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WFP Honduras

Country Brief

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©WFP Photo | The Kielsa Foundation Director, WFP employees and health volunteers visit the San José, La Paz health center.

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.



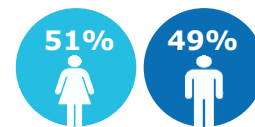
Population: 10.2 million	2015 Human Development Index: 132 out of 189
Income Level: Lower middle	Chronic malnutrition: 23% of children between 6-59 months

In Numbers

38 MT of food assistance distributed

USD 83.4 m six months (March - August 2024) net funding requirements, representing 84 percent of total

6,598 people assisted.



Operational Updates

- On March 20th, WFP, with the director of the *Fundación Kielsa's* director, a local private donor, visited a health facility in San José, La Paz to understand the process of nutritional surveillance, food distribution (Super Cereal, Super Cereal Plus, rice, beans, and oil) and food preparation under the programme for nutritional assistance to vulnerable groups. Thanks to funding from *Fundación Kielsa*, WFP assisted 650 individuals including children aged 24-59 months and pregnant or breastfeeding women, to maintain and enhance their health and nutrition.
- By mid-March, WFP delivered the first round of school feeding assistance of 38 MT, benefitting 6,598 children. This delivery was supported by private partners and, thanks to the support of *Fundación Ficohsa*, provided 6,598 children with 38 MT of food.
- WFP hosted a workshop in the northern region of Choluteca with the aim of providing training to representatives from educational networks and municipal directors of education on the National School Feeding Programme. The workshop encompassed various topics such as the School Feeding Law, the process of distributing fresh food, accountability procedures, invoicing, and remittance notes. A total of thirty teachers and school principals participated in the session, seeking to augment their technical expertise in these areas.
- WFP collaborated with the Honduran Agricultural Marketing Institute to assess social protection programs and emergency response initiatives. Analysis identified gaps and areas for improvement. Next steps involve targeted interventions to enhance effectiveness and reach, ensuring support for vulnerable communities in Honduras.
- In March, WFP, the Food and Agriculture Organization, and the Honduran Red Cross conducted the first capacity-strengthening workshop for Honduras' technical advisory group on anticipatory actions to improve the readiness and knowledge of stakeholders in anticipating and managing crises. As the next steps, WFP will continue strengthening the government's capacities.

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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 m	65.7 m	83.4 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

- WFP, in partnership with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), conducted a strategic field visit to Choluteca and La Paz departments. Following this, both organizations have committed to a collaborative emergency response programme scheduled for 2024.

Challenges

- WFP faces a funding gap of USD 83.4 million over the next six months (April to September 2024).
- In March 2024, some 1.8 million Honduran people faced a food security crisis or employed above-crisis-level food-based coping strategies, as per WFP's Hunger Map. This statistic underscored the urgent need for targeted interventions to address food insecurity and support those most vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition.

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