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# WFP Honduras Country Brief December 2020

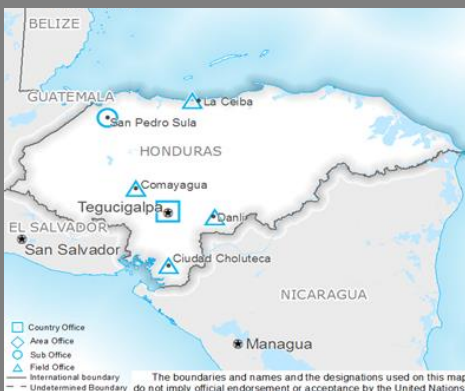


## Operational Context

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**

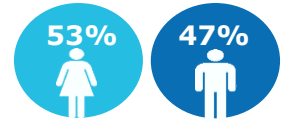
Chronic malnutrition: **23% of children aged 6-59 months**

## In Numbers

**USD 1.57 m** cash-based transfers

**USD 191 m** total requirements

**104,930** people assisted



## Operational Update

- WFP Honduras started as an UNHAS air operation to support the assistance to the most vulnerable households affected by Hurricanes Eta and Iota in December 2020. A total of 61 mt of food was transported to the Provinces of Atlantida (in the communities of Yaruca and Ramal del Tigre) and Gracias a Dios (Puerto Lempira, Ahuas and Wampusirpi). WASH kit supplies flight was included to support Medair's emergency team operation in Gracias a Dios. To date, WFP has delivered a total of 186 mt of food to the province.
- The WFP Resilience Programme assisted 6,566 households in December 2020. The assistance was delivered through a commodity voucher modality. The intervention has a component of food assistance to support asset creation, along with a strong capacity building process.
- The WFP Emergency Response programme continued the assistance to 14,420 households in response to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Eta and Iota, in addition to the COVID-19 intervention. The assistance was a combination of CBT and in-kind modality. Among them, 830 vulnerable households of the LGBTQIA+ community were assisted nationwide.
- An agreement with the Ministry of Social Development and Inclusion (SEDIS) was signed for an intervention in response to COVID-19, to expand an existing programme with the Ministry of Health (USD 1 million per year) targeting over 3000 children in their first 1000 days of nutrition.

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## Honduras Strategic Plan (2018-2021)

Total Requirement	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
191 m	94.5 m	13.9 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 Honduras developed an intervention mapping exercised for the Emergency Response and Resilience Programmes in December 2020. The mapping exercise considered various indicators and analyzed the capacity and coverage within each region. The CBT, commodity and value voucher modalities reach the municipalities affected by the 2019 drought and COVID-19; and food rations reach the municipalities affected by Hurricanes Eta and Iota.

## Challenges

- Hurricanes Eta and Iota severely impacted the Government's ability to provide critical social protection, health, and education services to an already underserved population.
- WFP has taken actions to adapt to the coronavirus pandemic in Honduras. Currently, the country faces a weak and limited public health system. The economic impacts of the COVID-19 will have long term consequences, 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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