



## WFP Ecuador Country Brief

## Highlights

- The WFP Project "Enhancing Resilience to the Adverse Effects of Climate Change – FORECCSA" received an award for the achievements reached in the Nabón Canton in the Province of Azuay.
- The number of vulnerable Venezuelans crossing the northern border of Ecuador is increasing: many of them are in need of food assistance.

## WFP Country Strategy

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
<b>Ecuador Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)</b>	<b>41.59 m</b>	<b>7.2 m (17%)</b>	<b>3.1 m</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 1:</b> Refugees, displaced persons and vulnerable people in Ecuador are enabled to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements all year long			
<b>SR: 1</b> Focus area: Crises Response	<b>25 m</b>	<b>1.8 m (7%)</b>	<b>2.7 m</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 2:</b> Smallholder farmers, especially women, in targeted areas, durably increase their incomes and improve their productivity by 2021.			
<b>SR: 2</b> Focus area: Root Cause	<b>4.1 m</b>	<b>2.9 m (71%)</b>	<b>0.7 m</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 3:</b> Food-insecure communities and individuals in areas that are highly vulnerable to climate change, and government institutions have strengthened capacity for adaptation to climate change by 2021.			
<b>SR: 3</b> Focus area: Resilience Building	<b>9 m</b>	<b>1.7 m (19%)</b>	<b>1 m</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 4:</b> National institutions and programmes in Ecuador, including social protection programmes, are supported to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition by 2021.			
<b>SR: 4</b> Focus area: Root Cause	<b>3.5 m</b>	<b>0.1 m (3%)</b>	<b>0.4 m</b>

\*August 2017 – January 2018

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Food insecure communities and individuals in areas with high vulnerability to climate change, as well as government institutions, have strengthened capacity for adaptation to climate change by 2021.

**Strategic Outcome 4:** National institutions and programmes in Ecuador, including social protection programmes, are supported to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition by 2021.

Each strategic outcome includes activities corresponding to government priorities and WFP's experience and expertise.

WFP will promote the food security and nutrition of priority vulnerable groups through strategic alliances and innovative nutrition sensitive actions integrated into broader social protection platforms.

The five-year strategy envisages a decrease in WFP's direct implementation of programmes and the progressive hand-over of activities to the Government.

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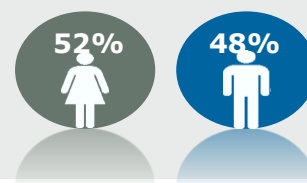
**Country Strategic Plan 2017-2021:** Starting on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, the Country Strategic Plan for Ecuador positions WFP as a strategic and public policy partner. WFP will support the Government's efforts to achieve SDGs 2 and 17 through four outcomes based on its Strategic Results Framework:

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Refugees, displaced persons and vulnerable people in Ecuador are enabled to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements all year.

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Smallholder farmers, especially women, in targeted areas, durably increase their incomes and improve their productivity by 2021.

## In Numbers

**9,650** People Assisted  
July 2017



**Main Photo** Credit: WFP / Luis Romero  
Caption: Adriana Tambaco a small-scale farmer part of the Association "Alimentando con Sabiduría."

July 2017

## Operational Updates

- Within WFP's positioning strategy with the new government authorities, the Country Director held meetings with the First Lady, the President of the National Assembly, the Secretary for the Programme "Toda una Vida", the Minister of Environment, the Vice-Minister of Human Mobility and the Head of the Parliament Against Hunger. During these meetings, the Country Director discussed WFP's joint work, re-affirmed alliances and strengthened WFP's cooperation in accordance with the national government priorities.
- The Adaptation Fund approved the Binational Project on Climate Change and Food Security, with a focus on gender equality. The project will be implemented between the Ministries of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia and the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, and the two WFP Country Offices.
- Ecuador's National Assembly approved a Resolution on the compliance with the 2030 Agenda, with 126 affirmative votes and one abstention, committing to implement the 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Objectives (SDG).
- WFP and the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) met the Vice-President of FIDA in order to establish further cooperation, as part of the Rome Based Agency cooperation strategy.
- WFP, jointly with the Provincial Government of Sucumbios, supports the complementary school lunch programme that benefits 2,800 children in the Province. At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, parents, students and teachers expressed their gratitude towards WFP and indicated that children have significantly improved their academic performance.
- WFP carried out a workshop on the Theory of Change with technicians from the Ministry for Economic and Social Inclusion. The objective of the workshop was to facilitate and support the process of revision of the Child Development Strategy within the framework of activities related to the child care centres of the Government, and to give attention to older adults, with emphasis on nutritional sensitive issues that affect the behaviour of food consumption at home.

## Challenges

- In view of the large number of Venezuelan population entering Ecuador, the availability of funds is insufficient in order to provide food assistance to the people in situations of human mobility and food insecurity.

## Country Background



Ecuador is an upper middle-income country; 63 percent of the Ecuadorian population live in urban areas. Income inequality is high as evidenced by a Gini coefficient of 0.48 (National Institute of Statistics and Census – INEC 2015). Gender Based Violence affects six out of ten women (2015). Despite the peace process in Colombia, new refugees are still arriving in the country, in addition to an increasing number of vulnerable Venezuelans. The northern border area is designated as Security Level 3 while the rest of the country is designated as Level 2.

The country is prone to natural hazards, including droughts, floods, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Average temperatures increased by 1°C over the last 30 years. On 16 April 2016, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the northern coast of Ecuador affecting Manabí and Esmeraldas Provinces. The Government reported 663 casualties and thousands of affected people.

WFP's goal in Ecuador is to be an innovative partner, supporting government policies and priorities as well as contributing to food sovereignty, food security and nutrition of vulnerable people, and gender equality.

WFP has been present in Ecuador since 1964.

Population: **14.5 million**

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

Income Level: **Upper middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **23.9% of children under five**

## Donors

United States of America, Republic of Korea, Adaptation Fund, Private donors.