In Numbers

1,409 mt of food assistance distributed
USD 4.6 m cash-based transfers made
USD 111.7 m six months (February – July 2022) net funding requirements, representing 21% of total
USD 94.1 m Emergency Response

362,764 people assisted in JANUARY 2022

Operational Updates

- In January, WFP provided different types of food assistance, early recovery and livelihoods support to 362,764 beneficiaries. This included migrants from Venezuela, Colombian returnees, host communities, migrant and Colombian schoolchildren, victims of internal violence and natural hazards, ex-combatants, and people affected by COVID-19.

- To promote the socio-economic integration of migrants, WFP continued supporting the implementation of the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) for Venezuelan migrants in Colombia. By the end of January, WFP had realized 384 information activities, and issued certificates to eligible migrants serving as proof of evidence of their presence in Colombia before 31 January 2021. WFP successfully completed a project to train migrants in digital skill and involve them in digital activities with DignifAI in Cúcuta, and prepared employability and micro-business support to migrants in Valle del Cauca and Nariño.

- The first month of 2022 has been marked by large-scale displacements due to armed violence among non-state armed groups along the Colombian-Venezuelan border in the departments of Arauca and Vichada, and also in Buenaventura (Valle del Cauca). Other displacements have been reported for Chocó, Nariño and Putumayo. WFP is closely monitoring the food security of affected populations, conducting assessment missions where possible, and preparing the distribution of food rations along the border region as an initial response.

- By the end of January, over 7,800 households of migrants and host communities had received their one-time emergency cash transfers as part of WFP’s project with the World Bank. In total, the project aims to reach over 18,400 vulnerable households in eight municipalities across four departments.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2021-2024)

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

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Venezuelan migrants, Colombian returnees and members of host communities receive humanitarian assistance, equitable access to quality differential services and expeditious and massive access to the labour market and entrepreneurship options, with a focus on food security and nutrition, with the support of WFP and in coordination with the United Nations country team, as a complement to the efforts of the Colombian Government.

**Activities:**
- Provide humanitarian assistance and access to services.
- Strengthen institutional capacities and provide support.

**Strategic Outcome 3:** The public policies, institutional capacity, systems and services for the promotion of food security, nutrition and social inclusion are technically strengthened and vulnerable populations have access to adequate and nutritious food throughout the year for the acceleration of catalytic SDGs, in particular SDG 2, with the support of WFP and in coordination with the United Nations country team, as a complement to the efforts of the Colombian Government.

**Activities:**
- Support the Government and territorial entities in strengthening their capacity and strategies.
- Provide technical assistance and support for school feeding.
- Provide food and nutrition assistance, including through the strengthening of the social protection system.

**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.

**Activities:**
- Provide food assistance through conditional transfers and asset building, to ensure the transition from humanitarian assistance towards self-sustainability and development phase activities.
- Provide technical assistance for the strengthening of livelihoods, ensuring food self-sufficiency and the generation of surpluses for markets.
- Strengthen the social cohesion, prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) and leadership capacities of the livelihoods and resilience beneficiaries.
- Support the most vulnerable people to manage and reduce climate-related risks to food security and to adapt to climate change.

**Monitoring**

- The National Administrative Department of Statistics monthly publication “*Pulso Social*” indicates an increase in the number of respondents across Colombia’s principal cities who are only having one meal per day from 1.8 percent in December 2020 to 2.8 percent in December 2021.
- The first multi-sectoral needs assessment in Colombia, conducted jointly by OCHA and REACH with WFP support, identified food security to be among the primary needs of surveyed Afro-Colombian and internally displaced people as well as host communities.
- The latest FAO-WFP report *Hunger Hotspots* lists Colombia among the countries at high risk of food insecurity in the period February to May 2022.

**Partnerships**

- WFP Colombia has undertaken a comprehensive exercise to update its roster of cooperating partners for the implementation and monitoring of its activities in the country. A total of 142 organizations have been assessed as meeting the requirements for being contracted by WFP.
- In partnership with the Colombian Family Welfare Institute, WFP will implement activities in 2022 as part of an integrated approach to prevent malnutrition in children between 0 and 5 years of age in the departments of Atlántico, Cesar, Chocó, La Guajira and Magdalena.

**Challenges**

- Due to highly restricted funding forecasts for 2022, WFP had to temporarily suspend the inclusion of new beneficiaries for certain activities in order to complete ongoing assistance cycles to existing beneficiaries with available resources. Further reductions are being considered if no additional contributions can be confirmed and might affect key programmes such as school feeding for Venezuelan children, emergency cash-based transfers, and socio-economic integration activities aimed at Venezuelan migrants. This is particularly concerning in view of increasing needs as per the Regional Refugee and Migration Response Plan and the humanitarian overview for Colombia.
- WFP urgently requires USD 111.7 million to continue its life-saving and life-changing activities in Colombia over the next six months.

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