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# WFP Colombia Country Brief

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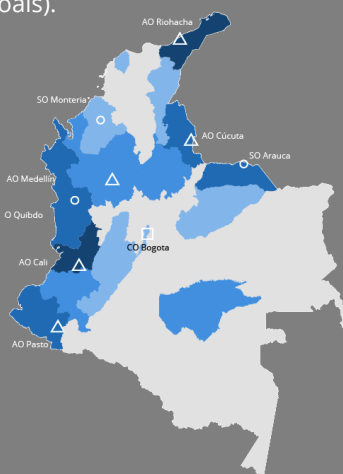


WFP staff together with a participant from the Ishu Awá Indigenous Reserve community in one of the nurseries implemented as part of the framework of the Binational Adaptation Project in Putumayo. © Photo/ WFP Colombia

## Operational Context

Despite being an upper-middle-income country, Colombia faces a complex humanitarian and food security crisis, with 13 million moderately or severely food-insecure Colombians (25 percent of the population) according to the latest WFP assessment (EFSA, 2024). Furthermore, 37% of migrants with the intention to stay in Colombia are food insecure, while 72% of migrants in transit continue to remain food insecure. Improving food security is one of the Government's priorities, together with advancing the peace process. The situation in Colombia is also marked by internal violence, forced displacements, widespread presence of illegal armed groups, ongoing mixed-migration flows, severe climate-related emergencies, and economic shocks. In this context, 9.1 million people need humanitarian assistance (OCHA, 2025). Likewise, Colombia's decades-long armed conflict resulted in 9.5 million victims of which 90 percent are internally displaced persons (OCHA, 2024). At the same time, 2.8 million migrants are currently reported (Colombian Government, 2025), representing one of the largest figures across the region concerning migration. WFP operates in Colombia since 1969, and its strategy aligns with the Government's priorities on food security, humanitarian response, recovery, development, and capacity-strengthening to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for Goals).

### Number of Beneficiaries July 2025



Population: **51.8 million**

2024 Human Development Index:  
**89 out of 191**

Income Level: **Upper middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **10.8 percent**

## In Numbers

**252.23 MT** of food assistance distributed\*

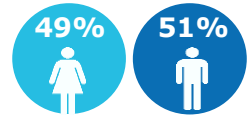
**USD 2.77 million** cash-based transfers made\*

**USD 44.1 million** six months (August 2025 – January 2026) net funding requirements, representing 55 percent of total needs

**172,777 people assisted\***

In July 2025

\*Preliminary figures



## Operational Updates

In July, WFP reached over **129,000 Colombians** (including returnees, host communities and internally displaced persons - IDPs) and **43,000 migrants** across 15 departments. WFP has reached **427,072** unique beneficiaries in 2025.

Some of the activities to highlight include:

- **Emergency Response** – WFP provided lifesaving assistance to more than **46,000 people affected by violence** across six departments. In Norte de Santander, WFP supported around **21,000 people displaced or confined by ongoing violence in the Catatumbo subregion**, after scaling up its response to reach more communities in remote rural areas. WFP also launched in-kind and CBT food assistance for over **25,000 people** in Arauca, Cauca, Chocó, Nariño, and Valle del Cauca, where escalating armed conflict has severely disrupted livelihoods and access to food. The operation continued its direct in-kind food assistance in Guaviare, reaching more than **4,600 beneficiaries** in two municipalities.
- **Livelihoods and Resilience** – WFP held the second steering committee of the socioeconomic integration project with 71 former miners in Cauca. Two productive reconversion initiatives were presented in ethnotourism and agriculture, which were approved by the community and the Ministry of Mines. In the coming months, WFP will coordinate with miners to execute more than 95% of the investments, while monitoring of purchases, deliveries, installations, and training is conducted.
- **Migration** – In July, WFP reached **about 51,300 beneficiaries** in the migration response of which 63 percent received cash-based transfers. The operation closed an additional community kitchen for in-transit migrants in Pamplona, Norte de Santander. As a result, 1,890 meals will no longer be distributed. Starting in August, WFP will operate only six community kitchens along the migrant route. Additionally, WFP has concluded all targeting processes for migrants with the intention to settle in Colombia, no new distributions will be implementing due lack of funding.
- **School Feeding** – WFP reached more than **76,800 children** (including 7,275 migrants) by distributing more than **927,601** school meal rations in **13** municipalities of La Guajira.
- The Mobile Units project, coordinated with the National Family Welfare Institute (ICBF), reached **20,401 people affected by conflict and weather-related events. 59% of the beneficiaries were children.**
- **Innovation** – WFP finalized the Identi pilot, a tool that enables the validation of a digital beneficiary registration system using voice recognition. The results highlight its potential for WFP programs. Final documentation for future scale-up is expected by the end August.

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Country Strategic Plan (2025-2028)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
592.6 m	100.6 m	44.1 m

SDG 2 - Target 1: Access to Food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Food-insecure and crisis-affected populations in Colombia meet their urgent food, nutrition and other essential needs and have the capacity and resources to prepare for, anticipate, respond to and recover from shocks, in the context of a more secure, inclusive and peaceful country

Activities:

- Provide unconditional food assistance to meet the basic needs of people exposed to or affected by extreme weather events, displaced or confined communities, victims of conflict and ex-combatants in the process of social and economic reintegration, migrants and host communities in both rural and urban areas.
- Provide country capacity strengthening to communities and government institutions for risk preparedness and management.

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Vulnerable populations in rural and urban areas in Colombia have improved food security, nutrition, health and education; access enhanced school feeding programmes; and benefit from strengthened social protection systems.

Activities:

- Strengthen social protection institutions and systems at the national and local levels, to strengthen their capacity in designing, implementing and monitoring programmes and policies.
- Support the Government in implementing the school feeding programme in prioritized municipalities.
- Reinforce national strategies and interventions that provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance and complementary feeding products to prevent malnutrition.

SDG 2 - Target 4: Sustainable Food systems

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Vulnerable and food-insecure populations including displaced people and victims of conflict, people engaged in the peace process, migrants, returnees and host communities and people affected by climate-related and other shocks and stressors, improve their adaptive capacities, livelihoods and socioeconomic inclusion and benefit from resilient, sustainable and inclusive food systems.

Activities:

- Strengthen the capacities of national and local institutions, communities and relevant food system actors to develop and implement innovative strategies to address the challenges of climate change, ecosystem restoration and the management of resilience food systems.
- Provide technical assistance to communities vulnerable to climate change and other stressors, with a focus on Indigenous and Afro-descendant people, women and young people.
- Develop asset building programmes for smallholder farmers and other key food system actors, focusing on rural women producers

SDG 17 - Target 8: Global Partnerships

**Strategic Outcome 4:** Government institutions, civil society and humanitarian and development partners in Colombia receive services that enable them to achieve their programmatic objectives effectively and efficiently

Activities:

- Provide services requested by government institutions and humanitarian and development actors, including capacity strengthening where applicable.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- According to OCHA, the escalation of violence and weather-related events in 2025 have already affected more than **1.4 million people nationwide**, surpassing the total number of people affected throughout all of 2024. People affected by violence have quadrupled in comparison to the same period last year.
- According to Migración Colombia since January of 2025, **authorities detected about 91,455 migrants without regular status transiting through the country**. Migrant flows have decreased 63% in comparison to the same period of 2024. In contrast, reverse migration flows from Panama have increased 40% since February, totalling **13,395 people** returning into the country.
- Monitoring results from WFP's socioeconomic integration programs show that 100% of entrepreneurs are operational. Additionally, 98% of beneficiaries have improved and increased their income thanks to skills gained. This highlights the importance of socioeconomic integration activities in helping vulnerable populations build long-term resilience and self-sufficiency. Furthermore, 72% of beneficiaries reported an income increase due to the skills they acquired or improved, and 97% expressed satisfaction with the project's activities and workshops, demonstrating the effectiveness of the training and program activities in achieving the intended goals.

Challenges

- WFP's emergency response supports over 394,000 migrants and conflict-affected individuals, with 131,000 more under socioeconomic integration efforts. These programs urgently need USD 18.4 million, as funding has been inactive since February.
- Current funding ends in December 2025, but resources will run out by September, risking program shutdowns, staff cuts, and loss of trust with local partners. Immediate funding is critical to avoid disruption and worsening humanitarian needs.

Partnerships

- The Government of Colombia allocated COP 10 billion (approx. USD 2.5 million) to the School Feeding Programme in La Guajira and Maicao, allowing WFP to reach 73,800 children in 2025.
- WFP signed an MoU with the Government of Amazonas to promote sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience for vulnerable communities.
- WFP participated in the 11th Regional Forum on School Feeding, sharing experiences and strengthening partnerships across Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The Nourishing Peace Fund Steering Committee, including representatives from WFP, the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, and the Colombian government approved a plan to expand the Fund's scope and meet strategic goals by 2027.

Donors

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Stories from the field

- [Watch](#) how WFP is supporting more than 10.000 people affected by rainfall and floods in Arauquita, Arauca
- [Learn](#) how WFP is prevention malnutrition while empowering a group of local entrepreneurs in Quibdó, Chocó by providing food baskets, supplies, and raw materials to strengthening their business ideas.