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WFP Haiti

Country Brief

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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.



Population: **11 million**

2019 Human Development Index: **169 out of 189**

Food Imports: **over 50% of national requirements**

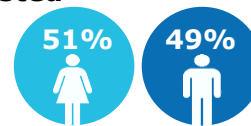
2020 Climate Risk Index: **3rd most affected by extreme weather events**

In Numbers

USD 1.4 m cash-based transfers made

USD 263 m Total Requirements

310,556 people assisted



Operational Updates

Emergency Response

- In September, 86,490 people received food assistance from WFP in the departments of Artibonite, Nord-Ouest, Grand'Anse, Ouest, and Nippes.
- USD 1.4 million was distributed in cash-based transfers (funded by Canada, the CERF, ECHO and USAID).
- WFP signed an agreement with the Government of Haiti (funds from the Inter-American Development Bank) to deliver food and cash assistance to approximately 546,000 people in the coming months.

School Feeding

- WFP distributed daily hot meals to 224,066 students (112,301 girls and 111,765 boys) in 1,155 schools. The 2019-2020 school year is planned to end on October 9th, 2020.

Resilience

- Food-Assistance-for-Assets (FFA) projects involving 1,500 households (7,500 beneficiaries) continued with the second cycle of work, focusing on the rehabilitation of rural roads and the protection of watersheds.
- Planning stages are ongoing for FFA projects in the North-West department to benefit 15,000 people, as well as a resilience pilot project in the South department, funded by USAID.

Nutrition

- Within the context of WFP's emergency assistance for urban areas of Port-au-Prince and the Artibonite department, the planning phase was completed to assist 852 pregnant and nursing mothers with HIV in the coming weeks through an e-money pilot project.

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Caption: WFP started distributing vouchers in Cité Soleil, the most food insecure neighborhood of Port-au-Prince.

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Country Strategic Plan (July 2019 - December 2023)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
263 m	118.7 m	90 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

Social Protection

- WFP conducted a social protection institutionalization assessment in the South East department.

UNHAS and Logistics

- During the month of September, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), which serves the wider humanitarian community, transported 165 passengers and 2.25 MT of cargo.
- WFP offered bilateral service provision on a full-cost recovery basis to three partners, including for storage, handling, customs clearance and transport.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping

- The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) process was finalized with the approval of the final [report](#) and the presentation of results to food security sector actors. The study estimates that 4 million Haitians (42% of the analyzed population) are facing acute food insecurity (IPC phases 3 and 4).
- To support the distribution of cash-based transfers in Croix-des-Bouquets and Jean Rabel, WFP prepared market analysis reports for each of the two communes.

Monitoring

- The initial report establishing the baseline for the school feeding programme funded by McGovern-Dole was finalized and is pending approval from the evaluation committee.

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

Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Haiti, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, USA and private donors.

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