



WFP Honduras Country Brief

WFP Assistance

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

*April - September 2017

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 enrol 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)* 16.9 m (40%)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)* 6.5 m (89%)
	42.1 m		

*April - September 2017

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.

Main Photo Credit: WFP/Hetze Tosta
Caption: Community of Suhi, Gracias a Dios. School Feeding Program Agreement with MIMAT and the Communities of Suhi, Pranza and Mabila of the department of Gracias a Dios.

Highlights

- WFP Honduras continues reinforcing and preparing for emergency response. The process includes workshops that focus on disasters in urban areas and nutritional response for emergencies.
- The School Feeding Program provides school meals to more children nationwide. In partnership with the government, this program seeks to provide school meal to all schools in the department of Gracias a Dios. This will be challenging as certain communities can only be accessed via air or sea.

Targeted geographical areas and people to be assisted are determined taking into account government requests, Integrated Context Analysis and Emergency Food Security Assessment findings.

Trust Fund: School Feeding Programme THSF 200753 (March 2015- March 2016)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD) 13.3 m (55%)
	24 m	

This programme is the Government's largest national social protection programme with nationwide coverage. It aims to: 1) support the national education policy and its objectives through a sustainable School Feeding 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 project assists 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.

In Numbers

27,000

People assisted by WFP Operations in Honduras
March 2017



Operational Updates

- WFP in coordination with the ministries of Health and Education, and school children's parents, implemented the first 2017 deworming campaign. This campaign dewormed 1.4 million preschool and primary school children.
- Funded by private partners (SOLAR Power and Ficohsa Foundation), WFP assisted 8,500 schoolchildren. The goal is to provide food for 200 school days per year.
- PROACT/DEVCO selected communities and beneficiaries based on vulnerability to food insecurity. A sectoral work plan and cash transfers mechanisms were also defined.
- WFP Honduras and its partners continue to reinforce emergency preparedness and response. The process included workshops on disasters in urban areas and implementation of a nutritional response for emergencies. The objectives were to strengthen the network for emergency preparedness and response.
- WFP also continued to augment national capacity on food handling and storage through workshops in Choloteca and La Ceiba.

Challenges

- WFP Honduras is facing a severe funding shortfalls for 2017, with a prospect for modest contributions from the private sector, mainly.
- A fourth consecutive year of the "El Niño" climate phenomenon has been forecasted, which might affect more than 270,000 households in the Dry Corridor.
- The high level of insecurity in the country, including drug trafficking and corruption, continues to pose a challenge to WFP operations and staff wellbeing. The main risks that can affect WFP staff in fulfilling their missions were identified, including gender-based risks.

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**

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