In Numbers

USD 11,215 in cash-based transfers

USD 1.5 million next six months net funding requirements

643 people assisted
January 2021

Operational Updates

• In January 2021, the COVID-19 second wave started with more than 2,000 cases per day. The country did not experience these types of figures since the peak of first wave in July-August 2020.

• Since mid-January, all the Country Office staff returned to teleworking considering COVID-19 prevention measures. All field missions have been suspended by the UN Resident Coordinator Office until further notice.

• WFP delivered 563 food baskets to in-home COVID-19 patients quarantined in rural municipalities. In urban areas, WFP had 80 food baskets delivered to health recovery centres. A new agreement with La Paz’s Municipality is underway to continue providing food assistance to COVID-19 patients in the municipality’s recovery centres.

• WFP is hiring a consultancy to develop a locally produced nutritional supplement for children under-two by recreating successful formulas with available local agricultural products and setting up a new processing plant.

• WFP launched a nutrition communications campaign for the Municipality of La Paz. The campaign objective was to promote a healthy diet to strengthen the immune system in order to prevent COVID-19. Due to the creative social media outreach, an audience of 928,559 people viewed the videos by the end of January.

• In response to a request of the Vice-Ministry of Civil Defence to assist flood-affected families, WFP is setting up an emergency response operation in two municipalities in the north of the Department of La Paz.
During the second half of January, torrential rains fell in La Paz, Beni, Santa Cruz, and Cochabamba causing floods and subsequent loss of crops, livelihoods and infrastructure. The north of the Department of La Paz and the indigenous people of the Isiboro Sécure National Park and Indigenous Territory (located between Beni and Cochabamba) are the most affected. The Vice-ministry of Civil Defence requested the support of WFP to reach the affected population. WFP will conduct a 72-hour Emergency Food Security Assessment to evaluate the situation and target the most food insecure people.

**Challenges**

- Changes in the local authorities, the second wave of COVID-19 and subnational elections delay partners’ implementations and information availability.
- WFP continues facing challenges to secure enough funding to implement the country strategic plan, particularly SO2, SO4 and the COVID-19 response in Bolivia. Floods, heavy rains and landslides have arisen and will continue in the following months.

**Partnerships**

- WFP is working on expanding its partnership base.
- WFP Bolivia will partner with Wester Union under the internal Long Term Agreement to disburse cash-based transfers to the beneficiaries.

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