In Numbers

3,710 mt of food assistance distributed*

USD 98.1 m six months (September 2022 – February 2023) net funding requirements, representing 86% of total needs

210,000 people assisted* in August 2022

*Preliminary figures

Operational Updates

- In August, WFP reached 210,000 beneficiaries across 1,700 pre-primary and special education schools in states where the school meals programme is implemented.
- WFP distributed double rations to support the food needs of beneficiaries during the school vacation period. Some 400,000 food kits were delivered in August, allowing WFP to provide enough food to cover beneficiaries’ needs for two months.
- WFP delivered special fortified food (Super Cereal Plus) across seven targeted states (Falcon, Yaracuy, Trujillo, Barinas, Monagas, Anzoátegui and Sucre), to provide supplementary food for children under 3. WFP trained its partners, school kitchen personnel, and caregivers on the preparation of Super Cereal Plus, which resulted in a high level of acceptance among beneficiaries.
- In August, WFP trained four cooperating partners to rehabilitate school kitchens in preparation for the transition to onsite school meals in the state of Falcon. The partners began technical assessments in 276 schools where WFP prioritized the provision of equipment and repair of ceilings, storage spaces, and kitchen water systems.
- As part of the joint project with the Food and Agriculture Organization and UNICEF, WFP and UNICEF agreed on the rehabilitation of water, sanitation and hygiene systems in 15 schools in the state of Falcon for implementation of the onsite school meals.
- WFP launched a call for proposals to strengthen its presence in the field and expand its network of cooperating partners. The call targeted local organizations with expertise in infrastructure rehabilitation, data collection and assisting people with disabilities.
Monitoring

- In August, 131 beneficiaries were interviewed through WFP’s post-distribution monitoring exercise in the state of Yaracuy. Some beneficiaries expressed concerns about the transition to on-site school meals and its potential effect on other household members.

- More than 1,200 users contacted WFP through its helpline. Out of these, 37 percent gave positive feedback about WFP’s school meals programme and cooperating partners’ performance, 30 percent offered recommendations, 18 percent requested information, 11 percent conveyed negative feedback, and 3 percent requested assistance. Overall feedback highlighted concern over the upcoming transition to on-site school meals.

- WFP will strengthen its communication about the scope and impact of the school meals that will provide 60 percent of the daily energy requirements to ensure a diverse and nutritious diet for the students.

Challenges

- Global supply chain disruptions continue affecting WFP’s procurement processes. As a result, in August, WFP distributed food rations without vegetable oil in all states where the school meal programme is implemented.

- As safe water is a major challenge for the preparation of Super Cereal Plus in vulnerable communities, WFP is supporting schools and families by providing water purification tablets and key messages about safe water.

- WFP and its partners continue strengthening the coordination with community stakeholders to ensure that the distribution points are safe for beneficiaries, WFP’s cooperating partners, and staff.

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