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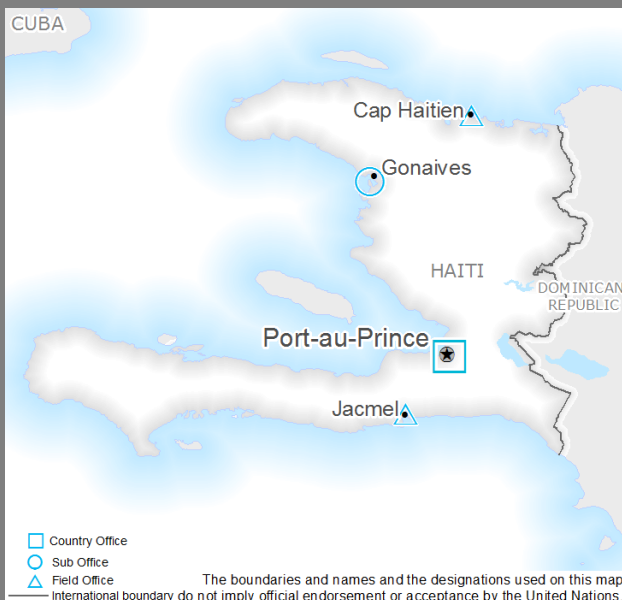
WFP Haiti Country Brief May 2019



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

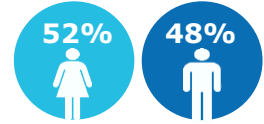
1,227 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 194,062 cash based transfers made

USD 88 m total requirements

348,244 people assisted

In May 2019



Operational Updates

Emergency response

- In the framework of the emergency food security response, WFP distributed food rations to 36,700 beneficiaries in the Grand Anse, Nord-Ouest and Sud-Est departments.
- In the framework of the ECHO-funded project providing food assistance to the most food insecure (IPC 3 and 4), 20,560 beneficiaries received cash-transfers in the Artibonite department. In addition, assistance was planned in the Nord-Est department but the distribution was delayed due to the security context.

School Feeding

- In May 2019, WFP launched a comprehensive and participatory gender analysis in order to study roles and responsibilities, access and control of resources, decision-making and participation, vulnerabilities and opportunities for women, men, boys and girls. In line with Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy, WFP's Gender Policy 2015-2020, and the Haitian context, WFP will use its School Feeding Programme as a platform for change towards gender equality.

Nutrition

- From 20-24 May, in the framework of an ECHO-funded project, nutrition activities for Social Behaviour Change Communication were carried out. In Artibonite department, the second activity of storytelling took place and murals on nutrition topics were created at schools.

Food Assistance for Assets

- In activities to enhance resilience, 2,450 participants received cash transfers after finalizing a first cycle of work, which included watershed management, rehabilitation of rural roads, irrigation canals and the modernization of salt production systems.
- In the framework of disaster risk reduction activities, 50 participants finalized the rehabilitation of 8 schools which can now be used as shelters in the Nord-Est department during the 2019 hurricane season.

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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)
88 m	97.7 m	92,400

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

Social Protection

- As part of the institutionalisation of the Kore Lavi project, six representatives of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (MAST) participated in a one-month social project management training at Illinois State University in the United States.
- In May, a delegation composed of five representatives of the ministries of Health, Agriculture and Social Affairs travelled to Ethiopia with USAID/FFP Haiti and WFP staff to learn about the country's experience in Productive Safety Net Programmes.

Forecast-Based Financing

- The second regional platform on forecast-based financing (FbF) for America Latina and Caribbean, organized by WFP and the German Red-Cross, took place on 30-31 May 2019 in the Dominican Republic. A delegation composed by five representatives of the Haitian Government (Ministry of Agriculture, Hydro Meteorological Unit, National Coordination for Food Security, and the National Centre for Geo-Spatial Information) and 2 representatives of WFP Haiti (including the Country Director) participated at this meeting to improve early warning.

Monitoring

- At the end of every school year, WFP conducts various missions to all departments to evaluate the work of its school feeding partners, the collaboration with the Government and complementary activities. These assessments are part of the general performance management framework, which helps WFP evaluate what went well and what needs to be improved.
- WFP's hotline is a feedback mechanism to strengthen its control and the monitoring systems. In May 2019, WFP received 109 calls. Most calls were related to school feeding, food assistance for assets and cash distributions. They included concerns about food delivery and questions regarding different programmes. Some callers thanked for the assistance received.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping

- The Information System of the MAST (SIMAST) was presented during the Understanding Risk (UR) Caribbean Conference which took place from 17-21 May in Barbados. This international meeting brought together representatives of various ministries and national disaster management agencies, disaster risk management experts, urban planners, insurance industry stakeholders, private sector organizations, academia, multilateral development banks, regional partners and donors.

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