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<td>USD in cash transfers</td>
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<td>USD six months net funding</td>
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<td>People assisted</td>
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Operational Context

In the last decade, Bolivia made significant progress in improving food and nutrition security and reducing extreme poverty. Sustaining progress, particularly in the most vulnerable areas, depends on the future of the country’s oil and gas revenues, which since 2016, have dramatically decreased. Despite the advancement, poverty and malnutrition levels remain amongst the highest in the region.

The recent COVID-19 crisis takes place on the back of a severe political crisis, adding significant pressures to a fragile institutional setting and political imbalances. Both situations may have impact on the food security of Bolivians, especially for those who depend on informal labour and for indigenous communities with precarious sources of income.

WFP Bolivia is currently implementing its Country Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022. Adapting to the country’s needs, with this plan WFP moves away from food assistance and focuses on capacity strengthening, technical support, advocacy, and communications, acting as a facilitator in support of the Government. WFP’s programmes are in line with the Five-Year National Development Plan 2020 that focuses on social development of vulnerable indigenous populations.

WFP has been present in Bolivia since 1963.

Operational Updates

- In September, Bolivia has shown a decrease in daily COVID-19 infections. In average, 600 cases were daily reported, 30 per cent less than in the peak month of July.
- In the framework of a World Bank-financed programme, WFP delivered essential kitchen equipment to the Isolation Centre of Oruro. These items will ensure high-quality food rations for the inpatients in this isolation centre.
- WFP assisted in the city of El Alto 74 vulnerable families with disabled children. Due to lockdown, these families have not generated income to ensure adequate nutrient consumption during the past months. The beneficiary received electronic vouchers for food and essential goods.
- In coordination with the Government of Oruro, WFP distributed 2,000 kits with nutritious food and essential goods.
- The CBT e-voucher intervention has been operating for five months in the cities of La Paz and El Alto. During this period, the Bolivia Country Office has provided over $430,000 to approximately 4,200 beneficiaries. Furthermore, WFP has been ensuring timely assistance to most vulnerable people by continuously monitoring the redemption process between beneficiaries and local supermarket chain.
- On the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, the "Stop The Waste" campaign was launched, with the collaboration of a local food magazine: “Azafrán”. WFP and local influencers were interviewed in online webinars.
- Thanks to a contribution from the Repsol foundation, WFP will ensure the delivery of Take-Home-rations to 5,038 girls and boys from Entre Rios, during the second semester of 2020.
Monitoring

- WFP carried out a field visit to the Uru Murato indigenous community, to corroborate post-distribution monitoring (PDM) information and integrate it with qualitative feedback from assisted people. The PDM was finalized and presented to the departmental government and the implementing partner.

- WFP, in coordination with the Ministry of Health of Bolivia, designed a survey to estimate the impact of the COVID-19 in food consumption patterns and behaviours at the national level.

Challenges

- WFP continues facing challenges to secure enough funding for the implementation of the Country Strategic Plan and the COVID-19 response in Bolivia.

- From the beginning of the presidential campaign, acts of violence have been registered in six regions of the country. This situation threatens the normal functioning of WFP’s operations, should it involve the blockade of cities as in 2019.

Partnerships

- WFP agreed with the Municipality of La Paz to provide 7,000 food rations for patients in the La Paz Isolation Centre. Under the same framework, WFP agreed to provide 1,176 food rations to patients in the isolation centre of the city of Tupiza.

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