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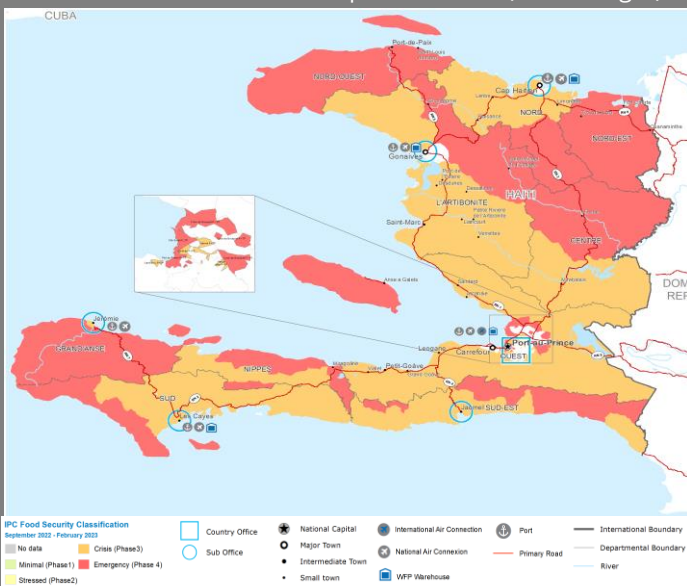


UNHAS helicopter delivers boat motor for emergency transport on Ile de la Tortue. ©WFP/ Tanya Birkbeck

Operational Context

Haiti ranks 163 out of 191 countries on the 2021 Human Development Index. The country has one of the world's highest levels of chronic food insecurity, with over half its total population chronically food insecure and 22 percent chronically malnourished children. Underlying drivers of this situation include extreme poverty and frequent natural disasters. The latest **Integrated Food Security Phase Classification** (IPC) of September 2023 shows that 44 percent of the population, or 4.35 million people, are food insecure (IPC3+). In addition, 1.4 million people are in IPC 4 (Emergency). Compared to the March 2023 analysis there has been a decrease of 550,000 people in IPC3+, thanks to sustained humanitarian support, better access to fuel and a slight improvement in access to the South of the country. This remains a fragile victory as any disruption to humanitarian assistance could deepen hunger.

WFP's priority is to support the Haitian Government in developing sustainable solutions to hunger and malnutrition to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger).



Food Imports: **over 80 percent of rice is imported**

Population: **11 million**

2021 Human Development Index: **163 out of 191 countries**

Global acute malnutrition prevalence: **7,2% nationally**

In Numbers

504 mt of food assistance distributed*

USD 2.94 m cash-based transfers made*

USD 119.3 six-month (January 2024 – June 2024) net funding requirements, representing 71 percent of the total

592,019 **people assisted*** in DECEMBER 2023



*Preliminary numbers

Operational Updates

- In December, WFP supported 592,019 people with over USD 2.94 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) and 504.1 mt in food.
- As part of its emergency response, WFP transferred USD 997,081 to 45,302 people and distributed 17.5 mt of food commodities to 5,310 people. In December, WFP also distributed 24,822 hot meals in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area.
- Through the school feeding programme, WFP reached 407,539 school children with 486.6 mt of food. This includes 223,360 schoolchildren assisted through the home-grown school meals programme with 349.7 mt of locally sourced products.
- As part of WFP's resilience activities, 11,311 households conducted rehabilitation activities and construction of community assets. A total of USD 1.4 million was distributed to the participants and their family members (56,555 people in total)
- As part of its nutrition activities embedded in emergency, resilience, and social protection activities, 561 children were screened for malnutrition, of which 11 were moderately acutely malnourished and 3 severely acutely malnourished and therefore referred to health centers for further care.
- Furthermore, WFP supported the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour in implementing the Adaptive Social Protection for increased Resilience project (social protection), supporting 72,330 people with USD 553,409.
- As part of WFP's climate action in Haiti, heat retention bags were distributed in December to 497 households that participated in Resilience activities in the South of Haiti. A total of 1,150 heat retention bags were distributed over the year including in 350 schools. The heat retention bags reduce energy costs by up to 70 percent for school-prepared recipes, improve cooks' health by reducing indoor pollution by 60 percent, and are made from recycled plastic.

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Country Strategic Plan (2019 - 2023)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
830 m	466.8 m	119.3 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected populations in Haiti can meet their basic food and nutrition needs in times of crisis*Focus area: Crisis Response***Activity 1:** Provide emergency food assistance and support risk reduction and the recovery of crisis-affected populations**Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable populations in Haiti benefit from nutrition-sensitive safety nets to meet their basic needs all year***Focus area: Root Causes***Activity 2:** Design, implement and strengthen nutritious-sensitive safety nets for vulnerable populations**Activity 3:** Provide nutritious meals and complementary sensitization and training in targeted schools relying on centralized procurement of commodities

Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes

Strategic Outcome 3: Smallholder farmers and their communities in targeted areas in Haiti have improved their livelihoods to increase food security and nutrition by 2023*Focus area: Resilience building***Activity 4:** Develop and improve local production by strengthening smallholder farmers' access to markets**Activity 5:** Provide diversified and nutritious meals locally sourced from smallholder farmers, in targeted schools

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Vulnerable communities in areas with fragile ecosystems can rely on resilient food systems to mitigate, adapt, and recover from shocks and manage climate-related risks by 2023*Focus area: Resilience building***Activity 6:** Provide food assistance to vulnerable households for the creation and rehabilitation of assets to build resilience to shocks and introduce integrated risk management in communities exposed to climate risks

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 5: Centralized and Decentralized institutions and national stakeholders increased capacities to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030*Focus area: Resilience building***Activity 7:** Provide policy support and technical assistance to national stakeholders in areas of social protection, disaster risk management fortification and local production

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 6: The Government and humanitarian and development actors have access to services on demand all year*Focus area: Resilience building***Activity 8:** Provide on demand supply chain, targeting, beneficiary management and CBT delivery services to the Government, as well as humanitarian and development actors**Strategic Outcome 7: The Government as well as humanitarian actors have access to common services to ensure an effective response during times of crisis***Focus area: Crisis Response***Activity 9:** Provide logistics coordination of common services and platforms to humanitarian partners**Activity 10:** Provide humanitarian air services to partners

Monitoring

- In December, WFP finalized the monitoring of the first-ever Anticipatory Action activation (November 2023), which supported i) early warning to 512,894 people in Haiti via SMS, and ii) anticipatory cash transfers; ahead of heavy rainfall of 17-19 November. The post-distribution monitoring focused on the anticipatory cash transfers, worth USD 353,667 to 3,715 households in 4 communes of Grand'Anse ahead of the rainfall. The report highlights that among the recipients of the anticipatory cash transfer 99 percent were able to withdraw cash from their digital accounts. Also, 84 percent understood that the objective of this anticipated cash transfer was to better prepare them for the arrival of the storm. Additionally, 97 percent of the households surveyed who received the transfer ahead of the rain reported using the money received to prepare for the floods, of which 88 percent of the people who received e-money and 97 percent of the people who received cash used their money to purchase food supplies.
- According to the latest [WFP VAM Bulletin](#), while most essential food items remain available across Haiti, the previous closure of the Dominican Republic border and security issues disrupted the availability of certain commodities such as beans and rice, especially in the North-East and other border regions, while 62 percent of the surveyed traders reported low availability of food products in all departments.
- The analysis further highlights that up to 35 percent of Haitians might not be able to afford the minimum expenditure basket by next month if the inflation rate continues its upward trend.

Challenges

- WFP faced access issues in December, impacting the school feeding programme in particular, as escalating violence in Mariani hindered WFP's ability to reach the south peninsula of Haiti.
- Sudden maritime voyage cancellations were prompted by changing conditions at the main port in Port-au-Prince, but WFP was able to organize a voyage to its new logistics base in Miragoane at the end of December, to deliver on-demand services for partners and preposition commodities for school meals.

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