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# WFP Venezuela

## Country Brief / July 2025

**208.87 mt** of food assistance delivered\*

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

**116,494 people** assisted\*

52% are women and girls

\*Preliminary figures



WFP informs beneficiaries in Monagas state about the program's end. Monagas is one of the five states from where WFP is currently closing operations due to funding shortfalls. Photo @WFP Venezuela

### 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, rising inflation throughout 2025 continues to reflect underlying economic instability. The increase in food prices has further eroded purchasing power, severely limiting access to food for large segments of the population.

**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, Zulia and more recently Delta Amacuro. In July 2025, both Apure and Delta Amacuro continued to be affected by overflowing rivers, resulting in the displacement of people to temporary shelters and negatively impacting their livelihoods.**

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 actions.

Despite funding cuts, 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.

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### Updates

**Starting in July 2025, WFP scaled down its operations**, concentrating activities in six states where food insecurity is most critical: Amazonas, Apure, Delta Amacuro, Falcón, Sucre, and Zulia. Following this operational contraction, the revised goal is to reach 430,000 beneficiaries through July 2026 –half of what was achieved in 2024. However, **current funding only allows WFP to provide food assistance to 260,000** students through December 2025, leaving over 170,000 family members in food insecure communities without support. **No funding is available to sustain operations from December onwards.**

### Responding to emergencies amid funding shortages

Despite challenging conditions, WFP continued supporting the most vulnerable. In July, heavy rains triggered floods across Venezuela, with Apure state among the hardest hit—**over 300,000 people and 10,000 homes affected (OCHA)**. WFP partnered with the Apure's state risk management authorities to support their efforts across the most affected municipalities. As part of this collaboration, **WFP delivered 5,000 polypropylene bags** to create contention walls and **prevent service disruptions, safeguard residential areas, and protect critical infrastructure** during flood events. Over 50,000 people benefited from these preventive efforts. Food distributions in affected areas were paused in July during local elections and resumed in August.

### School-based program

**In July, over 90,000 people** (including students, school personnel and household members) across 228 schools in **Zulia and Delta Amacuro states benefited from WFP assistance**. The distributions took place in June in order to deliver before the school year ended; however, the food baskets were designed to cover two months' worth of assistance. Direct beneficiaries were:

- 19,500 children in pre-primary schools, including 1,400 under the age of three who received Super Cereal Plus.
- 20,108 primary school children.
- 686 students with disabilities in special education schools.
- 5,978 school personnel.
- 46,271 household members.

## Interim Country Strategic Plan (2023 - 2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>455.8 m</b>	<b>170m</b>	<b>47.38 m</b>

**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

**Partnerships & Collaborations**

The Logistics Working Group (LWG) has assessed the impact of financial constraints on the operational capacity of its members, revealing a 37% reduction in warehouse facilities, a 19% decrease in office space, and a 10% decline in available vehicles. Overall, it is estimated that **funding shortfalls are reducing logistics operations across the WASH, food security, livelihoods, and health sectors by approximately 30% to 50%**. Additionally, OCHA and the Livelihoods and Food Security Cluster, co-led by WFP, continue monitoring the humanitarian needs in states affected by heavy rains across the country.

**Community-based food assistance and livelihoods**

In July 2025, WFP provided **general food assistance to 6,000 households (24,000 beneficiaries)** in Apure and Sucre states. During the community food distributions in Apure, WFP conducted a nutrition education activity focused on healthy eating habits, with 6,000 participants.

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

The CFM registered 56 cases, a 67% decrease compared to June. 23% were beneficiaries requesting the expansion of the program to new communities, 10% were information requests about the eligibility criteria and about the continuity of the program in non-prioritized states, and 5% requested the continuity of the program and activities. Finally, 41% expressed positive feedback and 5% expressed negative feedback concerning the eligibility criteria of the programs.

**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.