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# WFP Venezuela

## Country Brief / June 2025

**1,740 mt** of food assistance delivered\*

**WFP needs USD 47 M** to sustain operations in Venezuela through December 2025.

**395,940 people** assisted\*

52% are women and girls

\*Preliminary figures



WFP provides food assistance to people affected by floods in Apure state.  
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### Operational Context

Venezuela experienced a modest economic growth in recent years, due to international political negotiations and internal measures aimed at stabilizing the economy. However, the country continues to face challenges related to food security and other essential needs due to increasing prices and other external factors.

Moreover, tropical waves are increasing the risk of floods and landslides across the country, particularly in the states of Apure, Barinas, Mérida, Trujillo, Táchira, Portuguesa and Zulia. In May 2025, intense rainfall in the Colombian Venezuelan border overflowed three rivers in the Apure state, causing a national emergency.

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. 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 actions.

Despite funding challenges, WFP is focused on retaining operational presence in 6 prioritized states, where food insecurity levels are more critical: Amazonas, Apure, Delta Amacuro, Falcón, Sucre and Zulia.

Over 400,000 people will lose WFP food assistance from August onwards.

### Operational Updates

Global funding constraints continue to impact WFP's operations in Venezuela. In June, WFP delivered the final round of school feeding rations and officially informed communities, authorities, and partners about the **closure of the programme across five states**: Barinas, Monagas, Anzoátegui, Trujillo, and Yaracuy. Despite these challenges, WFP is providing emergency food assistance to people affected by severe flooding in Apure state. The number of communities and people impacted continues to rise daily—as do their needs.

#### Emergency preparedness and response

- Extreme rainfalls have intensified in Venezuela. Torrential rains along the Colombian-Venezuelan border are swelling Venezuela's major rivers, triggering widespread flooding, landslides, and collapsing road infrastructure across nine states —many of which are critical to the country's food production. According to OCHA and local authorities, around 280,000 people have been affected.
- **WFP is providing food assistance to 7,576 people affected by these floods** in 17 communities in the Páez municipality of Apure state, including displaced people currently in Temporary Accommodation Centers. In addition, **WFP provided 2,000 polypropylene bags to Civil Protection authorities in Apure** to help reinforce retaining walls and mitigate further flood damage.

#### Partnerships & Collaborations

- OCHA and the Food Security Cluster contributed to monitor and assess needs in the Apure state, currently experiencing severe floods.
- Additionally, the Logistics Working Group (LWG) in collaboration with OCHA, deployed to Páez Municipality in Apure to provide critical logistics support for the emergency, including: the establishment of a temporary warehouse, a rapid logistic assessment, and the distribution plans for 8 MT of relief items.

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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)
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455.8 m

170m

47.38 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

**School-based programme**

In June, WFP **provided food assistance to 344,704 people in 2,090 schools**. Most of them, early education students, students with disabilities (children and adults), school personnel and their families.

- **Of these, 19,993 children under the age of three received fortified nutritious food** (Super Cereal Plus) to complement and improve their diets.
- The WFP supported **45 schools with kitchen maintenance services**, reaching a **total of 212 schools throughout the school year**. These school kitchens received essential repairs to stoves and water systems to ensure safe food preparation and handling. Additionally, to further support food preparation efforts, **10 schools in Barinas and Monagas states received kitchen utensil kits**.

**WFP and partners directly visited 1,464 schools in states where the school-based programme is unable to continue due to lack of funding.** This effort aimed to clearly and empathetically communicate the conclusion of the School Meals Program in five states, while ensuring accountability and transparency, understanding of the process, and reinforce trust in WFP's ongoing commitment to continue its effort of supporting the most vulnerable people in Venezuela.

**Community-based food assistance and livelihoods**

In June 2025, WFP provided **general food assistance to 5,915 households (23,660 beneficiaries)** in Apure and Sucre states. During the community food distributions in Apure, WFP conducted a nutrition education activity focused on food conservation, covering 2,907 people (1491 women and 1416 men).

**Monitoring and Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM)**

**The CFM registered 172 cases**, 26% were beneficiaries suggesting the continuity of the assistance; 19% were information requests regarding WFP retirement from some states and 10% asked for assistance in additional schools or communities. Finally, 38% expressed positive feedback and 7% expressed negative feedback concerning the eligibility criteria.

**Partnerships through the years**

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