

**Programme** 

# WFP Haiti Country Brief

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# **Operational Context**

Haiti ranks 169 out of 189 countries on the 2019 Human Development Index. Haiti has one of the highest levels of chronic food insecurity in the world with more than half of its total population chronically food insecure and 22 percent of children chronically malnourished. Underlying drivers of this situation include extreme poverty and frequent natural disasters. On the 2019 Climate Risk Index, Haiti is fourth among the countries most affected by severe weather events.

WFP's priority is to support the Haitian Government in developing sustainable solutions to hunger and malnutrition to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 "Zero Hunger".

WFP has been working in Haiti since 1969.



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# In Numbers

**USD 2.3 m** cash-based transfers made

**USD 268 m** Total Requirements

120,685 people assisted





# Operational Updates

## **Emergency Response**

- In July, 116,990 people received food assistance from WFP in the Centre, North West, Artibonite and South-East departments, for a total value of USD 2.3 million.
- Calls for proposal were issued for partners in the North-West, Grand'Anse, South, North, Centre and West departments, and new Field Level Agreements (FLA) signed for the West and Artibonite departments.

## **School Feeding**

- WFP prepared for the re-opening of schools, expected on August 10, with the drafting of a new protocol for hygiene, biosafety and social distancing measures during transport, food storage, food preparation, and school meal distribution in the context of COVID-19.
- WFP started working with an evaluation firm to establish the baseline assessment for the upcoming school year, under the US McGovern-Dole programme.
- WFP signed an FLA with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to implement literacy and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) components for the upcoming school year, under the McGovern-Dole programme.

# Resilience

- Approximately USD 70,400 was distributed to 739 households (3,695 people) through Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) activities in the West department.
- Targeting and registration of 1,500 people was completed for the second phase of the resilience project in the South department.

## **Social Protection**

The Government of Haiti requested WFP's support to remobilize and host the Social Protection Thematic Table, which was suspended due to COVID-19.

Caption: To prevent COVID-19 transmission, people physically distanced while waiting patiently to collect their cash.



## Country Strategic Plan (July 2019 - December 2023)

Total	Allocated	Six Month Net
Requirements	Contributions (in	Funding Requirements
(in USD)	USD)	(in USD)
268 m	117 m	80.1 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected populations in Haiti can meet their basic food and nutrition needs in times of crisis Focus area: Crisis Response

#### **Activities:**

 Provide emergency food assistance and support risk reduction and the recovery of crisis-affected populations

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable populations in Haiti benefit from nutrition-sensitive safety nets to meet their basic needs all year

Focus area: Root Causes

#### **Activities:**

- Design, implement and strengthen nutritious-sensitive safety nets for vulnerable populations
- Provide nutritious meals and complementary sensitization and training in targeted schools relying on centralized procurement of commodities

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

Strategic Outcome 3: Smallholder farmers and their communities in targeted areas in Haiti have improved their livelihoods to increase food security and nutrition by 2023 Focus area: Resilience building

#### **Activities:**

- Develop and improve local production by strengthening smallholder farmers' access to markets
- Provide diversified and nutritious meals locally sourced from smallholder farmers, in targeted schools

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Vulnerable communities in areas with fragile ecosystems can rely on resilient food systems to mitigate, adapt, and recover from shocks and manage climate-related risks by 2023

Focus area: Resilience building

### **Activities:**

 Provide food assistance to vulnerable households for the creation and rehabilitation of assets to build resilience to shocks and introduce integrated risk management in communities exposed to climate risks

**Strategic Result 5:** Countries strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 5: Centralized and Decentralized institutions and national stakeholders increased capacities to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030

Focus area: Resilience building

## **Activities:**

 Provide policy support and technical assistance to national stakeholders in areas of social protection, disaster risk management fortification and local production

**Strategic Result 8:** Countries strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 6: The Government and humanitarian and development actors have access to services on demand all year

Focus area: Resilience building

## Activities:

 Provide on-demand services to the Government as well as the humanitarian actors  WFP began an extensive mapping of social protection actors and initiatives in the South-East department (including COVID-19 response mechanisms), where it is currently implementing a 4-year social protection institutionalization programme with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

## **UNHAS**

 During the month of July, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), which serves the wider humanitarian community, transported 236 passengers and 805 kg of cargo.

## **Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping**

- Market analyses were carried out in support of cash-based transfer programming in the Centre and Artibonite departments.
- WFP continued supporting the National Coordination for Food Security (CNSA) to prepare for the next Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) exercise, to be conducted in August.
- WFP conducted the second round of a phone survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on food security. Results of the first round of calls were shared with partners and the CNSA.

# **Monitoring**

- The SugarCRM platform was rolled out for all activities, and activity managers have started providing feedback directly into the platform; SugarCRM is a software that allows faster and easier management and tracking of beneficiaries' complaints and feedback.
- The Evaluation Committee (EC) and Evaluation Reference Group (ERG) for the baseline study of the McGovern-Dole school feeding programme were set up and drafting of the Inception Report began.

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