



## Highlights

- WFP staff participated in a training to strengthen technical skills on the use of the SCOPE platform.
- WFP, FAO and the National Center for Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry (CENTA) implemented the first phase of agriculture trainings under the Agriculture and Markets programme.
- NGO Convoy Hope and students from the Nutrition department of the University of Missouri visited El Salvador to be cognizant of WFP's work on Nutrition programmes.

## WFP El Salvador Country Brief

### WFP Assistance

Restoring Food Security and Livelihoods for Vulnerable Groups Affected by Recurrent Shocks in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
Regional PRRO 200490 Jan 2014 - Dec 2017	17.9 m	11.7 m (65%)	2 m (83%)

\*April - September 2017

The main objectives are: (1) to meet immediate food needs of the most vulnerable food insecure households and communities affected by shocks, and (2) facilitate early recovery through asset creation laying the foundation for a transition to resilience building. People affected by the drought have been assisted through Food for Asset (FFA)/Food for Training (FFT) activities with support from NGO partners and government counterparts.

NUTRIMOS 200994	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
Feb. 2016-March 31, 2017	0.114m	0.114 m (100%)

**Nutrinos El Salvador** contributes toward stunting prevention through supplementary nutrition feeding for pregnant and lactating women and children under two years of age. The objective of this Nutrition Trust Fund is to prevent. The shift from direct distribution of the commodity at health centers to the provision of commodity vouchers, reduces the burden on the health system and makes existing cash transfers and social protection mechanisms more nutrition sensitive.

Trust Fund ProFarmers 200815	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
Jun 2015 - Feb 2018	2.7 m	2.7 m (100%)

Under the **ProFarmers Trust Fund**, WFP is working with the Ministry of Agriculture to build upon and scale up the success of Purchase for Progress (P4P) activities in previous years. The goal of ProFarmers is to link 50,000 smallholder staple grain farmers to formal markets.

Cooperativism, Resilience and Markets: Promoting access to markets for resilient smallholder farmers	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
DEV 200932 Jan 2016 - Jan 2018	3.0 m	2.4 m (81%)	0.8 m (72%)

\*April - September 2017

**Development project:** (DEV 200932) aims to build resilience among smallholder farmers, cooperatives, and women participating in agricultural field schools of the government's *Ciudad Mujer* programme and to reduce their vulnerability to food insecurity and malnutrition by increasing the supply and demand for agricultural produce. WFP is introducing sustainable agricultural practices, supporting the diversification of production and the development of community stores where farmers can sell their surplus production.

The Joint UN Food Security and Nutrition Programme, **SANNHOS**, led by FAO, is strengthening the capacities of three municipal governments to implement policies and actions promoting food security and nutrition. Twelve staff members from CONASAN and the Ministry of Agriculture received trainings on collection and use of food and nutrition security indicators to strengthen monitoring and data analysis in the municipalities. During these trainings, anthropometric measurements were taken in 150 children to assess their nutritional status.

### In Numbers

**717,200** people affected by drought

**190,110** people in need of food assistance

**5,051** People assisted (March 2017)

## Operational Updates

- The WFP Security Division in Rome Headquarters visited El Salvador to meet with NGOs, government institutions and United Nations Agencies to comprehend the security situation in the country.
- The **Monitoring Assets for Social Programmes (MAPS, acronym in Spanish)** platform was presented to the Technical Secretary of the Presidency through a demo to explain the operation, its benefits and high potential for the execution of social programs. To analyse the platform feasibility, it will be tested through a Social Protection and Nutrition Programme. MAPS will monitor the results and analyse the programme impact on approximately 1,400 individuals
- WFP staff was trained on the use of the **SCOPE platform** to fully implement corporate IT solutions in all programmes relying on cash-based transfers.
- WFP, in coordination with FAO and the National Center for Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry Technology (CENTA), implemented the first phase of trainings on maize and beans production planned under the **Agriculture and Markets programme (Profarmers)**. These trainings were imparted by members of the farmer organizations participating in ProFarmers who had previously benefitted from a training of trainers course.
- Under the **Cooperativism, Resilience and Markets** development project, trainings were provided to the management and supervisors of the community stores of **COMUS (NGO)** on "leadership and motivation"; "food handling and storage"; "customer care and service" and "marketing and merchandising".
- The NGO **Convoy Hope** visited El Salvador together with students in the department of Nutrition from the **University of Missouri**. The purpose of the visit was to know WFP's work in Nutrition and how it is implemented in the field.

## Challenges

- **Limited funding:** PRRO faces a shortfall of 67% (5.1 million USD) to complete planned activities. This shortfall represents USD 3.9 million for cash-based transfers and USD 1.1 million equivalent to 834.90 mt of commodity.

## Country Background & Strategy



El Salvador is the most densely populated country in Central America. 35 percent of households live in multidimensional poverty and the proportion of households living in income poverty increased from 29.6 percent in 2013 to 31.9 percent in 2014 (National Household Survey, 2014), which is reflected by a Gini coefficient of 0.48. The country is ranked 11th on the 2016 World Risk Index and 14th on the 2016 Global Climate Risk Index.

Security remains a major concern for authorities. El Salvador is currently the most violent country in the western hemisphere, with 6,650 homicides in 2015, which places it in the homicide rate of 103 per 100,000 inhabitants (InSight Crime, 2016). The extremely high homicide rate in this country is marked by significant occurrence of gang-related crimes and juvenile delinquency. Most of the murders committed were carried out by local gangs competing for power and territory.

WFP El Salvador supports the development of sustainable government social protection programmes through three strategic areas i) improving the social protection of vulnerable population groups through food security and nutrition interventions; ii) risk mitigation disaster; and iii) strengthening small farmers and development of related markets.

WFP has been present in El Salvador since 1971.

Population: **6.4 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **116 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **14% of children between 6-59 months**

## Donors

**PRRO 200490:** Germany, USA (Food for Peace), Netherlands, Canada, Sweden, Denmark and Korea. **PROFARMERS:** Howard G. Buffett Foundation. **SANNHOS:** SDG Fund. **Nutrition project:** Private sector donors, WFP USA, Astellas USA Foundation. **DEV 200932:** Italy, EuropeAid (EU)

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