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WFP Venezuela

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1,075 mt of food assistance delivered*

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

436,513 people assisted*
52% are women and girls
*Preliminary figures



Children enjoy a healthy meal at school, Venezuela. @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.

While WFP continues to preserve and position its capacity to support the most vulnerable people in the country, the funding shortfall is forcing WFP to reduce food rations for current beneficiaries and feeding days in schools across the country. In this context, a significant geographical contraction is foreseen from July onwards, with a consequence on the number of people WFP will be able to attend.

Operational Updates

Considering the global funding challenges that significantly affect humanitarian and development work in Venezuela, **WFP started implementing critical adjustments to its activities**. For school meals, monthly feeding days coverage have been reduced from 20 to 8 to ensure continuity until the end of the current school year (July) with the resources available. **This reduction has started concerning school personnel, children and their families, who rely on these meals.**

School-based programme

- In March, **433,213 people in 2,557 schools received hot meals or take-home rations from WFP**. Most of them are students, school personnel and students with disabilities' household members.
- 18,846 under the age of three received **fortified nutritious food** (Super Cereal Plus) to complement and improve their diets.
- WFP conducted **maintenance activities in 13 school kitchens**. Schools were provided with water storage tanks, pumping equipment, and stove repairs to ensure reliable water access. 204 utensil kits were delivered to school kitchens in Anzoátegui, Barinas, Falcón, Monagas, and Sucre. In coordination with the Ministry of Education, 91 freezers were distributed to schools across these states as well as Distrito Capital, Trujillo, Yaracuy, and Táchira.
- WFP supported the Ministry of Education and the National Institute of Nutrition (INN) in **training 120 school cooks** in Yaracuy and Barinas. Topics included safe water practices, food storage, menus and food preservation techniques.
- In 238 special education schools, 22,800 students, their caregivers and school personnel participated in **sensitization activities fostering people with disabilities autonomy** inside the household.

Community-based food assistance and livelihoods

- WFP provided **food assistance to more than 800 households** (2,475 people) in Amazonas, and targeted food insecure communities in Sucre and Zulia for future support.
- In Sucre, **130 people graduated from a WFP food-for-training programme** that promotes diversified livelihoods in areas such as gastronomy and bakery. WFP enabled an exchange between local entrepreneurs and 112 caregivers of persons with disabilities, who previously graduated from the same programme.

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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	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

Emergency preparedness and response

- WFP discussed its EPR Roadmap with national and local stakeholders to prioritize **actions in response to shocks that affect food security**. The roadmap includes risk analysis, early warning systems, anticipatory actions, capacity building of national actors and communities, humanitarian access and internal preparedness.

Interagency coordination

- Based on results of the Gaps and Needs Assessment (GNA) 2024, **the Logistics Cluster will transition to a Logistics Working Group (LWG)** in April 2025. This strategic shift will ensure the sustainability of critical logistics initiatives, optimize resource allocation and strengthen the resilience of humanitarian operations.
- In collaboration with the Health Cluster, the Cluster conducted a supply assessment of medicines and nutritional supplements to identify key challenges and reduce supply disruptions.
- Four partner organizations will join the Caracas Recycling Route initiative to reduce environmental impacts and promote sustainable logistics operations.
- The **Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster** conducted a national meeting with 65 participants from 40 organizations. The results of the Cluster Performance Assessment (CCPM) were presented, showcasing strengths and identifying areas for improvement.
- Faced with the prospect of a possible reduction in funding, a sectoral and cross-sectoral re-prioritization exercise was carried out for the Humanitarian Response Plan 2025, led by OCHA, in order to optimize available resources and ensure the continuity of the most critical interventions. This exercise was complemented by an exhaustive analysis of the technical needs of the Cluster' partners.

Monitoring and Community Feedback Mechanism

- WFP registered 357 cases through the CFM, marking a 25% decrease from February. Women aged 18-59, representing children and adolescents, accounted for 77% of participation. **Humanitarian assistance requests made up 32% of the cases.**

Donors

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