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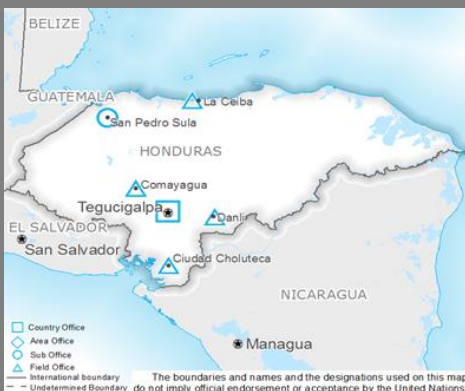


Operational Context

Honduras has a population of 9 million, with a gross domestic product per capita of USD 4,542 (2018). It has one of the most 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.

WFP has been present in Honduras since 1970.



Population: **9.012 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **133 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

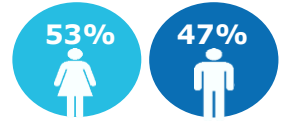
In Numbers

61.2 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 976,721 cash-based transfers made

USD 188.3 m total requirements

69,775 people assisted



Operational Update

- WFP, through the Committee of External Cooperation in Education, leads the Food Security Pillar of the Government's "Return to School" strategy and collaborates in the National "We Want you Studying at Home" strategy, aimed to maximize the available resources and stimulate local economies by supporting smallholder producers.
- WFP signed a new agreement with the European Union for EUR 3.5 million to start an intervention in the Gulf of Fonseca Region. The project will benefit 12,500 people for two years. The intervention will have a component of food assistance to support assets creation, along with a strong capacity building process, considering in the design of the proposal the effects of the COVID-19 in the region.
- WFP continues the second cycle of assistance to 13,240 vulnerable households of the Provinces of Choluteca, Cortes, Francisco Morazán, El Paraíso, Intibucá, La Paz, Santa Barbara, Valle, and Yoro. The intervention consists of commodity vouchers based on an In-kind food basket and a hygiene kit with Supermarket La Colonia. WFP Honduras continues strengthening partnerships with local governments and implementing partners in areas previously identified to strengthen operations, support the current COVID-19 emergency, and post-economic recovery.

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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)
188.3 m	82.5 m	34.4 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.

- WFP resumed capacity strengthening activities for 80 Municipal Emergency Committees (CODEMs, for its Spanish acronym), which had been paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Research and Training Center for Contingency Assistance (CENICAC, for its Spanish acronym) will train and certify the CODEMs of six municipalities, namely Villeda Morales, Ahuas, Puerto Lempira, Brus Laguna, Wampusirpi, and Juan Francisco Búlnes of the Province of Gracias a Dios.
- WFP, OCHA, and GOAL jointly organized a capacity building virtual training on *Introduction to Integrated Risk Disaster Management for the Humanitarian Action in Honduras*. The training covered integrated risk disaster management basic concepts, different operational levels in emergency response, standards and principles of protection for risk management, humanitarian coordination, and information management.

Challenges

- WFP has taken actions to prepare for a coronavirus outbreak in Honduras. The Country Office is actively involved in the National Risk Management System (SINAGER). Currently, the country faces a weak and limited public health system. The economic impacts of the COVID-19 will have long term consequences after the crisis, affecting the socio-economic recovery.
- The high level of insecurity, migration, local displacement, and the challenging socio-economic situation, require a strong partnership with national stakeholders, UN and other actors, to support development efforts and particularly progress towards SDG 2.

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