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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**

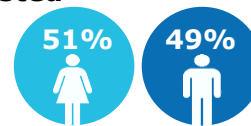
2020 Climate Risk Index: **3rd most affected by extreme weather events**

In Numbers

USD 3 million cash-based transfers

USD 271 million Total Requirements

417,000 people assisted



Operational Updates

Emergency Response

- In December, WFP provided food assistance to 160,000 people in the Artibonite, North-West, North-East, Nippes, Grand'Anse and West departments, including the urban area of Port-au-Prince. 93 mt of food and USD 3 million were distributed across these departments.
- WFP is preparing to assist 8,000 people on Tortuga island (*Ile de la Tortue*), off the northern coast of Haiti, a location estimated to be one of the most food insecure and not usually reached by food assistance programmes.

School Feeding

- WFP provided daily hot meals to 250,000 school children, half of whom were girls, for a total of 500 mt of food. Schools closed on 21 December for holidays.
- WFP's December monitoring data shows a seven percent decrease in the 2019-2020 retention rates of both girls and boys (from 91 and 90 percent, respectively, to 84 and 83) and a decrease in passing rates (from 70 and 64 percent, respectively, to 67 and 63) compared to the previous academic year, likely explained by the negative impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

Resilience

- 1,500 participants took part in the first cycle of the second phase of Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) works in the municipalities of Torbeck, Les Coteaux and Saint-Jean-du-Sud (South department). WFP distributed USD 400,000 to participants for two work cycles. WFP's FFA work in the South department aims to enhance livelihoods related to fishing (creation of fishponds), livestock (distribution of cattle) and agriculture (through soil conservation).
- In addition, 1,500 people took part in the first cycle of FFA works in Port-de-Paix and Jean Rabel (North-West department).

Country Strategic Plan (July 2019 - December 2023)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
271 m	183 m	5.7 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 signed an agreement with the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to support the digitalization of social transfers in Haiti with the two lenses of women's economic empowerment and financial inclusion.
- WFP signed an agreement with Catholic Relief Services to expand the MAST's information system (SIMAST) with support from USAID and the Inter-American Development Bank. 47,000 households will be integrated in the information system of the MAST in four communes of the Nippes department and four communes of the South Department. Data collection is expected to start in January 2021 and end in May 2021.

UNHAS

- The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), which serves the wider humanitarian community, is exceptionally deployed to Honduras to support the response to tropical storm Eta and Hurricane Iota. The helicopter and UNHAS team should return at the end of January.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping

- WFP monitored four emergency distributions in the Nippes and North-West departments. WFP also conducted a post-distribution survey for 234 households in Nippes. Based on the survey data, 60 percent of the households have an Acceptable Food Consumption Score.
- WFP conducted face-to-face and telephone baseline surveys for an e-money and nutrition project targeted for pregnant and lactating women living with HIV/AIDS in the West and Artibonite departments. According to the data collected, more than 50 percent of interviewed households are food insecure.
- WFP held two focus groups in the West department to better understand how to improve the beneficiaries' awareness and use of the WFP hotline service.
- WFP and its partners conducted market assessments and subsequent monitoring reports in support of cash transfer activities in Mombin Crochu, Croix des Bouquets and Jean-Rabel.

Challenges

- The security situation remains highly volatile and the planning of emergency operations and cash distributions have become increasingly difficult, including their targeting and monitoring evaluations.

Donors

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