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1,179.5 mt of food delivered

WFP needs USD 26.4 M to sustain operations in Venezuela through May 2026.

255,129 people assisted. 52% are women and girls



Under WFP school-meals programme, children receive a daily nutritious hot-meal in their schools. Photo @WFPVenezuela

Operational Context

Venezuela experienced a modest economic growth in recent years. 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. Since July 2025, Apure continues 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.

Operational and Funding Updates

In November, WFP reached **226,546 beneficiaries through its School Meals Programme** in Delta Amacuro, Falcón, Sucre, and Zulia, delivering both on-site meals and take-home rations. Additionally, **10,328 people living in food-insecure communities** in Zulia State and **2,415 vulnerable individuals including elderly persons and pregnant and breastfeeding women** received food assistance. Finally, **WFP also supported 15,840 people affected by extreme weather events** in Apure and Guárico states.

Supporting people affected by heavy rains

In November, WFP continued supporting families affected by extreme weather events, providing food assistance to **15,840 people** in Apure (Achaguas Municipality) and Guárico (Leonardo Infante, Juan José Rondón, and San Gerónimo de Guayabal municipalities). Additionally, as part of efforts to strengthen the Risk Management System's capacity, Civil Protection teams in Anzoátegui, Táchira, Mérida, and Guárico received essential supplies (including rubber boots, ponchos, and flashlights) to enhance their ability to respond effectively to heavy rains.

Partnerships & Collaborations

During November 2025, the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC) organized workshops for Venezuela Humanitarian Fund partners on intercultural approaches and for Cluster members in Caracas on mainstreaming disability inclusion. In addition, one of its members, IMPACT/REACH shared findings from its monitoring tools, revealing that **84% of surveyed locations identified food as their most critical need**.

Meanwhile, the Logistics Working Group (LWG) actively promoted resource-sharing initiatives and WFP's service provision model to enhance operational efficiency. These efforts achieved a significant milestone: the first international NGO successfully accessed WFP warehouse services, improving storage capacity for humanitarian supplies. Furthermore, the LWG developed and distributed a weekly report with critical logistics updates such as alternative routes, fuel station locations, and weather forecasts, enabling humanitarian actors to plan and deliver assistance more efficiently and safely.

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Interim Country Strategic Plan (2023 - 2026)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
455.8 m	170m	26.4 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 November, WFP continued implementing its school feeding program in more than **1,100 schools across Delta Amacuro, Falcón, Sucre, and Zulia**. A total of **117,484 students and school personnel in pre-primary, primary, and special education schools received take-home rations**. To further support vulnerable households, WFP extended assistance to family members in Delta Amacuro State, Mara and Baralt municipalities in Zulia State, and all special education schools, reaching an additional 26,109 people.

Meanwhile, **on-site school meals reached 82,953 beneficiaries**, ensuring a daily nutritious plate in 488 schools of Falcón and Sucre states. To promote the community-led management of the program in these institutions, "School Meal Teams" were established through participatory processes. A total of 13,684 people (89% women and 11% men) participated in these activities. These teams will continue receiving training on nutrition, menu planning, and safe food preparation throughout the school year to guarantee the quality and safety of meals provided to students.

Finally, as part of its nutrition-sensitive approach, **WFP provided Super Cereal Plus to 7,744 children** aged 6 to 35 months in Sucre and Zulia, helping prevent malnutrition among this high-risk group.

Community-based food assistance and livelihoods

In November, WFP continued supporting families **from nine Indigenous communities** in the Guajira municipality of Zulia state through general food assistance, reaching **10,328 beneficiaries**.

WFP also completed its pilot collaboration with the National Nutrition Institute (INN) to assist vulnerable elderly individuals and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls in Falcón and Zulia, benefiting a total of **2,415 people** across both states. In addition to the monthly food basket, 384 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls received a top-up of Super Cereal Plus to enhance the nutritional value of the assistance, addressing their increased dietary needs. This activity was complemented by awareness sessions on nutrition-related topics, reinforcing healthy practices among participants.

Monitoring and Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM)

In November, WFP registered 596 cases of community feedback: 32% were positive comments, 30% were suggestions for the inclusion of sugar and dairy products, 19% requests for humanitarian assistance, 15% were information requests concerning delivery dates, continuity of assistance, and selection criteria, and 4% were complaints related to selection and methodology criteria used in WFP programs.

Partnerships through the years

Canada, European Union (DG-ECHO), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of 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.