



WFP Bolivia Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Bolivia Country Programme	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
CP 200381 (Jan 13 – Dec 17)	12.9 m	5.9 m (46%)	n. a.

*August 2017 – January 2018

The Country Programme (CP) was designed in consultation with the Bolivian Government. It is in line with the Country Strategy Document (2011), the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2013–2017, Bolivia's National Development Plan and the new Political Constitution.

The overall objective of the CP is to improve local and national capacities to break the intergenerational cycle of hunger. Specifically, WFP aims to:

- enhance food and nutrition security by improving education, nutrition and health throughout the life cycle;
- increase communities' resilience by mitigating shocks and adapting to climate change;
- link the demand of local food-based assistance programmes to small farmers, thereby transforming food and nutrition assistance into productive investments in local communities; and
- strengthen Government capacity to design, manage and implement tools, policies and programmes for assessing and reducing hunger.

These objectives are to be reached through the three components of the CP:

1. sustainable and productive school meals;
2. improved government nutrition programmes; and
3. livelihood development and disaster risk reduction.

All components include capacity development and augmentation activities to support the Government to manage its own food based programmes and strengthen the implementation of food security and sovereignty policies.

Main Photo Credit: WFP/Morelia Erostequi
Caption: A boy from Tarabuco town enjoys a school meal.

Highlights

- Miguel Barreto, the WFP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, visited Bolivia on 25–27 July. He met government representatives to keep them abreast of the latest Country Strategic Plan (CSP) progress.
- A USD 55,000 contribution from Fundación Probitas (Probitas Foundation) will enable WFP to connect smallholder farmers in Oruro with schools: they will be providing their products for the preparation of School Meals.

Operational Updates

- WFP is finalising the Vulnerability Assessment Mapping exercise and will help the Government integrate this data in its national poverty maps.
- A joint local authorities and WFP mission assessed the capacity of smallholder farmer associations in Entre Ríos. These will supply their products to schools in the framework of a pilot project using cash-based transfers, due to start in September.
- Under the School Meals (SM) activity, WFP resumed distributions for the second semester of 2017.
- WFP distributed 14,200 cups in schools of Chuquisaca (9,400) and Tarija (4,800). This will improve the hygienic conditions at educational centres.
- WFP and the Manq'a gastronomic school held a meeting on 10 July in preparation for a high-visibility cooking contest with the aim of raising awareness on the importance of sustainable food systems.



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Caption: From left to right, Elisabeth Faure (WFP Country Director in Bolivia), Fernando Huanacuni (Bolivian Minister of Foreign Affairs) and Miguel Barreto (WFP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean).

Country Background & Strategy



Challenges

Severe funding shortfalls currently jeopardise WFP activities in Bolivia. The country Office is working on expanding its donor base by targeting non-traditional donors, focusing on South-South cooperation and participating in UN joint initiatives.

To harmonize views on the CSP, WFP will hold comprehensive consultations and workshops with government entities, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Development Planning(MDP) and the National Council for Food and Nutrition.

Partnerships

A first-ever contribution from Fundación Probitas was received, to foster smallholder farmers' linkage to school meals in Oruro. This reflects WFP's efforts to increasingly engage the private sector in food security and nutrition activities in Bolivia.

The final report on the project "Strengthening the human security of rural communities through comprehensive support for their resilience, responsiveness and food security situation" was submitted to the UN Trust Fund for Human Security.

Impact of Limited Funding

Funding shortfalls resulted in the halt of all nutrition and livelihood activities in April 2016. Only school meals activities continue, reaching 32,800 children out of the 40,000 planned.



Credit: WFP/Gonzalo Vega

Caption: Cups are distributed in the municipality of Tarvita.

Credit: WFP/Morelia Erostequi

Population: **11.4 million**

2016 Human Development Index:
118 out of 188

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **18% of children under 5**