



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 severe humanitarian challenges. On the other hand, the situation in Venezuela, marked by hyperinflation and a scarcity of basic supplies has triggered a massive migration of Venezuelans. Colombia is the country most affected by massive migration flows, hosting over 1.4 million Venezuelans. In February 2018, WFP's Executive Director declared a level 2 corporate emergency to step up WFP's assistance under the Country Strategic Plan. WFP is currently assisting around 250,000 migrants and members of host communities monthly. 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

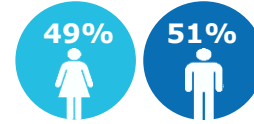
Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

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In Numbers

3,373,644 USD distributed in cash transfers
374,943 people assisted in August



Operational Updates

- it is estimated that the number of Venezuelans and Colombian returnees in the country has reached 1.4 million (Migración Colombia). In Nariño department, after new visa restrictions from the Ecuadorian Government in effect from 26th August, over 7,400 people arrived daily to Ipiales between the 15th and 25th of August. With the new requirement, the number of people using informal border crossings -more than 100 according to *Migración Colombia*- have increased.
- WFP reached over 270,000 people providing hot meals in community kitchens, vouchers, food kits for 'caminantes' (walking migrants) and emergency school meals. In Nariño, in response to the massive influx of migrants in Ipiales, WFP supported over 45,000 people. WFP distributed food kits to vulnerable families in the resource-scarce region of Alta Guajira, home to the Wayuu indigenous communities, who live between the Colombian and Venezuelan borders.
- In response to local authorities and the Unit for Victims Assistance, WFP assisted around 29,017 conflict-affected people in the departments of Choco, Nariño, Córdoba, Caquetá, Valle del Cauca and Norte de Santander.
- Colombia CO received funds to strengthen the Inter-Agency and Government preparedness and response capacity, both at the national and local level.
- WFP Colombia is currently engaged in a Mid Term Review and the results and recommendations will be crucial to prepare the Colombia Country Strategy Plan (CSP).

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
254.5 m	153 m	26.9 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 and 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 increased 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 /VAM

- WFP is providing technical advice to create a standardized tool to select beneficiaries, especially for Multipurpose cash interventions. The harmonized tool and methodology, currently under validation, will be utilized by more than 22 NGOs and will help to reduce overlaps and duplications.

Challenges

- Activities to assist conflict-affected communities as well as capacity strengthening activities are underfunded.

Donors

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