



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
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WFP Haiti Country Brief September 2024



In-kind food distributed to pregnant women as part of WFP emergency activities. © Tanya Birkbeck

In Numbers

591 MT of food distributed*

USD 3.4 M cash-based transfers made*

USD 188.4 M twelve-month (Oct 2024 – Sept 2025) net funding requirements, representing 51 % of the total

285,353 people assisted*

in September 2024

*Preliminary numbers

Operational Updates

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 August 2024 shows that half of the population, or 5.4 million people, are food insecure (IPC3+). In addition, 2 million people are in IPC 4 (Emergency), and 6,000 in IPC 5 (Catastrophe), for the second time in Haiti and in the region since the beginning of these analyses. Compared to the September 2023 analysis, there has been an increase of 600,000 people in IPC4. The key drivers remained increased violence, limited access to food, rising prices, and climatic shocks.

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

- In September, WFP supported a total of 285,353 people across its programmes, including through the distribution of 165,243 hot meals, USD 3.4 million in cash-based transfers (CBT), and 591 MT of food commodities. As of end of September 2024, WFP has reached 1.34 million beneficiaries this year.
- Through the emergency programme, WFP reached 33,329 people with 591 MT of food and 44,165 people with USD 1.6 million in cash-based transfers (CBT). WFP also distributed 165,243 hot meals to 32,263 people, including to 12,825 internally displaced people in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince (145,805 hot meals) and the remaining to 19,438 returnees from the Dominican Republic.
- In preparation for the 2024/2025 school cycle, all necessary stock for the School Meals Programme were prepositioned across WFP warehouses to ensure timely distribution when schools reopen.
 - The Ministry of Education and Vocational training postponed the beginning of the school year to October 1st due to the socio-political context in Haiti.
 - In September 2024, WFP organised nationwide training in four departments to prepare the new school year. This training aims to build the capacity of WFP and third party monitoring agents as well as cooperating partners' field agents in: canteen operations, the use and completion of management tools, programme monitoring and reporting, Antifraud Anticorruption rules, the Beneficiary Complaint Mechanism (CFM), Food Hygiene and Safety, Nutrition, and school warehouse management. The training workshops harmonized the practices of all monitoring agents for upcoming school monitoring visits. These workshops are conducted in conjunction with the School Canteen, M&E, CFM, Compliance, Nutrition and Supply Chain units. In total, more than 300 people including WFP staff, Cooperating Partners and Government Officials were trained.
- As part of its nutrition-specific activities embedded in emergency, resilience, and social protection activities, WFP partners screened 8,500 children aged 6 to 59 months for malnutrition. Out of those, 620 were identified as moderately malnourished, and 213 were



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**

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Country Strategic Plan (2024 - 2028)		
Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Twelve-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
1.5 B	149 M	188.4 M

Strategic Outcome 1: People are better able to meet their urgent food and nutrition needs

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected women, men, girls and boys in Haiti meet their diverse emergency food, nutrition and other essential needs before, during and after shocks

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activity 1: Provide emergency assistance to food-insecure crisis-affected Haitians, including nutrition assistance to targeted groups, before, during, and after emergencies

Strategic Outcome 2: People have better nutrition, health and education outcomes

Strategic Outcome 2: Food-insecure school-aged children and targeted households in Haiti, with women, children and people living with HIV/AIDS and disabilities prioritized, meet their needs for diverse diets all year

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activity 2: Provide diverse nutritious meals to food-insecure and malnourished school-age children and adolescents.

Activity 3: Provide nutrition-sensitive safety nets to targeted households throughout Haiti

Strategic Outcome 3: People have improved and sustainable livelihoods

Strategic Outcome 3: Shock-affected food-insecure households throughout Haiti, including smallholders, women, youth and other disadvantaged groups, have improved resilience in the face of climate-related shocks and other stressors all year

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activity 4: Provide food insecure households, including those affected by shocks, with conditional assistance and livelihoods support through an integrated approach.

Activity 5: Provide an integrated package, including climate-smart solutions, to link smallholders and other value chain actors to markets, including HG5F.

Strategic Outcome 4: National programmes and systems are strengthened

Strategic Outcome 4: Haiti has an improved policy environment and strengthened systems for addressing food insecurity and disaster risks by 2028

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activity 6: Provide capacity strengthening and delivery systems support to national stakeholders

Strategic Outcome 5: Humanitarian and development actors are more efficient and effective

Strategic Outcome 6: Humanitarian and development partners in Haiti, including national institutions, receive reliable logistics and other support that enables them to deliver humanitarian assistance effectively and consistently all year

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activity 7: Provide humanitarian air services (UNHAS) to humanitarian and development partners in Haiti

Activity 8: Provide coordination and leadership to the logistics sector in Haiti.

Activity 9: Provide coordination and leadership to the emergency telecommunications sector in Haiti

Activity 10: Provide on-demand services to partners.

suffering from severe acute malnutrition. All these children were referred to health facilities for treatment. In addition, 23,709 people (62% women, 28% men) participated in Social and Behavior Change Communication sensitization activities. Among these participants, 1,601 pregnant and breastfeeding women participated in awareness sessions on nutrition, hygiene, and foodborne illnesses.

- Through WFP's resilience activities, 3,595 households participated in rehabilitation activities of community assets. A total of USD 429,650 was distributed to the participants and their family members (17,975 people).
- Furthermore, WFP supported the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour in implementing the Adaptive Social Protection for Increased Resilience project (social protection), providing assistance to 109,805 beneficiaries with USD 962,123 distributed.
- The UN Central Emergency Response Fund's (CERF) financed collective Anticipatory Action framework was approved, for a total of USD 4 million, out of which USD 2 million are to be channelled through WFP cash based transfers and early warning messages if triggered. These are additional resources for 2024-2025 for anticipatory action against cyclones in Haiti

WFP Logistics Update:

- September, WFP logistics operations focused on food offloading at various ports, receiving up to 91 containers of food and non-food items. A total of 1,589.5 MT was successfully offloaded at Cap-Haïtien, with 216 MT successfully transferred from Port-au-Prince to Miragoâne to support ongoing regional operations.

Challenges:

- In September 2024, WFP Haiti continued to face significant challenges, primarily due to the ongoing humanitarian crisis and security concerns. Record levels of hunger, with one in two Haitians facing acute hunger, where recorded by the latest IPC analysis. The security concerns severely disrupted supply chains and impacted shipping costs, further complicating the procurement and transportation of food commodities.
- Despite these efforts, WFP continues to face a critical funding gap, which is impacting its ability to provide essential food assistance to vulnerable populations. In parallel, new displacement figures show that there are over 702,000 internally displaced people in Haiti, including 6,000 individuals experiencing catastrophic hunger levels (IPC Phase 5).

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