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WFP Venezuela

Country Brief

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Food distribution at 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.

WFP Venezuela has been included in the list of operations with a “partial stop work order” issued by the U.S. government, affecting the food security and logistics clusters. Though WFP awaits further details on the implications for the different portfolios in the country, is carrying out significant operational adjustments and cost-containment measures to ensure continuity as much as the available resources allow so.



WFP's Implementing Partner Staff and a woman share a moment of joy during a school meals programme food distribution. Photo: @WFP / Gustavo Vera

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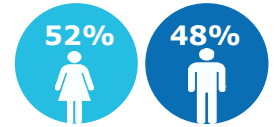
In Numbers

4,063 mt of food assistance delivered*

USD 48.5 m six months (March - August 2025) net funding requirements, representing 59 percent of total needs.

582,000 assisted*
in February 2025

*Preliminary figures



Operational Updates

In February, WFP provided food assistance to over 582,000 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

- 464,316 students, school staff and household members in 2,600 early education schools (pre-primary and primary). Out of these children, 32,380 under the age of three received fortified nutritious food (Super Cereal Plus) to complement and improve their diets.
- To ensure school meals are stored and prepared under safety and hygiene conditions, WFP in collaboration with its partners and members of the school community, conducted maintenance activities in 89 school kitchens. These activities included stove repairs and the provision of materials for electrical and water system repairs. Additionally, 204 schools were equipped with freezers, and 324 schools received kitchen utensils such as pots, pans, etc.
- WFP provided food assistance to 91,696 students with disabilities, school personnel and their household members across 238 special education schools.

Community-based food assistance and livelihoods

- WFP distributed food assistance to 25,544 people in communities at most risk in the states of Amazonas, Apure, and Sucre. In these communities, access to food remains a significant challenge due to high prices and the loss of income sources for many families. WFP's efforts are crucial in supporting access to food for vulnerable populations.
- In the state of Sucre, 130 people graduated from a WFP food-for-training programme that promotes diversified livelihoods in areas such as gastronomy and bakery. In addition, WFP enabled an exchange between local entrepreneurs and 112 caregivers of persons with disabilities, who previously graduated from WFP's food-for-training programmes.

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 | 48.5 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

- The Logistics Cluster continued encouraging cost-effective green activities among its partners. As a result, four partner organizations committed to include recycling activities within their operations.
- The Cluster continued to support partners to address challenges related to import and customs. Main actions included standardizing information on customs requirements to streamline import processes.
- In its efforts to improve river transport operations in Delta Amacuro State, the Logistics Cluster and OCHA, held a meeting with the Port Authority to express concern about the impact of new fees and regulations on river transport operations. The meeting resulted in a broader understanding of the regulation scope which serves to outline further advocacy actions.
- The Food Security Cluster continued leading coordination and information-sharing efforts among humanitarian partners implementing food security response in Venezuela. Additionally, the Cluster established a Livelihoods working group to develop a comprehensive needs assessment to support livelihood programmes and enhancing food security.

Partnerships & Capacity Strengthening Efforts

- WFP, the Ministry of Education and the National Nutrition Institute (INN) held Training of Trainers (TOT) on nutrition education for 440 National School Food Corporation staff. This initiative aimed at disseminating key information among school cooks to ensure food safety, resource optimization, and healthy meals preparation for school children.
- WFP welcomed the cooperating partner “*Ven da tu Mano*” who will implement the community-based programme in the state of Apure.
- WFP conducted a workshop on humanitarian principles and access for 42 implementing partners' staff.
- WFP together with FAO, the Danish Refugee Council and OCHA joined coordination and information-sharing efforts on climate-related anticipatory actions.

Monitoring and Community Feedback Mechanism

- 478 people contacted WFP to request more information about programmes, distributions and selection criteria, or to request for assistance.

Donors

Canada, European Union (DG-ECHO), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States of America (USAID/BHA), The Church of the Latter-Day Saints and the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund.