



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES

2023 ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORT OVERVIEW WFP COLOMBIA

In 2023, WFP assessment ([EFSA, July 2023](#)) estimated that **15.5 million people were either moderately or severely food insecure in Colombia** (30% of the population). The latest WFP assessment ([EFSA, May 2024](#)) reported an improvement, with **13 million Colombians in a situation of moderate or severe food insecurity** (25% of the population)*.

The humanitarian situation worsened in 2023 compared to the previous year, with **7.7 million people in need of humanitarian assistance**, of which 7.1 million required food and nutrition support, according to the [Colombia Humanitarian Needs Overview, 2023](#).

The combination of **violence, armed conflict, mixed migration, economic downturn, climatic and weather-related events, and ecosystem degradation**

impacted the lives and livelihoods of millions, especially women and girls, Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities, and people with disabilities.

WFP remained the **largest humanitarian actor in the country**, deploying **emergency humanitarian assistance** to remote and armed conflict-affected locations while implementing nexus interventions through **early recovery, resilience and peacebuilding projects**.

Across its operations, WFP supported the **Government** in achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDG) **2** (Zero Hunger) and **17** (Partnerships for the Goals).



THE PEOPLE WE SERVED



944,300
Total Beneficiaries



47% female



351,900
Host Population
(including residents, returnees, and IDPs)



592,400
Migrants and refugees



436,000
Children and adolescents



45,220
People with disabilities

180 municipalities
21 departments

WFP presence

□ Central office

△ Field office

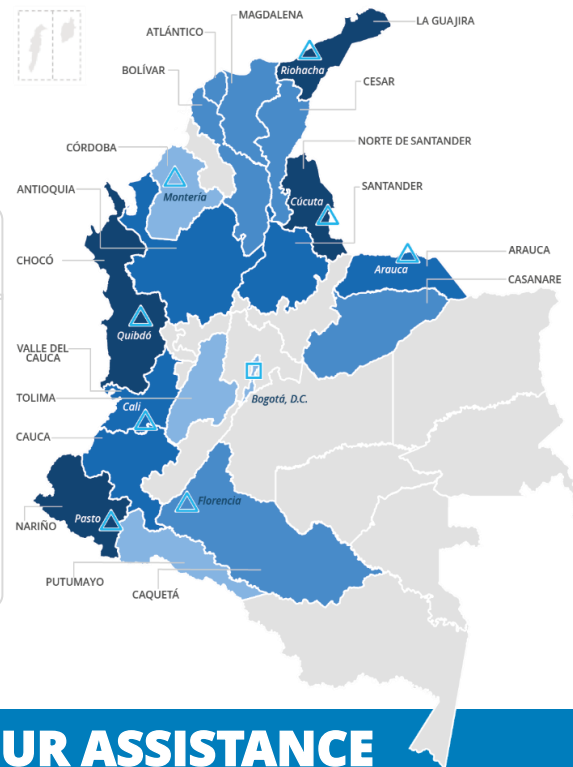
Number of Beneficiaries

More than 60,000

20,001 – 60,000

10,001 – 20,000

Less than 10,000



OUR ASSISTANCE



6,897 mt
(or USD 12.1 million) of locally procured food distributed



USD 45 million
transferred through CBT and commodity vouchers

*Latest EFSA (May 2024) assessed food security situation for Colombian households, while previous EFSA (July 2023) also included migrant and refugee population in Colombia.

OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Type of intervention

- Early recovery
- Adaptation to climate change
- Strengthening of livelihoods
- Assistance to disaster affected populations
- Assistance to migrant population
- Assistance to victims of conflict
- School feeding for migrant children
- School feeding for colombian children
- Socioeconomic integration
- Social protection
- Mobile Units
- Provision of logistic services

2 ZERO HUNGER SO1 – People have improved & sustainable livelihoods

- 2,200** community assets established for **24,750** people, of which **88%** diversified agricultural production
- 47%** of people participating in smallholder projects were Indigenous and **8%** were Afro-Colombian.
- Over **2,400** Indigenous Awa and Afro-Colombian households improved their ability to manage and maintain livelihood assets.
- USD 500,000** in revenues earned by women selling their products as part of the rural women flagship programme.

2 ZERO HUNGER SO2 – People are better able to meet their urgent food and nutrition needs

- More than **194,000** victims of internal violence and extreme weather events supported in **12** departments.
- Over **3,000** people assisted in their transition from humanitarian assistance to sustainable livelihoods as part of Socioeconomic Integration projects.
- Over **819,000** people assisted (including Colombians as well as returnees and migrants), and **28,000** migrant children received school meals alongside their Colombian classmates.

2 ZERO HUNGER SO3 – People have better nutrition, health & education outcomes

- 82,000** Colombian children received school meals in La Guajira, and **889** children aged 24-59 months received micronutrient powders.
- Over 2,500** migrants and Colombian households surveyed to be included into the social protection registry.
- Over **228,000** violence-affected people and migrants supported by ICBF Mobile Units, of which 55 percent were children.
- 10** innovative projects supported through the Innovation Hub Hunger Zero (Hzero).

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS SO4 – Humanitarian & development actors are more efficient & effective

- Eight** transport suppliers assessed to provide storage and transportation services
- 14** humanitarian actors interviewed to identify potential logistics requirements.

CROSS-CUTTING RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS

Gender equality and women's empowerment

- Completed the Gender Equality Certification Programme.



- Developed a model for rural women's empowerment and economic independence which identifies strategies to overcome gender-related barriers.



Protection and accountability to affected populations

- 29 priority cases prioritized to prevent and respond to protection risks related to food insecurity.



- Developed a strategy for communication with community (CwC).
- Developed an action plan for community engagement.

Environmental sustainability

- Included solutions such as community seed banks and protection of water sources.



- Implemented environmental conservation practices including reforestation, and conservation of native seeds.

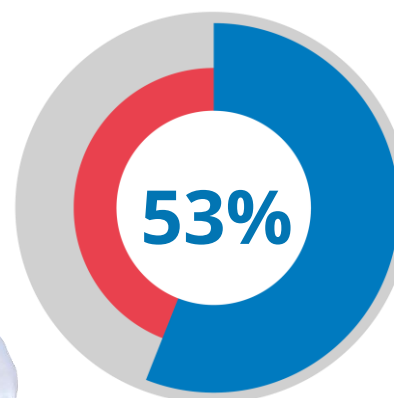
Nutrition integration

- WFP finalized the Fill the Nutrient Gap (FNG) analysis and shared it externally.



- Performed food security and nutrition advocacy processes in coordination with local actors.
- Participated in coordination spaces to bring field-based, academic and institutional experiences to implement the food-based dietary guidelines.

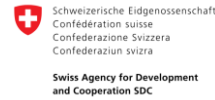
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



of the needs were covered

- ▶ Funding Requirements: USD 259 M
- ▶ Available Resources: USD 146 M
- ▶ Funding Gap: USD 113 M

OUR DONORS



COOPERATING PARTNERS

81

- ▶ 52 national NGOs
- ▶ 14 community-based organizations
- ▶ 10 international NGOs
- ▶ 3 private sector companies
- ▶ 2 academic institutions

UN Inter-agency Collaboration

WFP co-led the national Cash Working Group and the Food Security Nutrition Cluster and worked alongside other UN agencies



FROM THE FIELD



In Tumaco, Colombia, Afro-Colombian women of the Asochillangua association chant praises for the *chillangua* and *chirarán*, plants with medicinal properties, symbolizing their commitment to ancestral traditions and women's empowerment.

These women cultivate not only nutritious food, but hope. WFP supported their efforts through the Rural Woman programmes, which empowers rural women to become entrepreneurs and leaders.

In a region plagued by conflict and rampant food insecurity, these women stand out as pillars of resilience, challenging gender norms and fostering a future of peace and prosperity for themselves and their communities.

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