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# WFP Honduras Country Brief June 2025



©WFP Photo | Beneficiaries receive their Zinli cards as part of WFP's cash-based assistance, empowering families to access essential goods with dignity and flexibility.

## 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: **138<sup>th</sup> out of 193**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

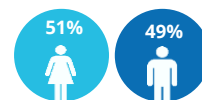
## In Numbers

**USD 370k** of cash distributed

**USD 25.2 m** six months (July to December 2025) net funding requirements, representing 67 percent of total

**24,096 people assisted**

## Operational Updates



- As part of its efforts to enhance financial inclusion and improve the efficiency of cash-based assistance, WFP launched the implementation of the Rescue Card/Zinli, a new digital payment tool. In its initial phase, **750 people** across Atlántida, Santa Bárbara, and Cortés received the card, enabling safer, faster, and more flexible access to humanitarian assistance.
- WFP completed the third cycle of food assistance through cash-based transfers to **10,000 people** in the municipalities of Piraera, Virginia, and San Francisco in Lempira, under the US funded project. The assistance targeted families affected by recurrent drought and economic hardship, helping them meet their essential needs while supporting the recovery of assets and livelihood activities to enhance community resilience.
- To advance climate adaptation at the community level, WFP trained **45 technicians and community leaders** in the Participatory Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture (PICSA) methodology. This approach enabled participants to analyze climate information, assess their productive options, and make informed decisions to adapt their livelihoods to the impacts of climate change.
- WFP distributed 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 **6,968 schoolchildren** in the department of Choluteca, with funding from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
- WFP, with support from the local private donor *Fundación Ficohsa*, provided a daily dry school ration to **6,383 schoolchildren** across the departments of Francisco Morazán, Choluteca, Valle, Olancho, El Paraíso, Comayagua, Atlántida, Cortés, Islas de la Bahía, Yoro, and Copán.
- Under the nutritional support programme, WFP trained **40 community health volunteers** from the municipality of San Juan, Intibucá, through a practical workshop on preparing nutritious meals using specialized nutritious food. The training aimed to strengthen local knowledge on the use of fortified foods to prevent malnutrition and promote healthy dietary practices among vulnerable households.
- As a strategic partner in the National Commission on Healthy and Sustainable Dietary Guidelines, WFP participated in a key meeting to validate the updated version of the guidelines and contribute to the development of a national Implementation Plan. This process marks a significant step toward promoting healthier, more sustainable diets and aligning national food policies with nutrition and sustainability goals.

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## Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirement (In USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>634 M</b>	<b>171 M</b>	<b>40.3M</b>

## 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

- WFP completed the baseline data collection for the Adaptation Fund project, laying the groundwork for measuring progress and impact over time. A dedicated dashboard was developed to visualize key findings, enhance data accessibility, and inform decision-making across programmatic components.
- Moreover, WFP conducted systematic monitoring of core activities under the National School Feeding Programme, including the management of municipal warehouses and the distribution of both dry and fresh food rations. These efforts aim to ensure accountability, efficiency, and the consistent delivery of nutritious meals to schoolchildren.
- WFP developed the draft 2025 Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB), a key analytical tool that defines the cost of essential needs for vulnerable households. Once finalized, the MEB will guide evidence-based planning, targeting, and the design of assistance packages tailored to the socioeconomic context.

## Challenges

- **Funding gaps:** WFP is facing urgent funding gaps totalling **USD 16.8 million** to address escalating food insecurity and prepare for growing crises anticipated over the next six months. With the peak of the hurricane season approaching, additional resources are critical to implement preparedness and anticipatory action measures that enable a timely and effective response to emergencies driven by natural hazards and increasing human mobility.
- 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. **WFP will be forced to scale down its nutritional support in the second quarter of 2025, reaching only 52 percent of the usual target population and halving the duration of assistance from 60 to 30 days.**

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