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WFP Venezuela

Country Brief

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©WFP/ A woman prepares a cake at the bakery course provided by WFP as part of its livelihoods interventions.

Operational Context

Venezuela has shown some economic growth as a result of international political negotiations and other internal measures to promote economic stability. However, the country continues to face challenges related to food security and other essential needs due to increasing prices and other external factors.

The Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2024 identified 5.1 million people as in need of humanitarian assistance, of whom 2 million are targeted for food security interventions. To respond to the needs in the country, WFP is providing food assistance through a school-based intervention, integrated with livelihoods activities, emergency preparedness and response operations, support to local producers and resilience-building activities to mitigate the impact of climate-related events. Currently, WFP has presence in the states of Amazonas, Anzoátegui, Apure, Barinas, Delta Amacuro, Falcón, Monagas, Sucre, Trujillo, Yaracuy and Zulia.



WFP human interest story: WFP school meals support livelihoods and access to food in vulnerable communities

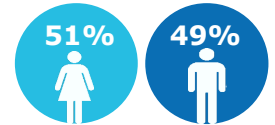
School meals help keep children in school, fueling them to stay focused and active. It lightens the household's financial load and helps lift the weight of stress from the caregivers, particularly mothers. The livelihoods workshops equip those women with the skills, self-esteem, and support networks to reach more stable incomes by doing something they enjoy.

In Numbers

1,536 mt of food assistance delivered*

USD 51.4 m six months (January - June 2025) net funding requirements, representing 56 percent of total needs.

293,387 assisted*
in December 2024
*Preliminary figures



Operational Updates

In December, WFP provided food assistance to almost 300,000 people through its school-based programme, livelihoods initiatives and emergency response interventions in the states of Amazonas, Anzoátegui, Apure, Barinas, Delta Amacuro, Falcón, Monagas, Sucre, Trujillo, Yaracuy and Zulia. Kindly note that due to the school holidays, the number of people assisted was significantly lower compared to previous month. These were the main highlights:

School based programme

- 263,000 students and school staff received school meals in early education and special education schools. In addition, fortified cereal (Super Cereal Plus) was provided to 4,300 children under the age of three to enhance their diets.
- To ensure school kitchens meet the conditions for preparing hot meals, WFP carried out technical assessments in 630 schools where the hot meals programme is currently being implemented.

Disability & Inclusion

- WFP provided food assistance to 92,000 people including students with disabilities, school personnel and their families in 238 special education schools. Beneficiaries participated in dialogues on “family as the first space of inclusion” promoting the self-reliance of people with disabilities regarding their nutrition.

Community based food assistance and livelihoods

- WFP provided food assistance to more than 27,720 people (7,000 households) through its community based activities in the states of Apure, Amazonas and Sucre.
- A total of 155 people participated in life skills and livelihood training combined with family food assistance, overall 536 people benefited from this action. At the end of the livelihood courses, WFP held a business fair with the participation of 46 entrepreneurs who had the opportunity to showcase their products and services.

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Interim Country Strategic Plan (2023 - 2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
428 m	189 m	51.4 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome (SO) 1: By 2025 girls and boys in early and special education and other prioritized groups in the school system, school staff, pregnant and lactating women and other prioritized groups are better able to meet their food needs.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activity 1: Improve the food security and nutrition of priority groups, children in early education, boys and girls in special education and other priority school-age groups and their families, pregnant and lactating women and other priority populations through a comprehensive package that includes diversified school meals, adequate complementary food, take-home rations, communication to improve eating habits, infrastructure strengthening and capacity strengthening for the school community.

Strategic Result 2: Food systems are sustainable

Interim country strategic plan outcome 2: By 2025 national actors and institutions have strengthened capacity in prioritized strategic areas.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities 2: Provide cooperation, support and technical assistance to national institutions to strengthen components of production chains, institutional procurement and climate-resilient agri-food systems that are resilient in the face of climate change.

Strategic Result 3: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs.

Strategic Outcome 3 (SO3): By 2025 people affected by natural disasters are better able to meet their food needs in the face of the effects of climate change.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activity 3: Improve food security and nutrition for women, men, boys and girls affected by natural disasters and strengthen national capacity to respond to and mitigate the effects of natural disasters and climate change.

Strategic Result 4: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology, strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs.

Strategic Outcome 4 (SO4): National and institutional actors in Venezuela are supported by efficient and effective supply chain and other services

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activity 4: Provide coordination and management services to state institutions and national actors and allow access to common logistical services when warranted.

Activity 5: Provide support for the strengthening of the supply chain and logistics to support activities related to food and nutrition security

Emergency Preparedness and Response:

- WFP distributed food assistance and hygiene kits to 500 families (some 2,000 people) affected by the overflow of Lake Maracaibo in the state of Zulia. This assistance was delivered with the support of Risk Management System officers. In addition, WFP conducted a workshop on food assistance and emergency logistics for 40 Risk Management System officers in the state of Tachira.
- WFP and the Ministry of Ecosocialism concluded the preparation of a concept note for a joint project in the Turimiquire Massif Protective Zone. The proposal is currently under review and is expected to be submitted to the Adaptation Fund in the next months.

Interagency coordination

- The Logistics Cluster convened a Fluvial Transport Working Group to assess the impact of the local authority's proposed increase in river transport charges. Additionally, the Cluster collected data on challenges faced by diplomatic organizations when importing humanitarian goods. These activities provided critical information for future advocacy efforts aimed at mitigating the impact of these regulatory changes on the timely and efficient delivery of humanitarian assistance.
- The Food Security Cluster reviewed the projects submitted for the Humanitarian Response Plan 2025 for Venezuela. Overall, 47 projects from 44 partner organizations will contribute to food assistance and livelihoods interventions within the humanitarian response in the country.

Monitoring

- In December, 218 users contacted WFP through its community feedback mechanisms (CFMs). Most of the people suggested diversify food basket composition, increase the frequency of the registries exercises, and extend the assistance to other vulnerable communities.
- WFP field monitoring with families supported through the community based programme in Amazonas and Apure, showed that access to water continued to be a major concern for food preparation which is highly impacting their health. In addition, WFP conducted community consultations with nearly 320 people (45% women) in Apure, to dialogue on the main challenges in accessing food, as well as existing livelihoods and income-generating activities. Findings will be served for programmatic decision making.
- A learning exercise with over 50 caregivers of students with disabilities showed that although people are pleased with the training and skills learned during the courses, they faced some challenges to commute to the training venues, and to balance courses with household chores.

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