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©WFP Photo | WFP staff meet with a smallholder farmer participating in the Homegrown School Feeding Programme, linking local produce to school meals.

Operational Context

Honduras has a population of approximately 10.2 million people, with a gross domestic product per capita of USD 3,231.7 (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, and poverty, contributing to 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**

2022 Human Development Index: **138th out of 193**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **23% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

34.3 MT of food distributed

USD 44.8 m six months (May to October 2025) net funding requirements, representing 55 percent of total

48,800 people assisted



Operational Updates

- WFP successfully delivered the first round of school feeding assistance in partnership with the local private donor *Fundación Terra*, reaching **4,592 schoolchildren** across the departments of Choluteca, Valle, Francisco Morazán, Colón, Cortés, Yoro, and Atlántida, providing nutritious meals for a duration of 60 days.
- Moreover, WFP distributed 20 days' worth of fresh rations—including vegetables, fruits, eggs, and milk—to complement the basic ration provided by the Government of Honduras. This assistance benefited a total of **30,038 schoolchildren** across the departments of Choluteca, Copán, Ocotepeque, and Lempira, with funding from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and France.
- In April, as part of WFP's resilience and livelihoods programme, **4,260 people** in the departments of Atlántida, Colón and Gracias a Dios received food assistance through commodity vouchers under the project funded by the Peacebuilding Fund. This support aims to strengthen livelihoods that ensure the right to food and improve food and nutrition security.
- WFP supported a total of **9,910 people** with cash-based transfers in the municipalities of Piraera, Virginia, and San Francisco (Lempira), with funding from USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance. These transfers allowed families affected by recurrent drought and economic hardship to meet their essential needs and to support the restoration of assets and activities to improve the livelihoods of communities.
- WFP issued parametric microinsurance certificates to **579 farmers** as part of its microinsurance component, progressing steadily toward the target of certifying 1,910 farmers by May. This initiative supports smallholder farmers in managing climate-related risks—especially drought—by offering financial protection and promoting investment in sustainable agricultural practices. Additionally, WFP provided comprehensive guidance on the insurance's operation, ensuring farmers fully understand the terms, coverage, and claims process, thereby enabling them to effectively safeguard their livelihoods against drought and other climate-related hazards.

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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	112 M	44.8M

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

Monitoring

- In April, WFP continued the territorial targeting process in the Goascorán basin as part of the Adaptation Fund project. This involved identifying and selecting the most vulnerable and affected communities by analyzing geographic, social, and environmental information to ensure that interventions are focused where they are most needed.
- WFP will soon begin collecting baseline data in the basin, conducting detailed surveys and assessments to gather comprehensive information on the current environmental, social, and economic conditions of the targeted communities. This baseline data will provide a clear understanding of vulnerabilities and needs, serving as a critical reference point to measure progress throughout the project.

Challenges

- **Funding gaps:** WFP faces urgent funding gaps (USD 13.2M) to tackle rising food insecurity and prepare for worsening crises over the next six months. WFP aims to assist 414,000 beneficiaries—only a fraction of Honduras' vulnerable population.
- Moreover, the nutritional assistance programme for vulnerable groups is currently facing critical funding gaps. WFP is prioritizing efforts to avoid any disruption in assistance, as even a brief interruption would risk a serious deterioration in the nutritional status of over 15,000 beneficiaries, including children under five and pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Donors

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