In Numbers

USD 7.6 m six months net funding requirements

17,392 people assisted

Operational Updates

- The COVID-19 state of emergency has been extended until 30 November 2020.
- As of October, 2,390 mt of humanitarian assistance have been distributed nationwide among migrant and local population through WFP’s logistics support.
- 17,392 people affected by the COVID-19 crisis have benefited from WFP’s cash-based response implemented through cooperating agreements with Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), Ayuda en Acción and Plan International to assist Venezuelan migrants in Lima and Callao (88 percent of the total beneficiaries) and direct assistance to local population in Ancash and Sechura. Specific communications material was developed to provide key nutrition information to guide the beneficiaries’ food purchases.
- WFP helped develop national guidelines on disaster risk management for the five most relevant social programmes of the Ministry of Inclusion and Social Development (MIDIS).
- WFP provided technical support to the region of Tumbes to update its Emergency Preparedness Capacity Index (EPCI).
- Over 300 government and non-government officers participated in a webinar organized by WFP to commemorate the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction. Participants discussed how to promote good disaster risk governance and analysed the COVID-19 emergency response.
- WFP commemorated World Food Day with an agroecological fair coordinated with the municipality of Sechura, and a food contest in Ancash to promote the consumption of healthy local products.
- As distance learning continues due to COVID-19 restrictions, WFP shared nutritional tips for a healthy breakfast as part of its support for the “Learning at Home” platform of the Ministry of Education.

Operational Context

Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, Peru ranked 89 in the human development index. Despite persistent political uncertainty, its upper middle-income economy showed a steady growth largely driven by mining production and exports. This resulted in significant reductions in hunger and poverty. However, the pandemic has unveiled a structural inequality gap that threatens the food security of millions of Peruvians. With one of the highest informality rates in the region (72.5 percent), the strict lockdown measures drastically affected the livelihoods of millions of households that rely on their daily incomes for subsistence. Peru is currently among the top three countries with confirmed COVID-19 cases in the region and among the top ten worldwide.

WFP Peru has adapted its operation to provide cash-based transfers to directly support the government’s response. This is combined with its well-positioned capacity strengthening role that integrates communications, social mobilization and generation of evidence.

WFP has been present in Peru since 1968.

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Monitoring

- Between June and July 2020, WFP conducted an Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) in five districts of its Wiñantsik project in the Ancash region to assess the effects of the pandemic on the food security of households with children 0-59 months old. Results show that limited access to food was of concern for nine out of ten respondents and 29 percent had to sell their assets to satisfy their basic needs. Only 45 percent of households with children 0-36 months old continued taking iron supplements to combat anaemia.
- WFP presented the latest results from WFP’s remote food security assessment during a webinar organized by the Peruvian Food Security and Nutrition Initiative (PERUSAN, for its Spanish acronym).

Capacity Building

- WFP trained community agents on nutrition in times of COVID-19 in Sechura and Ancash. This will allow them to provide tele-follow-up to participating households.

Challenges

- As a COVID-19 second wave is expected in the upcoming months, continuous emergency response efforts will be required to support the most vulnerable households to tackle the socioeconomic effects of an economic slowdown triggered by potential lockdown measures. This includes Venezuelan migrants with no access to the National Social Protection System.

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