



WFP Colombia Country Brief

Highlights

In response to the border crisis with Venezuela, WFP started to assist 120 migrant families in Maicao and Riohacha cities. In Maicao, beneficiary families are temporarily staying in the Migration Centre run by a church organization, until they manage to find housing elsewhere. WFP provided in-kind rations to the Migration Centre, allowing families to get cooked meals. Additionally, families who do not stay in the Migration Centre but visit it for help, received food assistance through in-kind baskets that were complemented by other foods provided by cooperating partners in order to promote a more diversified diet. Along with food assistance, training activities on access to rights and basic services such as identification registry, health and education were carried out, as well as nutrition education activities.

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	23.0 m (21%)	15.7 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%)	2.0 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	6.8 m (21%)	3.0 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	4.5 m (13%)	11.3 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	1.9 m (40%)	0.08 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	3.0 m (41%)	0.6 m

*December 2017 – May 2018



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 (IDPs), 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 in 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

125,500 people assisted
November 2017



Main Photo

Credit: James Jarupia/WFP. Embera indigenous community preparing the land for planting. Rural area of Tierralta, Córdoba

November 2017

Operational Updates

- **Colombia CO actively participated in the 16 Days of activism against gender-based violence**

In partnership with the Legal Commission for the Equality of Women of the Senate, WFP central office participated in the campaign through the diffusion of the *Violentometro*, a pedagogical tool that allows people to identify the different forms of violence and recognize them depending on their intensity. The *Violentometro* was distributed to all WFP suboffices, and was shared through social networks. In different regions of the country, WFP participated in workshops, talks, cultural events, and awareness rising activities with local communities, NGOs, grass-roots-level organizations, women associations, among others.

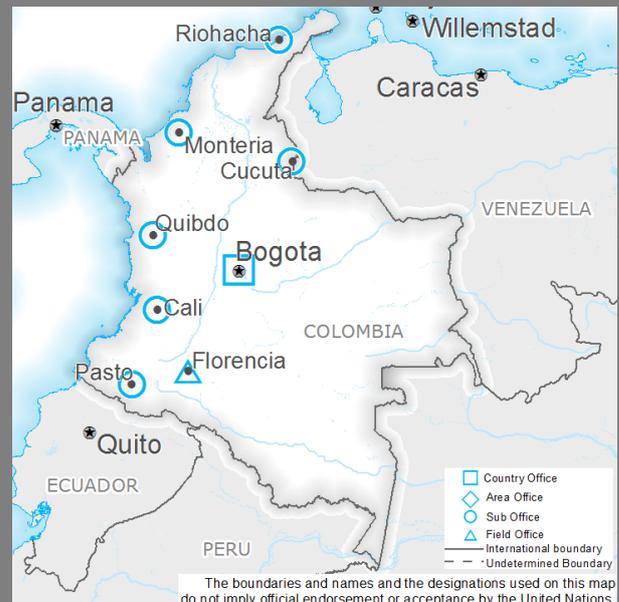
- **First Executive Committee of the Colombia and Ecuador binational project on adaptation to climate change**

The initiative "Building adaptive capacity to climate change through food security and nutrition actions in vulnerable Afro and indigenous communities in the Colombia-Ecuador border area" will be implemented by Colombia Country Office (CO) in alliance with the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development (Colombia) and the Ministry of the Environment (Ecuador). The five-year project actions will contribute to reversing the marginalization that Afro and Awa communities have faced from the social and environmental damage from the conflict and contribute to peace and reconciliation through adaptation to climate change.

- **Indigenous communities improved their food security while reinforcing their capacities to reduce environmental degradation**

In Antioquia department, Embera indigenous communities affected both by the armed conflict and limited access to basic services, experienced loss of crops due to heavy rains and droughts. In collaboration with FAO, WFP supported 1,100 families that participated in food production using forest-pasture systems that promote a sustainable management of natural resources, thus contributing to reduce degradation of ecosystems. Families redeemed food vouchers and participated in trainings on food handling and nutrition, with an emphasis on breastfeeding and complementary nutrition for children under five.

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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