WFP Honduras
Country Brief
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Operational Context
Honduras has a population of over 9 million, with a gross domestic product per capita of USD 2,574.9 (2019). 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.

In Numbers

- 84 mt of food assistance distributed
- USD 1.59 million cash-based transfers
- USD 191 million in total funding requirements
- 75 625 people assisted

Operational Update

- WFP Honduras continued with a UNHAS air operation to support the most vulnerable households affected by Hurricanes Eta and Iota in January 2021. A total of 84 mt of food was transported to the Province of Gracias a Dios (municipalities of Villeda Morales, Puerto Lempira and Wampusirpi). The assistance included WASH kit supplies to support Medair’s emergency team operation in Gracias a Dios. To date, WFP has delivered a total of 270 mt of food to the province.

- The WFP Resilience Programme assisted 2,300 households in January 2021 in the Provinces of Valle (Caridad) and La Paz (Guajiquiro, Mercedes de Oriente, San Antonio del Norte, and Lauterique). The assistance was delivered through a commodity voucher modality.

- Through its Emergency Response Activity, WFP assisted in January 12,825 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.

- The WFP Vulnerable Group Programme has established a schedule of activities to implement the CBT modality from February to July. Negotiations with private partners continued for the delivery of a food basket to vulnerable populations. The group will carefully monitor the project to compare the nutritional status results with the Ministry of Health’s traditional program. The project includes a Social Communication Strategy for Behaviour Change (SBCC), comprised of nutrition and gender awareness topics.

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WFP Honduras collaborates with the United Nations Development Programme, teachers and local school authorities in rural areas to support the creation and rehabilitation of livelihood assets. The economic situation requires significant investment to support robust economic recovery while supporting strengthened institutional emergency response capacities.

Donors

Additional support has been provided by UN CERF and SRAC funds.