



World Food Programme

WFP Colombia Country Brief

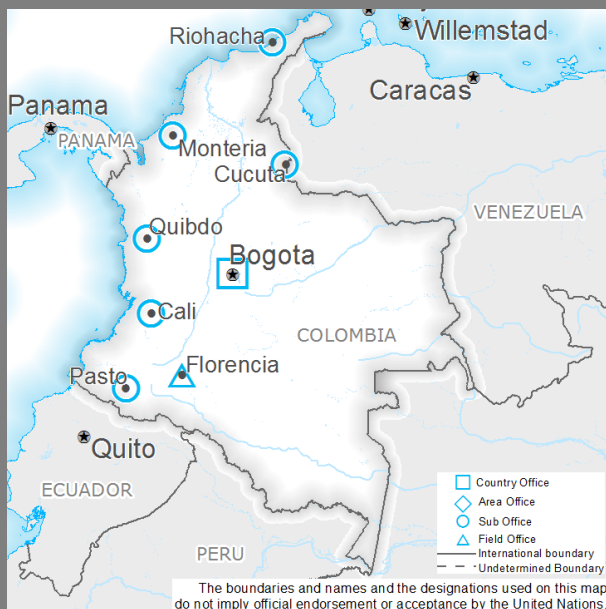
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SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES



Operational Context

Colombia is one of the unequal countries in the world, with a Gini index of 53.5 and a gender inequality index of 0.429. Sixty years of conflict have had a significant impact on the country's social, economic and political landscape, with more than 8 million victims. Despite progress on the implementation of the peace agreement, Colombia is still facing serious humanitarian challenges. WFP's strategy in Colombia is based on the premise that supporting the Government in reaching Sustainable Development Goals 16 and 2, will achieve an inclusive peace. WFP's strategy is aligned with priorities of the Government to address humanitarian, recovery, development and technical assistance needs. WFP has been present in Colombia since 1969.



Population: **49.7 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **90 out of 189**

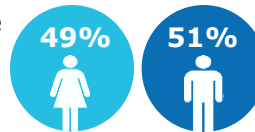
Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **31% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

USD 1,854,959 cash-based transfers made

337,302 people assisted in June



Operational Updates

- In addition to the humanitarian assistance provided by the Colombian Government, municipal authorities and the Unit for Victims' Assistance (UARIV) have requested WFP support to complement assistance for an enhanced response to the crisis.
- In response to local authorities' request and in coordination with local partners, WFP provided food assistance to more than 19,000 victims in the departments of Norte de Santander, Cordoba, Antioquia and Chocó.
- In June 2019, in response to the migration crisis, WFP reached over 259,000 people providing hot meals in community kitchens, vouchers, food kits for 'caminantes' (walking migrants) and emergency school meals. In remote areas of La Guajira, where the availability of retailers is not sufficient to support the voucher scheme, WFP provided food kits. WFP started implementing a new monthly planning scheme. WFP continues working with the Government to pilot a shock-responsive social protection mechanism in the second half of the year.
- The National Agency for reincorporation and normalization ARN and WFP signed an agreement seeking to improve livelihoods in communities of Former FARC-combatants focusing on community reconciliation, food security and nutrition and access to markets (key to ARN's economic reintegration programme), targeting 14 initiatives and productive projects developed in the ETCR in several departments of the country. Specific actions will focus on: (i) Promote resilient livelihoods; (ii) Improve the competitiveness of former combatants' initiatives; (iii) Develop capacities for the design and implementation of self-sufficiency programmes and access to local food markets; and (iv) Strengthen ARN's economic reintegration model.
- In Buenaventura, a joint pilot initiative was launched with Medicos del Mundo (Doctors of the World), Plan Foundation, the NGO Alianza para la Solidaridad (Alliance for Solidarity) and WFP to improve the food security of victims of sexual violence, while they participate in medical, psychosocial and legal advice programmes. Food assistance is delivered through vouchers.

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
254.5 m	125.4 m	38 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 2: Crisis-affected populations have adequate access at all times to nutritious foods and diversified diets, and are supported in establishing or improving their livelihoods.

Focus area: *root causes*

Activities:

- Support crisis-affected populations
- Implement home-grown school feeding

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Communities and families have the capacities to prevent malnutrition in all its forms.

Focus area: *root causes*

Activities:

- Provide food security and nutrition education and behaviour change communication
- Provide technical support
- Implement school meals programmes in response to government requests

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

Strategic Outcome 4: Smallholder farmers – women and men – increase their production and marketing capacities sustainably

Focus area: *resilience building*

Activities:

- Provide technical support for rural smallholders
- Stimulate markets with WFP purchases

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 5: Rural ethnic communities in vulnerable areas have increased capacity to recover from shocks and adapt to climate change

Focus area: *resilience building*

Activities:

- Build resilience and enhance livelihoods

Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 1: Local governments and civil-society organizations have strengthened capacities to implement accountable programmes that contribute to reducing food insecurity and malnutrition

Focus area: *root causes*

Activities:

- Strengthen the capacities of territorial actors for planning, implementing and evaluating food and nutrition policies and programmes
- Develop and evaluate innovative food and nutrition models

Monitoring / Vulnerability Assessment

- WFP launched an Emergency Food Security Assessment to assess food security in the border departments, and a market assessment to gauge the functionality of various markets. Data collection activities have been carried out in Norte de Santander, La Guajira, and Arauca departments. These assessments will inform programmatic decisions in the following months.

Challenges

- The escalation of violence represents a threat to the peace process and may lead to a further escalation of the armed conflict in Colombia.
- Strengthened partnerships and coordination with the Government are needed to ensure longer-term solutions and socio-economic integration of migrants. Hence, WFP and the Government of Colombia are looking into how to embed the support to vulnerable migrants into the Colombian social protection system.

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