



WFP Honduras Country Brief

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Operational Context

Honduras has a population of 9.012 million, the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in 2018 is USD 2,850. It has one of the most unequal distributions of income and resources in the world. More than half of the population lives below the poverty line and is exposed to violence and crime. The country is further characterized by an inequitable access to land, insufficient food production, high unemployment and exposure to natural disasters. Food and nutritional insecurity among the most vulnerable populations have worsened because of droughts in the southern and western regions of the country, known as the Dry Corridor.

WFP's primary objectives in Honduras are to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition and increase human development by improving the health, nutrition and education levels of children and other vulnerable groups. The WFP Country Strategic Plan proposes a significant shift in WFP's support to the Government for attaining Zero Hunger for 2030.



Population: 9.012 million	2015 Human Development Index: 131 out of 189
Income Level: Lower middle	Chronic malnutrition: 23% of children between 6-59 months

Main Photo Credit: Hetze Tosta
Caption: Country Director, Ms. Judith Thimke, field visit to a school in the province of Gracias a Dios, Honduras.

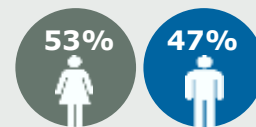
In Numbers

343.56 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 1.3 m cash-based transfers made

USD 4.03 m six months (April-September 2018) net funding requirements

273,133 people
assisted
in April 2018



Operational Updates

- The WFP Country Director travelled to the northern part of the country (La Ceiba, in the province of Atlántida and Puerto Lempira, province of Gracias a Dios) to strengthen strategic partnerships. As part of the activities developed, a meeting was held with La Ceiba District 1 COPECO Sub Commissioner to discuss emergency prevention, preparedness and response and institutional capacity strengthening. The CD also attended the annual meeting and dinner of the Honduran Association of Municipalities. In the province of Gracias a Dios, the CD travelled to two remote indigenous communities, visiting with school children and meeting with local leaders to review home-grown school feeding activities involving the distribution of fresh produce by the Organization of Miskito Women, MIMAT.
- Under Activity 3, the WFP Country Office received the visit of an international consultant who will support the development of a National Capacity Strengthening Strategy in Food Security and Nutrition, with a roadmap for the integration of a nutrition sensitive perspective to support the government social protection platform "Vida Mejor". The consultancy is divided in four phases: planning and preparation, exploration, validation process and the presentation and of a final report including a way forward. During this visit the exploration phase took place and meetings were held with government counterparts, civil society organizations, academia, UN agencies and WFP staff. The objective of these meetings was to gather information on current programs and activities, identify gaps, and understand possible ways to address them.
- WFP headquarters, Panama Regional Bureau and Country Office staff participated in a joint mission for Activity 1 in the province of Lempira. The mission reviewed the implementation of a traceability pilot project for the production of beans and fresh products for the National School Meals Programme. Mobile Data Collection and Analytics for smartphones will record the transaction process between the smallholder producer and the producer organization to the trader. The purpose is to be able to trace the entire production chain process, from origin to destination.

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WFP Honduras Strategy		
Total Requirement (USD 116.1 m)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
Honduras Strategic Plan (2018-2021)		
115.66 m	21.2 m	4.03 m
Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food		
Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition		
Strategic Outcome 1: Preschool- and primary-school-aged children across the country have access to safe and nutritious food year-round by 2021		
Focus area: Root Causes		
57.04 m	13.99 m	4.48 m
Strategic Outcome 2: The most nutritionally vulnerable groups in targeted areas have reduced levels of stunting and micronutrient deficiencies by 2021		
Focus area: Root Causes		
6.43 m	3.96 m	-3.2 m
Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and incomes		
Strategic Outcome 3: Rural agricultural labourers and smallholder farmers in targeted areas, especially in indigenous communities, are more resilient to shocks and stressors, contributing to their food and nutrition security throughout the year.		
Focus area: Resilience Building		
11.28 m	3.21 m	-0.27 m
Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food		
Strategic Outcome 4: Targeted households affected by rapid- and slow-onset disasters have access to food year-round.		
Focus area: Crisis Response		
24.38 m	1.03 m	2.96 m
Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities		
Strategic Outcome 5: Government authorities and partner organizations at the national and subnational levels, complemented by strategic alliances, have strengthened capacity to achieve the SDGs, particularly SDG 2, by 2021.		
Focus area: Resilience Building		
1.28 m	0.17 m	0.09 m

WFP Country Activities

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- SO 1** 1-Provide daily nutritious school meals, sourced from smallholder farmers, to preschool and primary school aged children.
2-Capacity strengthening of local authorities, school staff, parents and smallholder farmers.
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- SO 2** 3-Prioritize the most vulnerable groups through provision of fortified nutritious foods to girls, pregnant and lactating women and girls, and children under 2 and carry out capacity strengthening with health institutions.
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- SO 3** 4-Provide food assistance to food-insecure households in the creation & rehabilitation of livelihood assets through capacity strengthening with government authorities in resilience and climate change adaptation programmes.
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- SO 4** 5-Complement government transfers to vulnerable households affected by disasters to facilitate relief and early recovery while strengthening institutional capacities.
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- SO 5** 6-Provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening in emergency preparedness and response to institutions at the national and subnational level.
7-Support an advocacy platform and communicate the 2030 Agenda to the public, private sector and partners.

- WFP Country Director participated in the Honduran Government bi-annual, launch of the National School Deworming Campaign for 1.4 million school children at a school in the capital city Tegucigalpa. The purpose of the campaign is to decrease substantially and gradually the prevalence and intensity of intestinal parasites in pre- and primary-school aged children attending public and private educational centers across the country. This cost-effective strategy, sustainable over time, ensures school children can develop healthy and active lifestyles and fully benefit from nutritious school meals. The event is sponsored by the Office of the First Lady, the Ministries of Health and Education, PAHO/WHO, WFP, Feed the Future, and other NGOs.
- The WFP Country Director joined the Vice Minister of Development and Social Inclusion in a visit to the Marcala municipality in the province of La Paz, to meet with small holder farmers and their families and witness the purchase and delivery of fresh produce by small holders to participating schools of the National School Meals Program. This strategy and government priority for decentralization is implemented through the active commitment and participation of an expanding network of community cooperatives, or "Caja Rurales". The "Buenos Aires" cooperative has become a flagship example of successful community engagement. Members of the Caja Rural provided the mission with a real-time demonstration of the entire activity chain. This included the purchase of fresh produce from small holders living nearby, including administration and reconciliation processes that ensure full transparency; the distribution of fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs to schools; and the preparation by mothers of a nutritionally-balanced meal to school children in the community of Sabaneta.

Challenges

- The high level of insecurity, migration and the financial constraints of the Government continue to affect the country's development efforts.
- WFP Honduras is facing a funding shortfall. Currently, the main contributions are coming from EU, USA, private sector and multilateral donors.

Donors

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