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WFP Colombia Country Brief

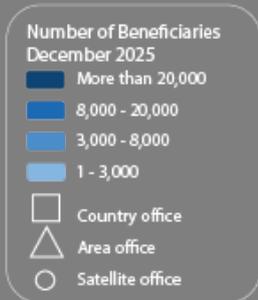
December 2025



WFP's emergency food distribution in the municipalities of Chámeza, Nunchía, and Hato Corozal for people affected by floods. © 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 living in the country (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).



Population: **53.4 million**

2025 Human Development Index: **83 out of 192**

Income Level: **Upper middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **10.8 percent**

In Numbers

708 MT of food assistance distributed*

USD 1.05 million cash-based transfers made*

USD 51.5 million six months (January – June 2026) net funding requirements, representing 63 percent of total needs

134,709 people assisted*

In December 2025

*Preliminary figures



Operational Updates

In December, WFP reached over **120,000 Colombians** (including returnees, host communities and internally displaced persons - IDPs) and **13,700 migrants** across 18 departments. Some of the activities to highlight include:

- **Emergency Response** - WFP reached over **89,000** people in response to armed conflict and climate events in 13 departments. New emergencies have emerged, particularly in the departments of Antioquia, Bolívar, and La Guajira where the intensification of armed conflict has affected more than **12,000** individuals. Weather-related events continue to impact, especially regions such as Magdalena, Casanare, and Putumayo, which have experienced floods in several municipalities with persistence clashes between armed groups, which exacerbates the food insecurity situation of local populations.
- **Livelihoods and Resilience** - WFP completed the Productive Units for Self-Consumption project, reaching 11,007 households in 16 municipalities across 5 departments. Over 2,200 Community Kitchen Events and 45,735 technical home visits strengthened family and community support. The project also delivered 11,007 agricultural and livestock kits—including 156,105 poultry, 3,000 sheep, feed, drinker-feeder units, and zinc sheets—enhancing productive capacities and food security for historically marginalized rural communities.
- **Migration** - In December, WFP reached **about 18,400 beneficiaries** in the migration response of which 66 percent received cash-based transfers. WFP operated its community kitchen in the coastal municipality of Necoclí for returning migrants from Panama until 27 December, reaching about 460 beneficiaries. Only distribution of food kits remains active in this location. In Norte de Santander WFP closed the last community kitchen. As of January, only four community kitchens for migrants without a place of residence will be operating in Nariño.
- **School Feeding** - WFP reached more than **12,600 children (including 1,131 migrants)** by distributing over **85,000 school meal rations across 12 municipalities in La Guajira**. The School Feeding Programme finalized 2025 by reaching **79,958 students** in 13 municipalities of La Guajira.
- **The Mobile Units project**, coordinated with the National Family Welfare Institute (ICBF), reached **18,300 people affected by conflict and weather-related events. 58% of the beneficiaries were children.** WFP and the ICBF signed a new agreement until 31 July 2026.
- **Innovation** - The Innovation Hub supported socioeconomic integration projects focusing on employability and entrepreneurship by engaging with the private sector. It advanced the pay-per-day housing initiative by developing a practical toolkit to inform programme design and policy dialogue, with results included in WFP's submission to the 2025 Innovation Awards. The Hub also collaborated with CBT on new proposals, including a blockchain pilot, and expanded private-sector partnerships for livelihoods.

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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	178.13 m	51.5 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 improve 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 Partnership

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 **1.6 million people nationwide**, this is three times more than the total number of people affected in 2024. This number includes 1 million people with mobility restrictions due to curfews imposed by non-state armed groups. Additionally, the Colombian Ombudsman’s Office reported **257 cases of child recruitment** by non-state actors throughout 2025, a practice that violates international law and threatens communities especially in vulnerable rural areas.
- According to Migración Colombia, since January 2025, **authorities detected 152,858 migrants without regular status transiting through the country**. Migrant flows have decreased 61% in comparison to 2024. Reverse migration flows from Panama continue with a monthly average of 1,800 entries. By the end December, more than 20,400 migrants have returned to Colombia from Panama and Central America.
- WFP preliminary results for the **Agricultural Units for Self-Consumption project** show that interventions contributed to boosting local economies through the organization of 74 agricultural fairs and communal events, spaces that promoted the preservation of ancestral knowledge. In terms of citizen participation, 48 social oversight committees and 48 municipal coordination roundtables were conducted, achieving 100% of the planned actions. All targets were satisfactorily achieved, consolidating significant progress in food security and livelihoods of participating households.

Challenges

- Since August 2025, WFP has not reached new beneficiaries in Cash-based transfers for the migration response due to uncertainty in new funding allocations and expiration of existing funds. WFP will complete the final distribution for 2,494 existing beneficiaries by the end of January. Without additional funds, WFP will not be able to reach more beneficiaries in the migration response.

Partnerships

- WFP signed a cooperation agreement with the Colombian Ministry of Equality and Equity for a total of USD 42 million. It will support food assistance, productive systems and income-generation activities for at least 150,000 vulnerable populations throughout 2026.
- WFP’s long-standing partnership with the Colombian Institute for Family Welfare (ICBF) remains in force. An additional agreement was signed in December 2025 for USD 10.6 million to the Mobile Units project to assist to conflict-affected populations.
- The operation received USD 43,600 in flexible funding from Share the Meal campaign. This funding will be used for emergency response.

Donors

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Stories from the field

- [Learn](#) about WFP’s emergency response in the department of Casanare through food distributions for about 2,700 people affected by weather-related events.
- [Watch](#) WFP’s participation in the event commemorating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, “Nourishing Dignity: For the Human Right to Food for Persons with Disabilities” as part of the UN80 initiative.