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WFP Honduras

Country Brief

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Operational Context

Honduras has a population of almost 10 million people, with a gross domestic product per capita of USD 2,771.7 (2023). 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, climate change and poverty, contributing to a stronger social protection system, 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

4,842 MT of food assistance distributed.

USD 66.8 M six month net funding requirement (25% of total).

1,043,382 people assisted.

Operational Updates

- WFP participated in the revision of the **Regional Action Plan for Food and Nutritional Security** (POLSAN, for its Spanish acronyms) as an initiative of the **Central American Integration System** (SICA, for its Spanish acronym). In October, the POLSAN was presented by to all main actors in Honduras with the purpose of identifying bottlenecks before presenting it to governments at a regional level.
- WFP and the Ministry for Social Development (SEDESOL, for its Spanish acronym) agreed to extend the partnership for the implementation of the **National School Feeding Programme 2025**. Binding that around 1.2 million children will receive their meals in 2025.
- WFP's country offices of **Honduras and El Salvador** participated with their local Ministries for Natural Resources during the **Inception Workshop** of the Adaptation Fund's Project. The project aims to strengthen climate adaptation to increase the resilience of the populations in Honduras and El Salvador's shared **Goascorán Basin**.
- WFP in association with the **Honduran Red Cross** carried out communal **capacity strengthening workshops**, for recurring emergencies, with an emphasis on the mitigation of the effects of **droughts** as the drought season begins in February.
- WFP and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) commemorated the end of the **Hunger Awareness Month** with an interactive showing of disease prevention, local agriculture, and orchard development, at the **National Congress**. Smallholder farmers of WFP's Homegrown School Feeding (HGSF) program were able to sell their good in this initiative.
- WFP and the Health Ministry (SESAL, for its Spanish acronym) finalized the signing of the **Programme for Nutritional Assistance to Vulnerable Populations**, committing its implementation and its benefit to **29,000 children**

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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	55.3 m	66.8 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

under five, pregnant and lactating women during 2025.

- During October, WFP implemented and trained the personnel of the Ministry for Contingency and Risk (COPECO, for its Spanish acronym) on the STOCK of Humanitarian Organizations Logistics Mapping (STOCKHOLM) platform. STOCKHOLM grants access to visual representation of prepositioned core relief items to its fourteen humanitarian actors.
- WFP’s **Deputy Director** met with the region’s new focal point for the **European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operation** during his visit in Honduras and discussed country’s vulnerability and challenges when facing climate hazards and WFP’s contribution towards narrowing these breaches in anticipatory action and response.

Monitoring

- Food insecurity affects **19%** of the total Honduran population and **4%** of the population still faces chronic acute malnutrition. In September, WFP reached a total of **8,327** beneficiaries to mitigate the increase of occurrence of food insecurity (75% children, 25% pregnant women).

Challenges

- Rainfall from **Hurricane Helene** increased flooding, with triggering flash floods and disrupting access in lowland communities. **25,000 people** across **92 communities** were directly affected by flooding and livelihood losses.

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