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WFP Honduras Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Country Programme Honduras 200240 Development Operation (Jan 2012-Dec 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)*	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	46.1 m	37.6 m (81%)	-

*September 2017 – February 2018

The Country Programme (CP) targets the most vulnerable populations in the southern and western regions of Honduras, which are the poorest and most food insecure. Its objectives are to: i) enhance children's opportunities to enroll in pre-schools and complete primary education; ii) prevent and reduce undernutrition among children under 5, pregnant and nursing women; and iii) build community resilience to climate hazards through diversification of livelihoods. The CP aims to develop local capacities of counterparts to enable transfer of knowledge to support national programme management, particularly for the school feeding programme.

Restoring Food Security and Livelihoods for Vulnerable Groups Affected by Recurrent Shocks in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua Regional PRRO 200490 (Jan 2014-Dec 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)*	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	42.1 m	16.9 m (40%)	6.5 m (89%)

*August 2017 – February 2018

The regional Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) grants WFP the flexibility to rapidly respond to shocks of different types and scales, including earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, as well as coffee rust, drought and others.

Its objectives are to: i) support and coordinate responses to shocks by saving lives and protecting livelihoods through relief assistance; and ii) help establish and stabilize livelihoods and food security through recovery assistance. Targeted geographical areas and people to be assisted are determined taking into account government requests, integrated context analysis and emergency food security assessment findings.

Main Photo Credit: WFP/Debora Bonel
Caption: Presidential House, Tegucigalpa
Winners of the National Drawing Competition

Highlights

- The Regional IT Scope Service organized a mission to Honduras to train staff on the use of the SCOPE Platform, WFP's beneficiary and transfer management system.
- The Country Strategic Plan (CSP) will be submitted for approval to the Executive Board in February 2018.
- WFP, the Honduras Government and Banpaís Bank organized the national drawing contest "Zero Hunger: Food is the Gateway to Our Future".

Trust Fund: School Meals Programme THSF 200753 (March 2015- Dec 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
	24 m	13.3 m (55%)

The school meals programme is the Government's largest national social protection scheme with nationwide coverage. It aims to: 1) support the national education policy and its objectives through a sustainable school meals programme, and improve the dietary diversity of children attending pre- and primary schools; and 2) reinforce the local economy through strengthening the link between schools and smallholders producing highly nutritious foods, such as eggs, dairy products, fruits and vegetables. Annually, the program is intended to assist 1.3 million schoolchildren with a daily meal. Targeted public schools are located nationwide, mainly in rural and marginal urban areas with high levels of chronic undernutrition and extreme poverty. Fund disbursement by the Government for this program has been delayed, thus WFP was unable to distribute school meals for the entire month of August.

In Numbers

110,800 People assisted by WFP operations in Honduras August 2017



August 2017

Operational Updates

- WFP and the Lady Lee Foundation equipped the kitchen of the Ramon Rosa School in Guajiquiro, province of La Paz.
- The Regional IT Scope Service organized a mission to Honduras to train staff in the use of the SCOPE Platform, WFP's beneficiary and transfer management system. The platform will be fully functional in 2018.
- WFP, FICOHSA Foundation and beneficiaries honoured the life of Ms. Claudia von Roehl, a former WFP country director in Honduras, commending her contributions to assist Hondurans in need. The event was held at the Claudia von Roehl Kindergarden in the San Juan del Rancho Village, province of Francisco Morazán.

Challenges

- The high level of insecurity, migration, drug trafficking and corruption continue to affect the country development efforts.
- WFP Honduras is facing a funding shortfall for the Country Program (CP) in 2017. The main donors are from the private sector and multilateral donors.
- The Government of Honduras provided funds to WFP for the third delivery of school meals at the end of August. As 2017 is a presidential election year, the school year will end earlier than usual in mid-November and, therefore, WFP is accelerating the food purchases and distributions to schools in the months of September and October.

Country Background & Strategy



Honduras is a lower middle income country with a population of 8.3 million, in which children under 19 represent 45 percent of the population. The Honduran economy is highly dependent on imports (66% of GDP) and remittances (17% of GDP) making the country very vulnerable to external shocks. More than half of the population lives below the poverty line and is exposed to violence and crime. With an inequitable access to land, insufficient food production, high unemployment and exposure to natural disasters, the eastern and south western regions are among the poorest and most food insecure. Food and nutritional insecurity among most vulnerable populations have worsened because of the ongoing 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 to increase human development by improving the health, nutrition and education levels of children and other vulnerable groups. The WFP country programme is focused on the most food insecure areas, mainly the western and southern regions, identified by vulnerability analysis and mapping.

WFP has been present in Honduras since 1970.

2015 Human Development Index: **131 out of 188**

Poverty rate: **68.2% of which 44.6% is extreme poverty.**

GNI per capita (USD): **2,270**

Chronic malnutrition: **25.8% of children between 6-59 months**

Donors

Government of Honduras, Canada, European Union, Private Donors, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States of America.