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## WFP Bolivia

### Country Brief July 2025

Community members of the Ese Ejja Indigenous Nation benefited from the CBT distributions in the municipality of Reyes-Beni, ©

## Operational Context

The general elections in Bolivia are scheduled to take place on August 17, 2025, with a possible second round on October 19, 2025. Bolivia will host 87 international observers from the OAS for the general elections on August 17.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and International Law, reaffirms the principles that should guide international relations in our region and in the world: brotherhood, respect, dignity, sovereignty, solidarity, and complementarity, as well as the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States.

The Ministry of Planning for Development (MPD) announces the approval of the Supreme Decree aimed at continuing the policy of industrialization, within the framework of the FOCIPP (Public Investment Competitive Fund), through which necessary resources are made available to the beneficiary municipalities to continue the industrialization process.

The National Institute of Statistics (INE) has reported that the monthly variation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for July is 1.2%. The CPI for the food and non-alcoholic drinks component for the month of July was -0.37%. The food products with the highest increase were rice, quinoa, and wheat flour, eggs and milk. The food products that decreased in price compared to the previous month are chicken meat, and beef with and without bones.



## In Numbers

**103,700 USD /month (Own funds WFP July 2025)**, beneficiary population 1,037 families (approximately 5,185 people, considering an average of 5 people per household).

**173,400 USD /month (CERF July 2025)**, beneficiary population 1,734 families (approximately 8,670 people, considering an average of 5 people per household).

## Operational Updates

- The office of Bolivia participated in the XI Regional Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean on School Feeding, held in the City of Honduras from July 15 to July 17.
- The office of Bolivia presented the Smart Gardens initiative, which was selected to participate in the Pitch Challenge where the initiative for strengthening 3 Educational Units with Solar System was presented, as well as the construction of 4 complete Smart Gardens in the City of La Paz. The initiative aims to enhance the production of vegetables in hydroponic systems with an Intelligent seedling production system (Vegetables), training for students and parents, solar energy, and the development of a mobile APP that controls the entire production system.

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## Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Funds	Total Requirement (in USD) July 2025	Assigned Contribution (in USD) July 2025	Difference in USD compared to the planned
FF	109,000	103,700	5,300
CERF	310,000	173,400	136,600

## Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food. SDG 2.1

**Country Strategic Outcome 1:** Food insecure and vulnerable households affected by shocks in Bolivia benefit from anticipatory action, prevention, emergency preparedness, coordination, and response support to meet their diverse emergency food and nutrition needs and quickly recover.

**Focus area:** Crisis Response.

**Activities:**

During the month of July, the Country Office (CO) of Bolivia implemented activities under Activity 1 of the CSP 2023–2027, corresponding to Outcome 1: Crisis Response, through the modality of Cash-Based Transfers (CBT), as part of the flood response strategy in the Department of Beni. According to the funding, we differentiate the interventions into two:

1) Flexible Funds: the WFP Country Office has mobilized its own funds to respond to the floods in the municipalities of Reyes and San Borja (Beni), distributing emergency assistance vouchers worth 100 USD (in local currency), benefiting a population of 1,037 families (approximately 5,185 people, with an average of 5 people per family).

2) CERF funds, the aid consisted of a delivery of 100 USD per family, for a total of 3,100 families planned: River Mission to assist the communities in the basins in the municipality of Loreto (continuing coordination with OCR, FAO, UNICEF) and VIDECI, assistance was provided to 416 families. Municipalities of Reyes, San Ignacio de Moxos, and San Javier, assisting a total of 1,318 families.

## Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes. SDG 2.3

**Country Strategic Outcome 2:** Food insecure smallholder farmers, indigenous communities, and particularly rural women in Bolivia are more resilient to climatic and other shocks and stresses, including through sustainable livelihoods, consistent incomes, improved productivity, and market access and demand.

**Focus area:** Resilience Building.

**Activities:**

As part of Activity 4, the Bolivia office presented the Smart Gardens project initiative, which supports 523 students (250 girls and 273 boys), with the involvement of 22 teachers and 14 parents.

## Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs. SDG 17.9

**Country Strategic Outcome 3:** Local, regional, and national level institutions have improved capacity, coordination, programme, and policy coherence related to supporting most vulnerable groups in Bolivia by 2027.

**Focus area:** Root Causes.

**Activities:**

Institutional strengthening at the national and subnational level: Participation in the "Hospital Ship" Mission, coordination with the Vice Ministry of Civil Defense (VIDECI), municipal governments of Beni and multi-agency implementation of the CERF Project (UN system agencies such as FAO and UNICEF).

## Monitoring

- Face-to-face interviews were conducted with the beneficiaries of the Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) in the municipalities: Eucaliptus, Caracollo, Oruro, Toledo, El Choro, Poopó, and Machacamarca.
- The monitoring of the distribution (DM) San Borja, Reyes was carried out.

## Partnerships

- The letter from the Minister of Rural Development and Land (MDRyT) was managed and received, approving and supporting the relevance and viability of the conceptual note to continue the negotiations of Debt Swap with the Government of Spain.

## Challenges

- The International Book Fair of La Paz (FIL) will feature the presence of the United Nations, with the slogan 'UN 80 in the Bicentennial of Bolivia'.
- Work plan created with all Unit Heads regarding the gaps identified in the ongoing Oversight.
- SO2 Validation: Decentralized Assessment in progress.

## Donors

With funding from the CERF, a multisectoral intervention was launched in response to the floods in the department of Beni.