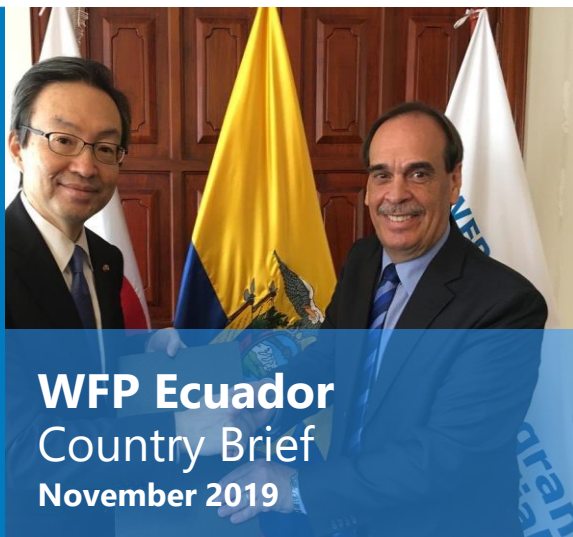




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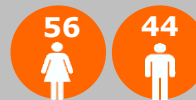
In Numbers

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US\$1,850,276 m cash-based transfers made

US\$1.9 m six months funding needs

89,903 people assisted in November 2019



Operational Context

Ecuador is an upper-middle-income country; 63 percent of the population lives in urban areas. Income inequality is high, as evidenced by a Gini coefficient of 0.47 (National Institute of Statistic and Census – INEC 2018), and there is a significant rate of chronic malnutrition. Gender-Based Violence affects six out of ten women (2015). Despite the peace process in Colombia, new refugees are still arriving in the country, in addition to an increasing number of vulnerable Venezuelans.

The country is prone to natural hazards, including droughts, floods, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.

WFP's goal in Ecuador is to be an innovative partner, supporting government policies and priorities as well as contributing to food sovereignty, food security and nutrition of vulnerable people, and gender equality. WFP has been present in Ecuador since 1964.



Population: 17.2 million

2018 Human Development Index: 86 out of 189

Income Level: Upper middle

Chronic malnutrition: 23.9% of children under five years old

Operational Updates

- The state of emergency for human mobility has been extended until December 2019.
- 83,726 people benefited from WFP's food vouchers. The majority were Venezuelans (91.8 percent), followed by Colombians (7.8 percent) and a few beneficiaries of other nationalities.
- 3,376 people, around 65.4 percent of them from Venezuela, were assisted at shelters and canteens managed by partner organizations.
- One-time assistance at immigration checkpoints reduced from 3,190 to 2,153. WFP will keep monitoring the situation to adjust accordingly.
- 648 pregnant adolescents received a food voucher to contribute to their food security and nutrition.
- An official delegation from USAID/WFP visited WFP's recently expanded operation in Tungurahua and Chimborazo.
- WFP started conducting a livelihoods study of the Venezuelan population. These inputs will inform the programmatic design for 2020.
- The municipality of Guamote expressed interest in WFP's complementary school feeding model. An official meeting to discuss possible cooperation mechanisms was held with the mayor, Delfin Quishpe.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock supported the organization of several agricultural fairs. These spaces allowed smallholder farmers, mainly women, to directly sell their produce.
- The national dialogue for the design of gender-sensitive agricultural policies led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock continued and WFP supported the participation of a female leader from Honduras.
- WFP's Regional Nutritional Advisor held meetings with the Ministers of Education and Health to discuss joint interventions for 2020 and shared WFP's latest studies during the International Event "Nutrition at the Vanguard" organized by the International University of Ecuador.

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Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
71.2 m	54.2 m	1.9 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome #1: Refugees, displaced persons and vulnerable people in Ecuador are enabled to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements all year long
Focus area: Crisis response

- Activities:**
- Complement the Government's social protection strategy by providing Cash-Based Transfers to the most vulnerable populations and support in vulnerability analysis and knowledge management.

Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition

Strategic Outcome #2: Smallholder farmers, especially women, in targeted areas, durably increase their incomes and improve their productivity by 2021.
Focus area: Root causes

- Activities:**
- Support and increase the participation of smallholder farmer organizations in national and local commercial mechanisms and institutional markets.
- Strengthen the capacity of farmer organizations.

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome #3: Food-insecure communities and individuals in areas that are highly vulnerable to climate change, and government institutions have strengthened capacity for adaptation to climate change by 2021.
Focus area: Resilience

- Activities:**
- Strengthen or develop emergency preparedness, response, and early warning systems.
- Strengthen the implementation of adaptation and resilience measures.

Strategic Result 4: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome #4: National institutions and programmes in Ecuador, including social protection programmes, are supported to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition by 2021.
Focus area: Root causes

- Activities:**
- Technical assistance, research and assessments, to improve the implementation of programs linked to food security and nutrition.
- Knowledge management and sharing of best practices and studies, including through South-South cooperation.

Challenges

The State of Emergency declared by the Government continues only in Carchi, Pichincha and El Oro. Limiting the emergency status to these provinces does not fully reflect the increasing needs of Venezuelan migrants nationwide.

Government of Japan supports WFP's response operation for Venezuelan migrants

On 27 November 2019, the Embassy of Japan and WFP Ecuador subscribed an agreement to formalize Japan's support to WFP's response for Venezuelan migrants in Ecuador.

This new contribution of USD 3.2 million will facilitate the provision of food assistance to the most vulnerable women, men, boys and girls that have settled in the country.

WFP Ecuador says no to violence against women

WFP Ecuador actively participated in the campaign for the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. As the focus for this year is prevention and eradication of rape and sexual harassment, WFP developed specific materials for sensibilization purposes. Training and other interactive activities were carried out nationwide.

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