



WFP Colombia Country Brief

Highlights

- Despite progress brought about by the implementation of the peace agreement, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) demobilization has led to an increase in territorial disputes among existing and new armed groups. This situation has led to massive displacements and mobility restrictions, mainly in the Pacific coast of the country, where WFP has a large presence.
- In the Pacific region of Chocó, in coordination with the Unit for Attention and Reparation of Victims and local governments, WFP supported 700 forcibly displaced Afro-Colombian families in order to improve their food security and contribute to the recovery of their livelihoods.

WFP Country Strategy

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
Colombia Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)	109.4 m	7.3 m (7%)	5.2 m
Strategic Outcome 1: Capacity Strengthening - Local government and civil-society organizations have strengthened capacities to implement accountable programmes that contribute to reducing food insecurity and malnutrition. SR: 5 Focus area: Root causes	31.6 m	1.6 m (5%)	1.2 m
Strategic Outcome 2: Access to food – victims of violence, marginalized communities and vulnerable ethnic populations have adequate access at all times to nutritious foods and diversified diets, and are supported in establishing or improving their livelihoods SR: 1 Focus area: Crisis response	32.0 m	2.3 m (7%)	2.0 m
Strategic Outcome 3: End Malnutrition - Communities and families have the capacities to prevent malnutrition in all its forms, with a focus on leaving nobody behind in marginalized urban and remote rural areas SR:2 Focus area: Root causes	33.5 m	1.9 m (6%)	6.1 m
Strategic Outcome 4: Smallholder productivity and income - Smallholder farmers – women and men – increase their production and marketing capacities sustainably SR: 3 Focus area: Resilience-building	4.8 m	0.8 m (16%)	0.0 m
Strategic Outcome 5: Sustainable food systems - Rural ethnic communities in vulnerable areas have increased capacity to recover from shocks and adapt to climate change SR:4 Focus area: Resilience-building	7.4 m	0.7 m (9%)	0.5 m

*November 2018 – April 2018

GENDER MARKER 2A

Strategic Outcome 1: WFP provides technical assistance in the design, targeting and monitoring of government programmes, promotes cost-effective and context-specific actions in partnership with national, civil and academic organizations, with a view to closing gaps in food security and nutrition policies and programmes and improving the generation of evidence.

Strategic Outcome 2: WFP reaches internally displaced people (IDP), confined or marginalized communities, returnees and victims of sexual and gender-based violence through activities oriented

towards strengthening protection and equality in accordance with humanitarian principles and with protocols agreed on with government partners. Capacities in the application of new tools such as vulnerability analysis, CBTs, minimum preparedness actions will be strengthened to increase efficiency of territorial programmes.

Strategic Outcome 3: WFP contributes to preventing all forms of malnutrition. Nutrition-sensitive actions that address the triple burden of malnutrition are prioritized: these include promotion of nutritious diets and diversified consumption with focus on rural areas and ethnic communities.

Strategic Outcome 4: WFP promotes efficient food procurement models that link smallholders' production to institutional markets, with a focus on women farmers and victims of violence and ensuring equitable participation in all stages of the value chain. The partners leading this approach are local governments and national institutions

Strategic Outcome 5: actions support: i) inclusive and sustainable community-based management of natural resources and adaptation to climate change; ii) resilience-building, using incentives such as food transfers or CBTs to recover traditional practices and knowledge, improve dietary diversity and rebuild livelihoods.

In Numbers

6 m people displaced

600,000 people in need of food assistance

137,000 people assisted
October 2017



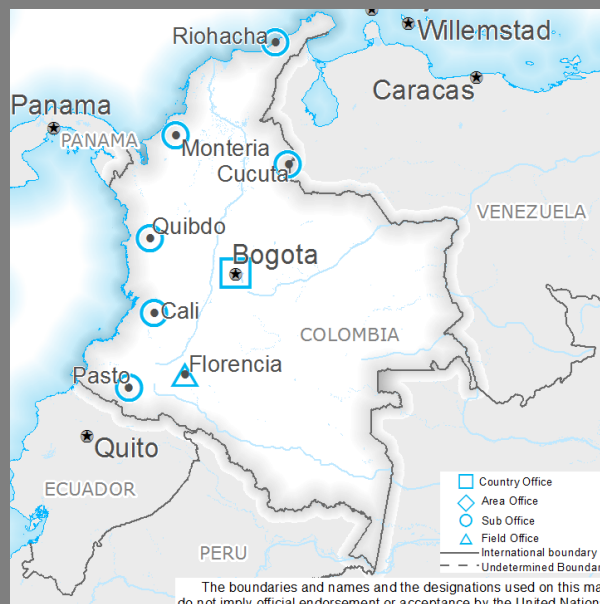
Operational Updates

- WFP is supporting conflict-affected women heads of households who have moved from rural settings to the urban area of the municipality of Quibdó in Chocó department (one of the poorest regions of the country) looking for better job and educational opportunities. In alliance with the Mayor Office of Quibdó and local partners, community gardens were established in peri-urban areas of the city, in order to produce fruits that will be processed and marketed. The goal is to provide better sources of income to the participating women, allowing them to provide greater and better opportunities to their children and other members of the household. Additionally, in the urban area, family gardens were established, using urban agriculture methodologies (vertical gardening), aimed at self-consumption.
- In order to strengthen capacities for gender equality in the department of La Guajira, training materials on food security and gender are being translated into Wayuu indigenous language. Over 700 WFP participants (both women and men) are expected to take part of training activities.
- Colombia Country Office and DSM Nutritional Products organized an event to promote discussion on the food security and nutrition situation in Colombia and the importance of public-private partnership in compliance with SDG 2 with a view to achieving the 2030 Agenda. The event included participants from the private sector, academia, government and civil society organizations. The panelists agreed that the nutritional status of the population should be recognized as a fundamental development indicator and therefore, it is essential to use available tools and knowledge from different sectors (health, agriculture, social protection) to put an end to malnutrition. The greatest challenges are related to the lack of complementarity in information and indicators on food and nutrition security, and the need for research articulating academia and private sector.

Challenges

- WFP will continue to support the Government's efforts towards the stabilization and peacebuilding process, while responding to humanitarian needs, in articulation with the government and other agencies of the United Nation Agencies.
- Strengthening cooperation with the National Unit for Attention and Reparation of Victims is crucial to timely assist victims of violence.

Country Background



With a Gini index of 0.05, Colombia ranks 19th among the world's most unequal countries. Many regions, particularly rural areas, still suffer from high poverty, inadequate service delivery and few economic opportunities. Colombia is ranked 92nd out of 186 countries in terms of gender inequality. The population suffers from chronic malnutrition and anaemia, as well as obesity and over-nutrition.

The fifty-year old armed conflict affected 7 million people and displaced 6.8 million. The conflict disproportionately affected vulnerable ethnic minorities. Over 95 percent of IDPs are food insecure compared to the national average of 43 percent.

WFP's strategy in Colombia is based on the premise that supporting the Government in reaching Sustainable Development Goals 17 and 2, while contributing to other goals, will achieve an inclusive peace. Negotiations with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia highlighted the importance of food security, rural development and "leaving no one behind". WFP's strategy is aligned with emerging priorities of the Government to address humanitarian, recovery, development and technical assistance needs and contribute to peace and reintegration. WFP will support the Government's peacebuilding work with a view to achieving sustainable solutions for victims of the conflict.

WFP has been present in Colombia since 1969.

Population: 48,600,000

2015 Human Development Index: **95 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle income**

Chronic malnutrition: 13.2% of children aged 6-59 months

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