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WFP Venezuela

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792.317 mt of food delivered

WFP needs USD 19.3 M to sustain operations in Venezuela through June 2026.

248,976 people assisted. 52% are women and girls



WFP provides nutritious meals to children every school day across four states in Venezuela. Photo @WFPVenezuela

Context

Throughout 2025, Venezuela's political and economic environment remained highly volatile, limiting consistent access to quality food for much of the population. The military and political developments of January 3 introduced additional uncertainty, widening currency exchange gaps and creating conditions for potential price increases. While the medium- to long-term implications for food security are still unfolding, WFP's priority continues to be sustaining the programs that vulnerable communities depend on. **Activities for January are proceeding as planned.**

Venezuela continues to face the world's highest inflation rate, driving food prices sharply upward and severely restricting access for millions. Compounding this crisis, last year's climate events have left lasting damage on productive areas and undermined livelihoods across the country. According to the Food Security Cluster, over 5 million people need immediate food assistance.

Despite severe funding constraints and a 50% cut in 2025, WFP remains focused on sustaining operations in six states most affected by food insecurity: Amazonas, Apure, Delta Amacuro, Falcón, Sucre, and Zulia. Vulnerable communities continue to benefit from food assistance delivered through school meals, community-based and livelihood programs, as well as emergency response. WFP remains a backbone of the humanitarian response, providing partners with critical logistical support and access, and retains the capacity to scale up swiftly if funding improves.

Operational Updates

In 2025, WFP reached over 750,000 people*, delivering lifesaving food assistance through three core programmes: school meals, community-based food assistance and livelihoods, and emergency response. In December, **school meals** remained the cornerstone, reaching over 230,000 children with nutritious meals in schools and take-home rations -including in indigenous, hard to reach communities. In the most food-insecure areas, rations also covered one additional household member. The **community-based programme** expanded in border states of Zulia and Sucre, supporting 14,000 people and laying the foundation for further growth in 2026. WFP also continued to assist **communities affected by severe flooding**.

School meals: stability, regularity, and relief

Throughout 2025, WFP's school meals program was the most important way to help **children and families access regular, nutritious food**. In December alone, 232,648 people received meals across 467 schools in Delta Amacuro, Falcón, Sucre, and Zulia. These meals supported both students and staff, while also encouraging more children to enroll in school and attend classes regularly.

To strengthen household food security, WFP extended support beyond schools to children's families in Delta Amacuro, the municipalities of Mara and Baralt in Zulia, and all special education schools serving children with disabilities in the 4 states covered by the programme. In total, 103,482 family members received a month's worth of food assistance.

WFP also provided Super Cereal Plus to 7,850 young children (ages 6 to 35 months) in Sucre and Zulia, helping prevent malnutrition.

* This figure is preliminary; final numbers will be published in the Annual Country Report in March 2026. By mid-2025, funding shortages forced a "depth contraction," meaning half million food-insecure people stopped receiving assistance as WFP withdrew from five states. The 750,000 figure therefore reflects the total number of people reached across the full year, while the current downsized caseload is 420,000.

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	19.3 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

Community-based food assistance and livelihoods

In December, WFP continued supporting families in communities with high levels of food insecurity through **general food assistance**, reaching 13,944 people. These activities expanded from 9 to 14 communities in Zulia and Sucre states, where most of the population belongs to indigenous groups. **In January 2026, additional communities are expected to join this programme, following targeting**, and further increasing reach and impact in food insecure areas.

Supporting people in times of crisis

In December, WFP carried out its final food distribution in Cabruta, Guárico State—one of the areas hardest hit by heavy rains in late 2025. A total of 2,384 people from 596 families received two months of **food assistance after severe flooding** from the rising Orinoco River affected their community.

Monitoring and Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM)

In December 2025, WFP recorded 274 cases of community feedback. The feedback was categorized as follows: 32% compliments related to community and emergency basket distributions; 21% suggestions, such as adding sugar and dairy products; 18% requests for humanitarian assistance for non-program participants; 15% complaints about non-receipt of baskets due to registration issues; and 14% information requests regarding program duration and selection criteria. **No sensitive complaints were reported.**

Ensuring continuity of critical support

In December 2025, WFP leveraged the post-harvest season to sign Food Supply Agreements with local providers, locking in prices for three months. WFP secured over 5,000 metric tons of stocks and ongoing purchases, helping ensure steady food supplies for Q1-2026 distributions. These reserves are vital for **responding quickly to emergencies and keeping key programs like school meals running without interruption.** This progress was made possible through a strong network of partners—including donors, suppliers, and local cooperating organizations—that allow WFP to sustain and expand its support.

Partnerships through the years

Since 2021, WFP's work in Venezuela has been made possible thanks to the generous support of Canada, the 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.