In Numbers

**USD 2.8 m** cash-based transfers made

**USD 18 m** six months (January -June 2022) net funding requirements, representing 48% of total

**USD 18 m** L2 Emergency Response

**90,810 people assisted** in December 2021.

Operational Updates

- 82,388 migrants, refugees and people from host community benefited from WFP’s food vouchers in December. Most migrants and refugees were Venezuelans (94 percent), followed by Colombians (5 percent). 10,576 pregnant and lactating women and children under two years of age, from the most vulnerable households in 16 provinces, received an additional cash-based transfer (CBT) to improve their nutrition during the 1,000 days window in December.

- 5,228 people, 71 percent from Venezuela, were assisted at shelters and canteens.

- 4,160 Venezuelan migrants on the move were supported by a one-time food voucher.

- The Country Director, Matteo Perrone, participated in the joint “Gender Transformative Approaches Program” launched with FAO and IFAD. The program aims to strengthen smallholder farmers’ capacities and promote access to markets, particularly in women.

- On 2 December, WFP presented the second phase of the programme “Emergency food assistance to the Ecuadorian population affected by COVID-19”, to be implemented in Carchi, Esmeraldas, and Pichincha.

- WFP, through the “Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program”, provided educational and communication information on adolescent pregnancy and healthy eating.

- Under the Binational Project "Building adaptive capacity to climate change through food security and nutrition actions in vulnerable Afro and indigenous communities in the Colombia-Ecuador border area”, a new community (Santiaguillo), joined the programme and started water source protection works as part of the Ecosystem-based Adaptation Measures.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

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**Strategic Result 1:** Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome #1:** Refugees, displaced persons and vulnerable people in Ecuador are enabled to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements all year long.

**Focus area:** Crisis response

**Activities:**
- Complement the Government’s social protection strategy by providing Cash-Based Transfers to the most vulnerable populations and support in vulnerability analysis and knowledge management.

**Strategic Result 3:** Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition

**Strategic Outcome #2:** Smallholder farmers, especially women, in targeted areas, durably increase their incomes and improve their productivity by 2021.

**Focus area:** Root causes

**Activities:**
- Support and increase the participation of smallholder farmer organizations in national and local commercial mechanisms and institutional markets.
- Strengthen the capacity of farmer organizations.

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

**Strategic Outcome #3:** Food-insecure communities and individuals in areas that are highly vulnerable to climate change, and government institutions have strengthened capacity for adaptation to climate change by 2021.

**Focus area:** Resilience

**Activities:**
- Strengthen or develop emergency preparedness, response, and early warning systems.
- Strengthen the implementation of adaptation and resilience measures.

**Strategic Result 5:** Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome #4:** National institutions and programmes in Ecuador, including social protection programmes, are supported to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition by 2021.

**Focus area:** Root causes

**Activities:**
- Technical assistance, research and assessments, to improve the implementation of programs linked to food security and nutrition.
- Knowledge management and sharing of best practices and studies, including through South-South cooperation.

**Strategic Result 8:** Enhance Global Partnership

**Strategic Outcome #5:** Humanitarian and development partners in Ecuador have access to reliable services throughout the crisis.

**Focus area:** Crisis Response

**Activities:**
- Provide technical assistance and services through the logistics sector to the National Disaster Management Offices and relevant partners to improve emergency logistics coordination and supply chain management.

*Budget Revision 06 was approved in September 2021. The revision extends the operation until December 2022.*

Monitoring

- WFP continues to provide capacity training for the cooperating partners at shelters and canteens on Food Safety and Quality. It is also following up on capacity training to ensure that trainees have been keeping up with the guidance on managing healthy and nutritious foods for WFP’s beneficiaries.
- WFP steadily monitors the market and wholesale food prices. The monthly increase in fuel prices has impacted the price of the basket of products and its food components, increasing the cost of the basic food basket. At the local level, the price of food components is variant.

Challenges

- As of 31 December, a total of 549,418 COVID-19 cases have been reported at national level. Since 30 November, 22,085 new cases were reported. Under the National Vaccination Program, nearly 12.7 million have been fully vaccinated. Approximately 12,000 refugees and migrants have also received both doses of the vaccine. Since November, the Government began to vaccinate people over 65 years of age with the booster doses. Currently, around 1.1 million people have received a booster vaccine. Of those, only 185 migrants and refugees have received the third dose.
- According to the National Institute of Statistics and Census, the national unemployment rate remained at 4.4 percent in November. Male unemployment rates decreased to 3.4 percent, while female unemployment decreased to 5.8 percent (compared to 3.6 percent and 5.9 percent, respectively in October).

Highlights

- On 17 December, the National Government ordered the opening of the northern border, which had been closed since March 2020. As a result, it is expected that the flow of Venezuelan migrants will increase in the coming months.

Donors

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