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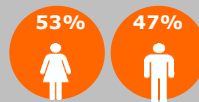
In Numbers

179.3 mt of food assistance distributed

N/A cash-based transfers made

USD 174.6 m total requirements

26,309 people assisted



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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 through a gender and protection focus. 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**

2015 Human Development Index: **133 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

Operational Updates

- A panel discussion was organized jointly with the Secretary of Development and Social Inclusion Gender Unit as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence International Campaign. The panel of experts explained and discussed the concept and types of violence; social, political and cultural situation of women and girls in Honduras, pregnancy in adolescent girls, sexual harassment and violence and the country's current legal framework, among other topics. The guests were able to ask questions and share experiences with the experts and invitees. WFP Honduras seeks to open spaces for reflection, awareness and information on Gender-based Violence and its consequences, to generate positive changes to achieve an equal society with Zero Hunger.
- Honduras joined the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement last May. As part of the movement, the Country Office was invited to participate in the Global Gathering 2019 in Nepal. The event offered opportunities to meet people working on Food Security and Nutrition around the world, listen to their experiences, share lessons learned and explore future collaborations. Furthermore, the Honduran team invited Gerda Verburg, Coordinator of the SUN Movement and Assistant Secretary-General, for a visit to the country to help urge political leaders to support nutrition as a cross-cutting objective towards development. The Government of Honduras committed to give nutrition a more important role in the national strategy and assigned a high-level political focal point for the SUN platform in Honduras.
- This year, the Honduras Zero Hunger Walk took place in the city of Comayagua to raise awareness among the population about the need for healthy nutrition habits to help fight malnutrition and obesity. The event encouraged to reflect on the importance of supporting small producers, including women's entrepreneurship and market access, the need for responsible and sustainable agricultural and food systems, how the climate change impact is affecting Honduras' food future, and the importance of including the younger generations in these reflections.

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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	61.1 m	27.9 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.

The Zero Hunger Walk counted with the participation of the Mayor of Comayagua, Director and Representative of WFP, the Representative of FAO, the Representative of the Secretary of Development and Social Inclusion, private sponsors, WFP CO staff, schools and the general population.

- Phase One of the Capacity Strengthening to the Municipal Emergency Committee 2019-2020 was successfully delivered, prioritizing the municipalities most prone to severe drought and floods. Twenty municipalities were identified in this first phase, with the coordination of the Direction of the National Centre of Investigation and Training of Contingency (CENICAC).

Monitoring

- The Integrated Phase Classification of Food Security (IPC) analysis was carried out in 13 of the 18 provinces of Honduras between August and November. 25 institutions among the Government, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and associations, allied in food and nutrition security nationwide to collect the information and participate in the analysis. The analysis was coordinated by the Technical Unit of Food and Nutrition Security (UTSAN), with the support of WFP Honduras. The results of the analysis show that 962 thousand people were identified in Acute Food Insecurity (Emergency and Crisis Phase) for the period from November 2019 to February 2020.

Challenges

- 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.