In Numbers

USD 4.8 m cash-based transfers made

USD 101.8 m six months (January–June 2022) net funding requirements, representing 35% of total

USD 80.9 m L2 Emergency Response

334,244 people assisted in DECEMBER 2021

Operational Context

The humanitarian context in Colombia is complex, with multiple risks and affectations coexisting. Colombia’s 50-year-long armed conflict left 7.8 million IDPs, and while the country has set a path of peacebuilding and stabilization, violence caused by armed groups linked to illegal economies still affects thousands of Colombians every year. Colombia has also become the largest host for Venezuelan migrants fleeing dire living conditions in their country. 6.0 million have already left, and more than 1.8 million of them are in Colombia which expects another 500,000 to arrive over the next months. The COVID-19 crisis further exacerbates the situation and impacts food security for both Colombians and migrants, especially for those who depend on informal labour, or who are in extreme poverty.

WFP is supporting the Colombian Government in its efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 17. WFP’s strategy is aligned with the Government’s humanitarian, recovery, development, and capacity strengthening priorities. WFP has been present in Colombia since 1969.

Operational Updates

- WFP provided support to 334,244 beneficiaries in December, through its response to the regional migration emergency and assistance to victims of internal violence, displacement, and natural hazards, such as in La Mojana. In Ibagué, WFP opened a new assistance point to migrants in transit between the cities of Cali and Bogotá.

- Support continued for the implementation of the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) for Venezuelan migrants in Colombia, through information sessions, the issuance of certificates for the proof of evidence, a chatbot service, as well as an exclusive phone helpline.

- By the end of December, more than 15,000 people benefitted from emergency cash transfers as part of a project in partnership with the World Bank. Three-quarters of them belong to migrants and 71 percent are headed by women. The assistance will contribute to mitigating the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

- In December, WFP and its partners advanced beneficiary targeting for socio economic integration projects through food-for-training to support employability and micro enterprises.

- Under the assistance to the host community of transcontinental migrant flows in Necoclí, WFP supported 1,000 people through cash-based transfers thanks to a contribution from ECHO.

- In December, President Duque signed a law to guarantee school feeding for all school children in the new academic year. In 2022, WFP will continue to implement the school feeding programme on behalf of the Government in the department of La Guajira.

- WFP Colombia also continued to provide logistical support for school feeding activities in Venezuela, through the shipment of 70,000 food kits by land and 5 containers of non-food items by sea.

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**Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable**

**Strategic Outcome 1: By 2024, people and communities in a situation of food vulnerability in the PDET municipalities prioritized by the Government improve their quality of life by strengthening their resilience and sustainable livelihoods and local governments strengthen their capacities, contributing to the stabilization and consolidation of the territories, with the support of WFP and in coordination with the United Nations country team, as a complement to the efforts of the Government.**

**Activity:**
- Provide food, technical and production assistance.

**Monitoring**

- Colombia’s Food Industry Chamber, Asociación Nacional de Empresarios (ANDI, for its Spanish acronym), in alliance with the Colombian Food Bank Network, Asociación de Bancos de Alimentos de Colombia (ABACO, for its Spanish acronym), updated nutritional baseline data for joint studies on eradicating childhood malnutrition. They developed 25 recommendations on how to combat hunger. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, 54.2 percent of the population suffered from food insecurity, including 560,000 children.

- A joint needs assessment by the Inter-agency Group on Mixed Migrant Flows (GIFMM, for its Spanish acronym) among pendular migrants found that about half of them are only able to access two meals per day or less, which suggests even higher food insecurity for more vulnerable migration groups, such as those in transit.

**Partnerships**

- The Government of Colombia and GIFMM launched the Colombia chapter of the 2022 Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan, which anticipates that 4.83 million Venezuelan migrants will be in need of assistance across the country in the new year, including 4.41 million in need of food assistance. In addition, nearly 7.4 million Colombians and transcontinental migrants are expected to require food assistance according to estimates for the Humanitarian Needs Overview.

**Challenges**

- Security incidents in Arauca, Chocó, Nariño and Putumayo due to armed violence and clashes between non-state armed groups have resulted in casualties and mass displacements of several hundred households. WFP is closely monitoring the developments and prepared to provide assistance.

- Due to severe funding shortfalls, WFP is considering the temporary suspension of the inclusion of new beneficiaries for certain activities from January onwards in order to complete ongoing assistance cycles to its existing beneficiaries with the available resources. This is particularly concerning in view of increasing needs as per the Regional Refugee and Migration Response Plan (R4V) and the Humanitarian Overview (OCHA) for Colombia.

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