Operational Context

Haiti ranks 169 out of 189 countries on the 2019 Human Development Index. The country 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 2020 Climate Risk Index, Haiti is third 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.

Operational Updates

Emergency Response

- In August, 85,000 people received food assistance from WFP in the departments of Artibonite, Nord-Ouest, and Sud-Est.
- USD 1.4 million were distributed as cash envelopes (funded by ECHO and USAID) and mobile money transfers (funded by Canada).
- Tropical Storm Laura hit several departments of Haiti (Sud-Est, Ouest, Nippes), damaging crops.

School Feeding

- Schools reopened on August 17th. WFP delivered 945 tons of food commodities to 1,158 schools, reaching a total of 275,000 schoolchildren, and restarted its school feeding programme.

Resilience

- Food-Assistance-for-Assets (FFA) interventions aimed at improving the local salt value chain in the municipality of Anse Rouge (Artibonite department) were successfully finalized. 960 participants received a total of approximately US$66,000 for completion of the last phase of works, which consisted in the modernisation and protection of salt basins.
- 1,500 participants took part in the first cycle of the second phase of FFA works in the municipalities of Torbeck, Les Coteaux and Saint Jean (South department). US$100,000 were distributed to participants for the final cycle of the first phase. FFA works in the South aim to enhance livelihoods related to fishing (creation of fishponds), livestock (distribution of cattle) and agriculture (through soil conservation).

In Numbers

USD 1.6 m cash-based transfers made
USD 268 m Total Requirements
266,000 people assisted

51% female
49% male

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Social Protection

- WFP supported the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (MAST) in the Sud-Est department to mobilize local actors around the Social Protection Thematic Table.
- WFP supported the MAST in the elaboration of an action plan to implement the recently adopted National Social Protection and Promotion Policy.

UNHAS

- During the month of August, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), which serves the wider humanitarian community, transported 265 passengers and 5,218kg of cargo.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping

- WFP supported the Government’s National Coordination for Food Security (CNSA) in the production of the August 2020 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) study. The study estimates that 4 million Haitians (42% of the analyzed population) are facing acute food insecurity (IPC phases 3 and 4).
- WFP conducted a third stage of telephone surveys to assess the impact of COVID-19 on food insecurity.

Challenges

- The security situation is particularly volatile and makes the planning of emergency operations and cash distributions increasingly difficult, including their targeting and monitoring.

Donors

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