In Numbers

USD 2.4 m cash-based transfers made

USD 4.6 m six-months (October 2021 – March 2022) net funding requirements, representing 77% of total

84,500 people assisted in SEPTEMBER 2021

52% Women
48% Men

Operational Updates

• As part of its emergency response, WFP continued the distribution of unconditional cash-based transfers in 7 departments across the country. In September, over 84,500 beneficiaries (16,904 households) received assistance as part of the response to seasonal hunger period (June-September).

• WFP and UNAIDS provided a joint presentation to local authorities on the implementation of food assistance activities in support of people living with HIV. This programme is being implemented by WFP and funded by UNAIDS.

• As part of Joint Programme with FAO and IFAD Linking family farming to the School-Feeding Program, WFP started capacity strengthening of government personnel in Alta Verapaz.

• WFP and its partners inaugurated the first module of the Management of the School-Feeding Programme workshop. This workshop will provide capacity strengthening to 60 staff of the Ministry of Education, who will receive a diploma of completion upon finishing four modules of training.

• WFP delivered COVID-19 protective equipment (hand sanitizer and facemasks) in over 28 schools across the country.

• On 29 September, WFP convened the Steering Committee for the European Union funded Pro-Resilience project, being implemented in the Dry Corridor. The Minister of Agriculture, the Secretary of Food Security and Nutrition, as well as representatives of the European Union, UNICEF and WHO participated in the first presentation of the project operational progress.
As part of its resilience building activities, WFP and its partners in the field distributed biofortified seeds to 5,800 smallholder farmers in the Dry Corridor. These climate resilient seeds aim to support smallholders to commercialize the surplus of their harvest.

Monitoring

- As part of its emergency food assistance in Quiché, WFP trained local partners and government counterparts in the use of the mobile application (MODA) for the identification and registration of households.
- WFP started the post-distribution monitoring for its emergency response activities countrywide. Data collection is ongoing, with findings to be shared by the end of October.
- WFP is collecting the baseline data at household level for the Pro-Resilience project financed by the European Union, the field phase will end the first week of October.

Challenges

- Most of WFP programmatic areas show a high level of COVID-19 contagion (classified as orange or red by the Government of Guatemala). WFP has adapted its programme activities to comply with government implemented measures limiting activities convening large groups of people.

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