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WFP Honduras

Country Brief

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©WFP Photo | WFP staff and health volunteers at the food preparation workshop, following the distribution of food for the nutritional care program for vulnerable groups in Juan Francisco Bulnes, Gracias a Dios.

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**

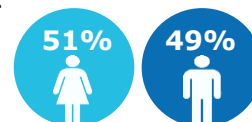
Chronic malnutrition: **23% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

7,700 mt of food assistance distributed*

USD 79.6 m six months (March - August 2024) net funding requirements, representing 81 percent of total

1.2 million people assisted* in February 2024



*Preliminary figures

Operational Updates

- In support of the Government of Honduras, WFP distributed more than 7,700 mt to launch the National School Feeding Programme. With the delivery of this food, children in vulnerable households received a fresh ration of food with a high nutritional content every day in their schools to improve their educational level and reduce school dropout rates. This program benefited around 1.2 million schoolchildren.
- WFP signed an agreement with local private partner Fundación Terra to deliver over 548 thousand rations this year, benefiting over 4,500 school children across 90 educational centres. Marking the 19th consecutive year, *Fundación Terra* continues supporting the national school feeding program through a strategic alliance with WFP.
- Thanks to the Food Aid Programme 2023 (*Aide Alimentaire Programmée*) support, WFP provided nutritional assistance to vulnerable groups for the first time in the municipality of Juan Francisco Bulnes, in the department of Gracias a Dios. WFP distributed around 2 mt reaching more than 300 children under 2 and pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- Following the successful implementation of the STOCK of Humanitarian Organizations Logistics Mapping platform, WFP met with OCHA representatives and the Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy (ESUPS) to develop a strategic plan to ensure the platform's effective utilization in the country. This collaborative effort aimed to improve coordination and streamline humanitarian operations, enhancing the efficiency of emergency response initiatives.

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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	88.1 m	79.6 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.

Monitoring

- In February, WFP conducted assessments in La Paz, Intibucá, Lempira, Copán, and Santa Bárbara following the delivery of cash-based transfers (CBT) in response to the drought. Around 900 households were surveyed, and the results are encouraging. Compared to the baseline, households showed an improvement in food consumption after receiving CBT, with an acceptable food consumption score increasing by 5.1 percentage points.

Challenges

- According to the WFP's Hunger Map, 2.4 million people were in crisis or employed above-crisis-level food-based coping strategies as of February 2024. This statistic underscores the urgent need for targeted interventions to address food insecurity and support those most vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition. WFP faces a funding gap of USD 79.6 million over the next 6 months (March to August 2024).

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