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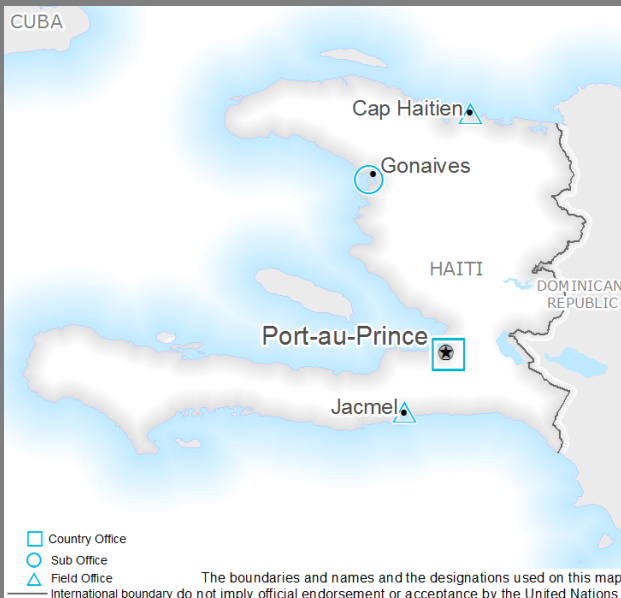
WFP Haiti Country Brief February 2019



Operational Context

Haiti ranks 168 out of 189 countries on the 2018 Human Development Index. Haiti has one of the highest levels of chronic food insecurity in the world with more than half of its total population chronically food insecure and 22 percent of children chronically malnourished. Underlying drivers of this situation include extreme poverty and frequent natural disasters. On the 2019 Climate Risk Index, Haiti is fourth among the countries most affected by extreme weather events.

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



Population: **11 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **168 out of 189**

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

2019 Climate Risk Index: **4th most affected by extreme weather events**

In Numbers

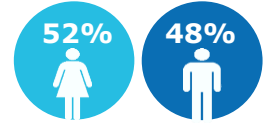
590 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 253,000 cash based transfers made

USD 85.12 m total requirements

289,432 people assisted

In February 2019



From 7-16 February, the country was paralyzed by socio-political unrest against corruption and the high cost of living. These protests had some impact on WFP's operations this month.

Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

On 28 February, the Haitian Government, together with the United Nations, launched the HRP for Haiti (2019-2020). This plan aims to respond to the most urgent needs of vulnerable populations. Food security remains a high priority for 2019, which a budget of USD 59 million, yet with a current funding gap of USD 35 million. The HRP targets 1.1 million people for food and livelihood assistance, mostly with cash-based transfers during the lean season in rural areas: 571,000 people are in need of emergency assistance; and 529,000 people will participate in livelihood recovery programmes.

Operational Updates

Emergency response

- Currently, WFP is providing ECHO-funded 4-month emergency food assistance to 82,570 beneficiaries through cash-based transfers (CBT) in the most vulnerable areas of the Artibonite and Northeast departments.
- WFP is discussing with other donors a possible scale-up of the response in other most vulnerable areas.

School Meals

- In February, food deliveries to schools had to be postponed, as schools were closed because of the civil unrests in the country.
- A mission in Gonaives took place to provide technical support to Professional Agricultural Organizations (OPA) for the purchase of fresh produce and deliveries to schools.
- WFP worked with the Facilitation Unit of Local Purchases (UFAPAL) and the Ministry of Agriculture (MARNDNR) to define a partnership strategy and the design an Action Plan for 2019 to strengthen government capacities in local purchases.

Nutrition

- From 6 to 28 February, as part of the nutrition project in Grand'Anse, 831 households received cash transfers. During the distribution, WFP's cooperating partner AVSI conducted nutrition awareness sessions for 1043 people (968 women and 75 men).

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WFP Country Strategy

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

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
85.12 m	62 m	3.8 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

Food Assistance for Assets

- In the framework of disaster risk reduction activities, 3,382 participants finished a cycle of work in five communes of the South department. Activities were related to the rehabilitation of irrigation canals. In the North department, 13 schools - to be used as potential shelters in case of disasters - were rehabilitated. A total of 143 people participated in these activities.

Social Protection

- The members of the National Social Protection and Promotion Policy drafting committee led by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (MAST) progressed on the "diagnostic" part for each of the 5 strategic axes (childhood, labour and employment, vulnerable populations, social security, response to shocks).
- In the framework of resilience activities, in Artibonite, WFP will launch a project with AMURT on watershed management, rehabilitation of irrigation canals and roads, and modernization of local salt production.

Forecast-Based Financing

- In February, with the support of Cuban experts and WFP, the Hydrometeorological Unit (UHM) finalized the first manual of operational procedures based on international rules defined by the World Meteorological Organization.

Monitoring

- Due to security issues, most distributions of food assistance had to be postponed and many schools closed down. This also affected monitoring activities. In addition, the school feeding endline survey for the Mc Govern-Dole programme was delayed due to the same reasons.
- WFP's hotline is a feedback mechanism with the aim to strengthen the monitoring system. In December 2018, WFP received 89 calls. Most calls were related to school feeding, but also to food assistance for assets, including concerns about food delivery and questions regarding the programme. Some callers were simply thanking for the assistance.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping

- In February, WFP, along with National Coordination for Food Security (CNSA), finalized the first stage of PROCSIMAST surveys in Gros-Morne. Approximately 11,000 households were surveyed.

Donors

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