WFP Haiti Country Brief

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Operational Context

Haiti ranks 163rd of the 188 countries on the 2016 Human Development Index. Haiti has one of the highest levels of chronic food insecurity in the world, more than half of its total population is chronically food insecure, and 22 percent of children are chronically malnourished. Underlying drivers of this situation include extreme poverty and frequent natural disasters. On the 2017 Climate Risk Index, Haiti is third among the countries most affected by extreme weather events.

WFP has been working in Haiti since 1969. WFP's first priority is to support the Haitian Government in developing sustainable solutions to hunger and malnutrition with the goal to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2 "Zero Hunger".



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 Photo
 Caption: M. Odney Pierre Ricot, UEP MAST Director, during the hand-over ceremony of the Kore Lavi Programme

In Numbers

1.32 million people are in need of food assistance

USD 24 m total requirements

351,000 people assisted in March 2018



Operational Updates

Zero Hunger Strategic Review

 WFP continues to provide technical and financial support to the Government for the update of the "National Food Sovereignty, Food Security and Nutrition Policy and Strategy". The architecture of the updated policy document has been defined and different sectors have been mobilised to participate in research (two universities, experts from various ministries and UN agencies, national and international consultants). Priority measures and programmes were determined in the areas of emergency preparedness and food safety net, while work is in progress in the area of external trade, agriculture, nutrition and rural infrastructures.

School Meals

- The last food delivery for the 2017-2018 school year was completed in March. 1,705 tons of food were distributed in 1,438 schools.
- In March, 30 school feeding monitoring committees and school directors in the Nippes department received a training from WFP's partner BND (Bureau de Nutrition et de Développement) on the management of the school feeding programme.

Social Protection

- On 28 March, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Work (MAST) officially took over the leadership of the Kore Lavi programme in Artibonite. The hand-over ceremony took place in Gonaive in the presence of government officials, including the director of MAST Studies and Programmes Unity, USAID's Mission director and deputy director, the Kore Lavi consortium (CARE, ACF) and the WFP Deputy Country Director.
- Preparation is ongoing to hand-over Kore Lavi to the Government in the Nord-East department in April 2018.

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WFP Country Strategy			
Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)		Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
Country Strategic Plan (January – June 2018)			
23.92 m		23.7 m	-1.41 m
Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food			
Strategic Outcome 1: Households in affected areas have access to sufficient and adequate food to meet their basic food needs after a shock Focus area: Crisis Response			
2.98 m		1.44 m	0.62 m
Strategic Outcome 2: Nutritionally vulnerable households in areas with a high prevalence of chronic food insecurity have access to nutritious food during the lean season. <i>Focus area:</i> Resilience Building			
3.02 m		0.7 m	1.07 m
Strategic Outcome 3: Pre-primary and primary school-aged children have adequate access to nutritious food all year long. Focus area: Root Causes			
10.39 m		9.92 m	2.75 m
Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes			
Strategic Outcome 4: Food insecure vulnerable smallholders have more resilient livelihoods to meet their food security and nutrition needs throughout the year. <i>Focus area: Resilience Building.</i>			
2.23 m		2.25 m	0.56 m
Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs			
Strategic Outcome 5: Governmental institutions and other organizations at national and local-levels, have enhanced capacities to address food insecurity and malnutrition among vulnerable populations by 2030. Focus area: Root Causes			
1.75 m 4.56 m			-0.98m

WFP Country Activities

- **SO 1** Activity 1: Provide unconditional food assistance to food insecure households affected by shocks.
- **SO 2** Activity 2: Provide nutrition-sensitive, targeted seasonal food assistance to families with Pregnant and Nursing Women and/or children aged 6-23 months.
 - Activity 3: Provide daily nutritious school meals, and training on hygiene, health and dietary practices to children in targeted public schools.
- **SO 3** Activity 4: Support policy implementation, analysis of school feeding models and provision of tools for the Ministry of Education, including literacy and education materials.
 - Activity 5: Provide conditional food assistance for productive agricultural asset creation to food insecure households.
- **SO 4** Activity 6: Provide market support for smallholder farmers and organisations to sell diversified agricultural products.
 - Activity 7: Provide technical assistance to the national social protection safety net programme on vulnerability targeting.
- **SO 5** Activity 8: Provide technical assistance to the Government, the Red Cross and local NGOs in Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) and assessments.

- From the 5 to 16 March, WFP participated in the International Course for Social Protection organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Seventy-five MAST executives attended this course. WFP presented different targeting systems to identify and register vulnerable households.
- WFP continued to conduct its surveys in partnership with IOM in the Grand Anse department. In March, 50,000 people in the communes of Corail and Les Abricots were newly registered in SIMAST, the Ministry of Social Affairs' information system.

Food Assistance for Assets

- A departmental workshop on Seasonal Livelihood Programming (SLP) took place from 5 to 9 March in the department of Sud. This workshop is part of WFP's Three-Pronged Approach to strengthen the design, planning and implementation of programmes in resilience building, safety nets, disaster-risk reduction, and preparedness.
- WFP implemented the last phase of its Food Assistance for Assets programme in partnership with UNDP in Nippes. The programme started in October 2017 and aimed to build resilience and strengthen capacities of populations affected by Hurricane Matthew. A total of 7,000 participants contributed to the construction of 12 km of roads and to the rehabilitation of 11,600 m of irrigation canals.

Monitoring

- In March, WFP conducted 91 monitoring visits in schools.
- WFP received 81 calls on its hotline. WFP's hotline aims to provide feedback and strengthen WFP's monitoring system. Among the callers, 17 percent were women and 83 percent men; and 68 percent of the calls were related to school feeding and 32 percent related to Food Assistance for Assets. Among these 81 calls, there were 58 complaints, 21 information requests and 2 congratulations.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping

• FEWS NET published its "<u>Staple Food Market</u> <u>Fundamentals</u>" report that presents findings to inform regular market monitoring and analysis in Haiti. Among other uses, the information presented in this report can be used to support the design of food security programmes.

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