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Operational Context

Honduras has a population of 9 million, the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in 2018 was USD 4,542. It has one of the unequal distributions of income and resources in the world. More than half of the population lives below the poverty line and is exposed to violence and crime. The country is characterized by inequitable access to land, insufficient food production, high unemployment and exposure to natural disasters. Food insecurity and malnutrition among the most vulnerable populations have worsened because of droughts in the southern and western regions of the country, known as the Dry Corridor.

WFP's primary objectives in Honduras are to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition and increase human development by improving the health, nutrition and education levels of children and other vulnerable groups. The WFP Country Strategic Plan proposes a significant shift in WFP's support to the Government to attain Zero Hunger by 2030.



Population: **9.012 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **133 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **23% of children aged 6-59 months**

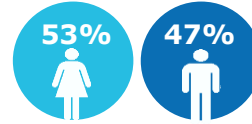
In Numbers

6,000 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 143 k cash-based transfers made

USD 174.6 m total requirements

1,274,940 people assisted



Operational Updates

- Under Activity 2, the CO inaugurated the Food and Nutrition Education linked to School Feeding Postgraduate Program. The postgraduate will have a duration of 3 months and targets staff of the Secretary of Education (SEDUC), Secretary of Development and Social Inclusion (SEDIS), strategic partners and the National School Feeding Program team as part of the capacity building activities promoted through WFP Honduras CSP.
- WFP Honduras received the visit of the UN Global Coordinator of the Movement SUN (Scaling Up Nutrition). Honduras is the 61st country in subscribing to the movement, which is coordinated by the Government's Technical Unit for Food Security and Nutrition (UTSAN). The coordinator held meetings with different actors involved in the movement such as the Government, academia, the private sector, UN agencies and civil society. The coordinator provided feedback on how to improve the work and synergies between the different actors.
- Under Activity 3, a workshop was conducted for the validation of the study "Cost of the Double Burden of Malnutrition", with the participation of staff of the Nutrition Institute of Central America and Panama (INCAP), the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC), WFP Regional Bureau, Government and non-government institutions. The National Consultants Committee for the revision and validation of the first draft of the study was constituted during the workshop. The country data was presented and accepted with a list of recommendations, which must be included in the final report.

Under Activity 5, the CO seeks to strengthen Agroclimatic information by purchasing 40 weather stations that will be installed in prioritized communities affected by the drought. The weather stations will be used to monitor meteorological variables locally and/or remotely. The purpose is to provide smallholder producers with accurate information on the current weather state for decision-making related to their harvests and/or production.

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Honduras Strategic Plan (2018-2021)

Total Requirement (USD 116.1 m)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
174.6 m	59.8 m	25.9 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food
Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 1: Preschool and primary school-aged children across the country have access to safe and nutritious food year-round by 2021
Focus area: Root Causes

- Activities:**
- Provide daily nutritious school meals, sourced from smallholder farmers to preschool and primary school-aged children, complemented with health, hygiene and nutrition activities, gender-transformative education and school gardens.
 - Provide capacity strengthening to local authorities, school staff, parents and smallholder farmers, including technical assistance and training in the management of the school meals programme.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: The most nutritionally vulnerable groups in targeted areas have reduced levels of stunting and micronutrient deficiencies by 2021.
Focus area: Root Causes

- Activities:**
- Provide capacity strengthening to health institutions at all levels and fortified nutritious foods in targeted areas to girls, pregnant women and lactating women and girls, and children under 2.

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and incomes

Strategic Outcome 3: Rural agricultural labourers and smallholder farmers in targeted areas, especially in indigenous communities, are more resilient to shocks and stressors, contributing to their food and nutrition security throughout the year.
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Provide food assistance for assets to food-insecure households to support the creation and rehabilitation of livelihood assets complemented by capacity strengthening for decentralized government authorities in the management of resilience building and climate change adaptation programmes.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 4: Targeted households affected by rapid- and slow-onset disasters have access to food year-round.
Focus area: Crisis Response

- Activities:**
- Complement government transfers to the most vulnerable households affected by disasters to facilitate relief and early recovery while supporting strengthened institutional emergency response capacities.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 5: Government authorities and partner organizations at the national and subnational levels, complemented by strategic alliances, have strengthened capacity to achieve the SDGs, particularly SDG 2, by 2021.
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening in emergency preparedness and response, including linkages to social protection, to institutions at the national and subnational level.
 - Support an advocacy platform and communicate strategically about the 2030 Agenda, with an emphasis on SDG 2, to the general public, the private sector and partners.

WFP CO, with the support of the Regional Humanitarian Policy Advisor, organized a Humanitarian Negotiation and Access Workshop. The objective of the workshop was to strengthen the knowledge in humanitarian negotiation and tools among WFP field monitors and cooperating partners. The participants practiced appropriate negotiation techniques with possible interlocutors in a chronic violent background considering gender, security and psychological component.

Monitoring

- The CO Institutional Strengthening Unit organized a Monitoring Workshop addressed to field staff. The workshop aimed to guide and provide support to field offices by strengthening their operations performance, improve accountability to beneficiaries and donors, and develop a monitoring plan to ensure compliance with the Corporate Results Framework and WFP's nutrition, protection and gender policies. It is expected that quality of data collection, analysis and reports will improve.
- WFP VAM and The Governments Technical Unit of Food and Nutrition Security (UTSAN) carried out a CIF (Integrated Classification of Phases of Food and Nutrition Security) in the provinces of the dry corridor of Honduras. This year the prolonged drought affected not only the dry corridor area, but also 3 more provinces that provide significant amounts of basic crops nationwide (Olancho, Yoro and Comayagua).

Challenges

- The country's current political situation has polarized the Honduran population, which has led to demonstrations nationwide.
- The high level of insecurity, migration, local displacement, and the challenging socio-economic situation require a strong partnership with national, UN and other actors to support development efforts and particularly progress towards SDG 2.
- WFP Honduras continues to mobilize resources locally and internationally.