



WFP COLOMBIA





COUNTRY BRIEF
March 2026

KEY HIGHLIGHTS


- Colombia is currently undergoing a massive flooding emergency caused by intense rainfall with over 330,000 people affected, especially in the department of Córdoba. WFP is planning to assist over 137,000 people affected. The operation urgently needs USD 26.7 million to expand its emergency response to people affected by conflict and weather-related events.

IN NUMBERS

 **113,376** people assisted in February 2026

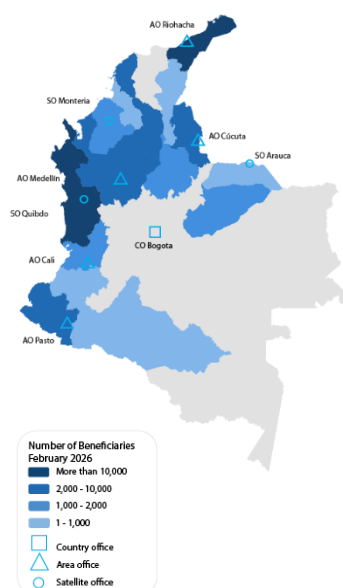
 **53%** Female

 **252 mt** food distributed

 **USD 476,297** cash-based transferred

 **USD 36.8M** (March–August 2026) net funding requirements

OPERATIONAL MAP



SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Despite being an upper-middle-income country, Colombia faces a complex humanitarian and food security crisis. WFP’s joint food security assessment in the 15 most vulnerable departments found that 37% of households, roughly 7 million people, face moderate or severe food insecurity, with historically conflict-affected areas showing particularly high levels of severe food insecurity. When extrapolated nationally, overall food insecurity remains unchanged at about 25%, with departments such as Atlántico, Sucre, and La Guajira presenting the highest prevalence of severe food insecurity.
- 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 the first 45 days of 2026, 97,00 people have been affected by violence and more than 330,000 have been impacted by weather-related events.
- The country entered the national elections season with congressional voting and presidential consultations (primaries) held on Sunday, 8 March 2026 - a period that further heightened political tensions and security risks. As Colombia moves into the next stages of the national elections, violence could affect the electoral process, especially in rural areas with limited state presence.
- According to the 2026 Humanitarian Response Plan, 6.9 million Food Security and Nutrition response. Likewise, Colombia’s decades-long armed conflict resulted in 10.1 million victims of which 90 percent are internally displaced persons. In 2025, alone more than 1.6 million people were affected by violence, adding about 150,000 new victims to the country’s unique registry.
- About 2.8 million migrants are currently reported living in the country, representing one of the largest figures across Latin America. In the first two months of 2026, about 4,000 migrants have transited the country irregularly, a 43% reduction in comparison to the same period of 2025.
- WFP operates in Colombia since 1969, and its [Country Strategic Plan](#) 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).

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Emergency Response

- WFP reached over 31,000 people in response to armed conflict and weather-related events in 8 departments. Over 94% of beneficiaries received 242 MT of in-kind food assistance and 6% received CBT assistance. New emergencies emerged, in the departments of Antioquia, Magdalena, Caquetá, Norte de Santander, and La Guajira where the intensification of armed conflict has affected more than 100,000 individuals.
- Weather-related events continue to impact regions such as Córdoba, La Guajira, Antioquia, and Chocó which have experienced devastated floods in several municipalities, exacerbating food insecurity. WFP's current resources cover Phase 1 response for more than 111,000 Priority Level 1 individuals affected by flooding in 11 hardest-hit municipalities of Córdoba. Phase 2 is expected to reach over 26,000 additional people impacted by floods and conflict across 13 municipalities, underscoring urgent funding needs for sustained humanitarian assistance.
- WFP made significant progress under the agreement with the Colombian Ministry of Equality. In February, the operation focused on establishing technical, operational, and administrative conditions required for effective implementation. WFP reached 1,142 people through in-kind food assistance in La Guajira as part of the matching funding contribution.

Migration Response

- In February 2026, WFP assisted 12,575 migrants, returnees, and host community members through cash-based transfers, hot meals and food kits.
- WFP closed a food kit distribution point in Nariño as migrants increasingly opt for ground transportation, reallocating assistance to active sites in Ipiales and Pasto. With new funding from the US Government, targeting resumed to enroll new cash-based assistance beneficiaries intending to settle in the country. Agreements with cooperating partners were extended until mid-June 2026, ensuring continuity and expanded coverage.

Social Protection and School Feeding

- The Mobile Units project, coordinated with the National Family Welfare Institute (ICBF), reached 28,285 people affected by conflict and weather-related events. 58% of the beneficiaries were children.
- WFP started the implementation of its School Feeding Programme in La Guajira for 2026, reaching more than 75,000 children (including 7,275 migrants) by distributing 1.26 million school meal rations in La Guajira. WFP promoted local procurement, with 25% of purchases made to small-scale producers in the region.

Resilience and Livelihood Support

- The Weaving of Livelihoods and Life project continues in Caquetá, Putumayo, and Amazonas, strengthening

Indigenous communities' resilience to climate change through Nature-Based Solutions and the piloting of an Early Warning System.

- The project supports grassroots organizations to strengthen local value chains and sustainable livelihoods, including cacao, cassava flour, medicinal plants, Amazonian fruits, tourism, and handicrafts, while fostering partnerships to enhance market access. In parallel, the selection of local leaders is advancing across all departments, ensuring women's participation in territorial management and climate adaptation processes.

Cross-Cutting Issues

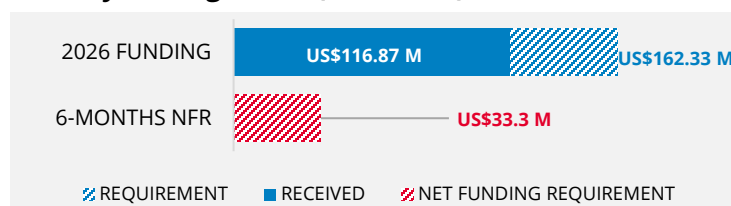
- WFP delivered technical refresher sessions for field staff in Chocó and La Guajira, focusing on the integration of gender, protection, accountability to affected populations (AAP), and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) into field monitoring. The sessions emphasized protection risk identification, response pathways, and timely case referral. WFP disseminated the protection referral pathway for cash-based transfer programmes targeting unaccompanied children and female-headed households, in line with national protection frameworks and WFP protection policies.

Partnerships

- WFP signed a USD 3 million strategic agreement with Rotary International to support peacebuilding and socioeconomic recovery. The Pathways to Peace and Prosperity in Colombia initiative was selected as Rotary's fifth Programs of Scale award and the first granted to a Latin America and Caribbean Rotary club. The partnership—funded by USD 2 million from Rotary and USD 1 million from WFP USA—will strengthen local leadership, expand access to social protection, and create economic opportunities in vulnerable regions.
- WFP was selected to participate in the NASA Lifemiles Crisis Readiness Accelerator – Ready for Impact programme, supporting the development of innovative solutions to enhance crisis preparedness and response.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2025-2028)



Donors

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Stories from the Field

- [Watch](#) how WFP's emergency response in Córdoba is reaching communities impacted by massive floods that have affected 80% of the region.
- [Learn](#) how WFP is working to empower women through the Rural Women Advancing Towards Autonomy project in Cauca and Nariño.