In Numbers

- **576.1 mt** of food assistance distributed
- **USD 4.8 m** cash-based transfers made
- **USD 100.9 m** six months (July-December 2022) net funding requirements, representing 78% of total
- **USD 86.1 m** Corporate Attention Emergency Response
- **299,615 people** assisted* in June 2022

*Preliminary figures

Operational Updates

- In June, WFP assisted 299,615 migrants and vulnerable Colombians.
  - 81,000 schoolchildren received meals, including 22,553 migrant children in La Guajira and Atlántico and 58,569 Colombian school children in La Guajira.
  - WFP reached 4,916 vulnerable people affected by displacements and armed violence with food rations and in-kind food baskets.
  - WFP assisted 8,401 Colombians affected by COVID-19 with in-kind transfers and vouchers.
- To mitigate risks during the presidential elections, WFP suspended operations for three days. In particular, this measure delayed cash-based interventions.
- Based on an internal cost analysis, the price of hot meals will increase by 60 percent starting in August.
- To continue assisting vulnerable people, WFP is coordinating closely with the incoming Government to identify shared priorities.
- New funding confirmed in June, will enable WFP to reach 11,000 more migrant children with school meals until the end of 2022, increasing the number of beneficiaries from 28,000 to 40,000.
- WFP has assisted the Government in ensuring access to the social protection system; 200,000 Colombians and migrants have registered this year.

Operational Context

The humanitarian context in Colombia is complex, with multiple risks and affectations coexisting. Colombia's 50-year-long armed conflict resulted in 7.8 million internally displaced people (IDPs). While Colombia is on 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. Six million have already left, and more than two million are in Colombia. The COVID-19 crisis has further exacerbated 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.

Beneficiaries during the first half of 2022

- **Population:** 49.1 million
- **Income Level:** Upper middle
- **Human Development Index:** 83 out of 189 (2020)
- **Chronic malnutrition:** 10.8%

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Monitoring
- According to WFP’s March 2022 data, 60 percent of migrants in Colombia remain food insecure.
- WFP is expanding its 2022 emergency food security assessment to also include Colombian populations nationwide, including remote areas. This assessment seeks to close knowledge gaps and provide a comprehensive food security and nutrition situation to inform key stakeholders.

Partnerships
- WFP is identifying areas to support the incoming Government’s, “National Agreement Against Hunger,” that seeks to address food insecurity and malnutrition by increasing cash transfers, upscaling school feeding and nutrition programmes, and rolling out lower food pricing.
- The incoming Government’s Team for Migration announced including the migration crisis in its strategic plans. WFP is meeting key team members to offer its support, technical expertise, and ensure strategic cooperation.
- The World Bank and WFP intend to continue their partnership to continue supporting vulnerable people’s socioeconomic integration. Discussions will start once the new government takes office.

Challenges
- To continue activities and assist the planned number of vulnerable people over the next six months, WFP requires nearly USD 101 million.
- Lack of funding limits WFP’s ability to provide migrants with socioeconomic integration assistance which is a key component of WFP’s long-term strategic programmes.

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