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WFP Venezuela

Country Brief

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Food distribution in a primary school in Trujillo, Venezuela. Photo: @WFP/Gustavo Vera

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) 2025 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. Currently, WFP has presence in the states of Amazonas, Anzoátegui, Apure, Barinas, Delta Amacuro, Falcón, Monagas, Sucre, Trujillo, Yaracuy and Zulia.



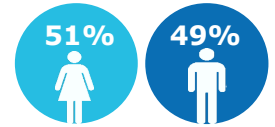
Wilmer Duarte unpacks the food just received from WFP to prepare lunch for his four children in Trujillo state, Venezuela. Photo: @WFP / Gustavo Vera

In Numbers

1,171 mt of food assistance delivered*

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

310,833 assisted*
in January 2025
*Preliminary figures



Operational Updates

In January, WFP provided food assistance to over 310,000 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.

School-based programme

- 285,017 students and school staff received meals through early education and primary schools. Out of these children, 26,283 under the age of three received fortified cereal (Super Cereal Plus) to complement and improve their diets. WFP, along with its partners and members from the school community, conducted maintenance activities on 35 school kitchens. Additionally, kitchen utensil kits were distributed to 277 schools in the Eastern region of the country. This initiative aims to enhance safety and hygiene conditions for school cooking.

Community-based food assistance and livelihoods

- 23,832 people in communities of Apure and Sucre states received food from WFP this month. In these communities, access to food is a challenge for people either because of its prices or because families have lost their sources of income.
- 585 people, mostly children caregivers, participated in skill training sessions. Over 400 of them are families of students with disabilities who also received additional support from WFP through their schools. These activities complement the food basket and improve the capabilities, confidence and skills of families to seek sources of income and bring food to their tables.

Emergency Preparedness and Response:

- WFP completed the second food distribution to nearly 500 flood-affected families (1,984 people) in the Boscán community (Zulia state), with the support of the national Civil Protection and volunteer firefighters.

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	56 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

Interagency coordination

- Based on the findings of the Gap and Needs Assessment (GNA) 2024, the Logistics Cluster has presented and discussed with its partners the Action Plan 2025 for Venezuela, which outlines key strategic priorities to improve humanitarian logistics operations. In line with these findings, the Cluster has also activated subnational logistics coordination cells to strengthen communication and field-level data analysis. These efforts help Cluster members to improve their efficiency and be more effective with the resources they have.
- The Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster held its first meeting of 2025, attended by 70 organizations. The agenda included the Monitoring of the 2024 response, the Inter-Agency Contact Line Report, participation in Local Coordination Forums, updates on the Humanitarian Cycle, the Agriculture and Basket Working Groups, the Environmental Analysis Tool, humanitarian needs presented by Impact Reach, and lessons learned and methodologies shared by organizations.

Monitoring and Community Feedback Mechanism

- In January, 157 people contacted WFP to request more information about programmes, distributions and selection criteria, or to request for assistance.
- WFP conducted a User Journey exercise to understand the experience of families of students with disabilities enrolled in the school meals programme. 21 consultations were conducted with single mothers, elderly, biparental households and school personnel from special education schools, to get first hand insights of how they navigate the programme, the challenges and potential drivers to improve their experience across the cycle.
- WFP visited 11 indigenous and mixed communities in La Guajira region (Zulia state, border with Colombia) to understand the context, needs and opportunities to enroll these communities in our programmes. Over 300 people took part in qualitative community consultations, mostly indigenous (Wayuú) women. The main needs are connected to essential needs such as food, health, education, productive supplies, and hygiene.

Donors

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