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