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# WFP Honduras Country Brief April 2023



## Operational Context

Honduras has a population of almost 10 million people, with a gross domestic product per capita of USD 2,771.7 (2021). It's a lower-middle-income country that has had sustained economic growth for the last two decades; however, high poverty rates, extensive income inequality and risks such as crime and climate variability threaten peace and humanitarian aid efforts and hinder mid-to-long-term initiatives, affecting development gains and causing human capital drain through migration.

WFP's primary objectives in Honduras are to tackle the root causes of food insecurity, malnutrition, and poverty, contributing to more prosperous and healthier communities in which people can thrive and live safely. The WFP Country Strategic Plan is strongly focused on strengthening the capacity of national and local partners, promoting behavior change leading to improved diets, advancing gender equality and healthy masculinity and reducing gender-based violence.

WFP has been present in Honduras since 1970.



Population: **10.2 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **132 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

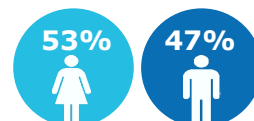
Chronic malnutrition: **23% of children between 6-59 months**

## In Numbers

**5,4 mt** of food assistance distributed\*

**USD 53.9 m** six months (May 2023 – October 2023) net funding requirements, representing 90 percent of total

\*Preliminary figures



## Operational Updates

- From February to April, WFP, with the Ministry of Development, delivered 7,800 mt of food and basic grains to 21,000 public schools nationwide to improve children's educational attainment and reduce the dropout rate, benefiting 1.2 million schoolchildren.
- WFP and FAO jointly organized a National School Feeding Programme (PNAE) workshop. Participants included 42 national departmental school feeding liaisons and technical staff from the central Ministry of Education and Solidarity Action Programme. The workshop covered various topics, including food and nutrition education, food and nutrition security, school gardens, and administrative processes and accountability within the framework of the PNAE.
- WFP assisted 263 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls and 424 children between 6 - 59 months with a total of 5,4 mt of Super Cereal and Super Cereal Plus.

## Monitoring

- From February to March 2023, WFP carried out a food security assessment in collaboration with UNICEF, Action Against Hunger, and the National Institute of Statistics, spanning four regions. The results revealed a low prevalence of acute malnutrition: 1.6 percent in Zona Sur, 0.7 percent in Zona de Occidente, 1.6 percent in Valle de Sula, and no detected cases in Gracias a Dios. However, despite the low rates, acute malnutrition remains a significant concern due to its serious implications for child survival.

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## Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
634.6 m	5 m	53.9 m

## Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Crisis affected populations meet their basic food security and nutrition needs before, during and in the aftermath of emergencies and build resilience to future climatic shocks and other crisis, reducing their vulnerability  
**Focus area:** crisis response

## Activities:

- Vulnerable and risk-prone populations and populations affected by shocks, disasters and other crises receive food and social assistance
- Local actors have strengthened emergency planning, preparedness, and response capacity.

## Strategic Result 3: Sustainable food system

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Vulnerable populations in prioritized rural and urban areas, build, and strengthen their livelihoods and generate higher, more reliable, and steadier incomes, improving food security, nutrition, and climate-resilient food systems all year round.  
**Focus area:** resilience building

## Activities:

- Provide food and technical assistance to vulnerable rural populations to build and strengthen their livelihoods
- Provide food and technical assistance to vulnerable urban populations to promote employment generation schemes and increase their incomes.

## Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

## Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Vulnerable populations in rural and urban areas have stable and adequate access to comprehensive social protection services and programmes that increase their level of food and nutrition security by 2027

**Focus area:** root causes

## Activities:

- Provide nutritious school meals to preschool and school-age girls and boys ensuring their access to social protection
- Provide nutrition and food assistance to the most vulnerable populations and promote behaviour change and capacity strengthening

## Strategic Result 4: Partnerships for the goals

**Strategic Outcome 4:** The Government of Honduras further builds and strengthens its national social protection systems

**Focus area:** root causes

## Activities:

- Strengthen the capacity of social protection systems, policies, and programmes

## Strategic Result 5: Global partnership

**Strategic Outcome 5:** Key partners in Honduras benefit from efficient services all year round.

**Focus area:** resilience building

## Activities:

- Provide on-demand cash transfer services
- Provide on-demand supply chain services

## Challenges

- The National Center for Atmospheric, Oceanographic and Seismic Studies forecasts a 70 percent likelihood of drought, associated with the "El Niño" phenomenon, adversely impacting basic grain production sectors in Honduras. Provinces anticipated to be most affected are El Paraíso, Francisco Morazán, Choluteca, Valle, Comayagua, and La Paz, particularly within the Dry Corridor. Urgent support is required to provide essential assistance to the most vulnerable populations. Over the forthcoming six months (May to October 2023), WFP faces a funding shortfall of USD 7.1 million required to address the crisis and facilitate early recovery through its emergency response and preparedness initiatives.

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