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# WFP Guatemala

COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- In March, WFP assisted 5,033 people in Huehuetenango, Alta Verapaz and Quiché through emergency assistance, capacity strengthening, and malnutrition prevention activities.
- In parallel, WFP prepared and prepositioned 270,000 food rations (January-March) to enable a rapid, Government-led emergency response.
- WFP Guatemala faces a severe 79 percent overall net funding gap over the next six months (April-September 2026), heightening risks to food security and nutrition outcomes.

## IN NUMBERS



**5,033** people assisted in March 2026  
(68% female)



**270,000** food rations (January-March) prepared and prepositioned for the Government



**USD 97,483** cash transferred in March 2026



**USD 22.6M** (April – September 2026) net funding requirements

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Guatemala is a multicultural country with over 40 percent of the population self-identifying as Indigenous Mayan.
- Despite its middle-income status, one in six people lives on less than USD 2 per day. Chronic malnutrition (stunting) among children aged 6–59 months remains among the most severe globally, affecting 1 in 2 children, and ranking fourth to sixth worldwide, the highest in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- In 2026, food insecurity remains a critical concern. [The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification \(IPC\) projections for February–April](#) indicate that up to 3 million people (approximately 16 percent of the population) are estimated to face acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3+) during this period, including nearly 250,000 in Emergency (IPC Phase 4).
- WFP Guatemala faces a 79 percent funding shortfall against its six month overall net funding requirements (April–September 2026) and a severe gap of 83 percent over the subsequent twelve months (April 2026–March 2027), underscoring the urgent need for additional flexible, humanitarian and development funding to prevent further deterioration in food security and nutrition outcomes.

Reporting Period: March 2026

**Photo caption/credit:** A community participant demonstrates post-harvest maize drying and storage practices supported by WFP. WFP/Nelson Pacheco

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### Emergency Preparedness and Response

#### Cash-Based Transfer (CBT) Assistance

In Alta Verapaz department, 3,128 individuals (645 households; 52 percent women) affected by acute food insecurity and malnutrition, received emergency food assistance through unconditional CBT.

#### In-kind Food Assistance

Between January and March, WFP prepared and prepositioned 270,000 food rations in support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAGA), ensuring readiness to deliver timely emergency assistance to the most vulnerable populations.

### Sustainable Food Systems

#### Resilience and Livelihood Support

As part of WFP’s resilient livelihood activities, 1,739 individuals (98 percent women and girls) attended capacity-strengthening sessions focused on sustainable agricultural production and entrepreneurship in Huehuetenango and Alta Verapaz departments.

#### Malnutrition Prevention Support

In the framework of malnutrition prevention activities, 132 individuals (56 percent women and girls) received nutrition monitoring and counselling support through from WFP’s field health and nutrition staff, supporting the local health system in Huehuetenango department.

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### ANTICIPATORY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

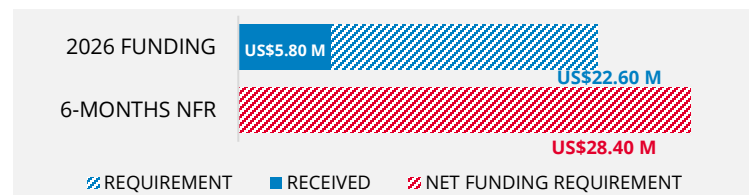


### Partnerships

- On 11th March, WFP, in coordination with the National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (CONRED) and Red Cross, conducted a workshop to advance and harmonized "Conceptualization of Anticipatory Action (AA) and Adaptive Social Protection" at national level.
- On 18 March, WFP and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints held an official [launch event in Guatemala City for Church-supported programmes in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua](#). The event featured interventions by country representatives—including Andrew Stanhope, Stephanie Hochstetter, Maria Guimaraes, and Athalie Mayo—reinforcing strategic dialogue and aligning priorities and cooperation opportunities for 2026 across Central America.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Country Strategic Plan (2026-2030)



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