



WFP Ecuador Country Brief

Highlights

- As part of a successful positioning strategy, WFP meets new official government authorities from key institutions whose mandates are complementary to WFP's work.
- The Country Office is prioritizing the establishment of new key alliances with potential donors in order to guarantee the long term sustainability of WFP's activities in Ecuador.

WFP Country Strategy

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
Ecuador Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)	41.59 m	7.1 m	3.1 m
Strategic Outcome 1: <i>Refugees, displaced persons and vulnerable people in Ecuador are enabled to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements all year long</i>			
SR: 1 Focus area: Crises Response	25 m	2.03 m	2 m
Strategic Outcome 2: <i>Smallholder farmers, especially women, in targeted areas, durably increase their incomes and improve their productivity by 2021.</i>			
SR: 2 Focus area: Root Cause	4.1 m	2.96 m	0.3 m
Strategic Outcome 3: <i>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.</i>			
SR: 3 Focus area: Resilience Building	9 m	1.7 m	0.6 m
Strategic Outcome 4: <i>National institutions and programmes in Ecuador, including social protection programmes, are supported to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition by 2021.</i>			
SR: 4 Focus area: Root Cause	3.5 m	0.3 m	0.2 m

*July 2017 – December 2017

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 and contributing to food sovereignty.

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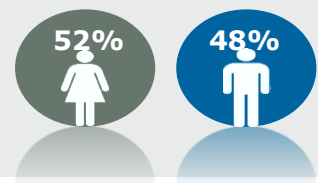
Country Strategic Plan 2017-2021: Starting on April 1st 2017, the Country Strategic Plan for Ecuador positions WFP as a strategic and public policy partner. WFP will support the Government's efforts to achieve SDGs 2 and 17 through four outcomes based on its Strategic Results Framework:

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

23,183 People Assisted
June 2017



Operational Updates

- The Country Director, Kyung-Nan Park accompanied the Korean Ambassador and the Director of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) on a field visit to Imbabura in order to observe the school meals programme and the small holder farmer associations linked to WFP's Programmes.
- The Country Director met with the Head of the Commission of Food Sovereignty of the National Assembly in order to discuss the Sustainable Development Goal 2, food sovereignty and WFP's new Country Strategic Plan, including WFP's potential role in advocating nutrition policies within national policies.
- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representative to Ecuador and WFP's Country Director travelled to Colombia on an official mission to participate in meetings with ECHO, donors and partners to further coordinate activities in the northern Ecuadorian border.
- The new President of the National Assembly chaired an official meeting that gathered the Diplomatic Corps and representatives from International Organizations to highlight the priorities for the new legislative period.
- WFP participated in a meeting hosted by the new Secretary for Risk Management to strengthen partnerships for an aligned cooperation within the priorities of the institution.
- Within the "Enhancing Resilience to the Adverse Effects of Climate Change – FORECCSA" Project, 2,569 vulnerable families in the Province of El Oro are benefiting from the implementation of seven adaptation measures related to irrigation, agro-ecology, water for human consumption and protection of water sources.
- 2,790 small farmers (1,517 women and 1,273 men), through 66 small farmers' associations, provided fresh and nutritious products for WFP's school feeding programme.

Challenges

- Following WFP's positioning strategy with the new government authorities, the Country Director held meetings with high level authorities from the Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion, the "Toda Una Vida" Secretariat, the Risk Management Secretariat and the Head of the Commission for Food Sovereignty at the National Assembly. 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.

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). The influx of refugees from Colombia has added to the demographic mix and has exacerbated social tensions. 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, Multilateral.

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