



## WFP Haiti Country Brief

## Highlights

- WFP officially started to hand over the management of the Kore Lavi programme to the Ministry of Social Affairs (MAST).
- WFP finalized the implementation of the Three-Pronged approach (3PA) with a final consultation at communal level in October. The 3PA supports the design and planning of resilience building activities.
- WFP Haiti donated two of its off-road trucks to support WFP emergency operations in response to Hurricane Maria in Dominica.

## WFP Assistance

Assistance to the National School Feeding Programme DEV 200150 (2012 - 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	128 m	96.1 m (75%)	4.9m

\*November 2017 - April 2018

WFP Haiti's Development Project assists Haitian school children by providing a nutritious school meal and supports the Government's vision to establish a nationally-owned school meals program linked to local agriculture by 2030. The Development Project started in 2012 and its specific objectives are: i) help ensure that pre- and primary school children remain in school to improve their education and nutritional levels; and ii) enhance the capacities of the government to enable a sustainable expansion of its national school meals program.

WFP's school meals programme represents the country's largest food-based safety net. In coordination with the National School Meals Programme (PNCS), WFP aims to deliver daily hot meals to 400,000 school children in 1,400 schools in nine of Haiti's ten departments with an emphasis on primary public schools in rural areas. School children receive hot meals based on a daily ration of 165 grams composed of cereals, pulses, fortified vegetable oil and iodized salt. The daily ration given during a school meal represents approximately 40 percent of the recommended daily intake for school children.

In line with the Government's priority of supporting local economies and agriculture, WFP is linking school meals with local markets and increasing its local purchases every year. WFP also implements a home-grown school feeding pilot in Nippes Department. Relying on locally produced foods, the programme aims to improve the dietary diversity of school children. The model also helps strengthen farmers' organizations and cooperatives. For the 2016/2017 school year, 7,000 students received a nutritious and diversified seasonal menu including cereals, pulses, fresh vegetables and root tubers.

**Main Photo** Caption: WFP Haiti's truck is being loaded on a boat in Dominican Republic to be transported to Dominica in support of WFP hurricane Maria emergency operation.

Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Resilience PRRO 200618 (2014 - 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	211.3 m	95.8 m (45%)	-

The protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) supports the Government's efforts to respond to the needs of populations affected or at risk and to achieve Zero Hunger through the following activities:

- enhance, through general food assistance, the food consumption and dietary diversity of the most vulnerable and food insecure populations that are affected by natural disasters;
- support the Government's Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) capacity and its interventions to save lives;
- encourage resilience-building efforts by supporting communities to create assets and build their resistance to shocks via food assistance for assets;
- support the food security and resilience of the most food insecure population by developing and institutionalizing a targeting and response system for the national social safety net programme;
- address global acute malnutrition, and treat moderate acute malnutrition in children under five and in pregnant and lactating women;
- assist the permanent reduction in the prevalence of chronic malnutrition by a food-assisted approach focusing on the first 1,000 days.

## In Numbers

**760,000** people are registered in SIMAST  
(Ministry of Social Affairs' Information System)

**352,000** children received a daily school meal

People Assisted



October 2017

## Operational Updates

### Emergency Response

- WFP Haiti donated two of its off-road trucks to support the WFP emergency operation on the island of Dominica in response to Hurricane Maria. The trucks were brought to Santo Domingo on 13 October and arrived on the island of Dominica on 19 October aboard the Royal Dutch Navy HNLMS Karel Doorman.

### School Feeding

- In October, WFP distributed a hot meal to 352,000 children in nine departments. Among them, 15,000 receive meals prepared with only local products, including fresh vegetables.
- For the 2017/2018 school year, WFP is implementing complementary activities to improve literacy. In October, teachers and students in the first and second grade classes received 20,500 Creole and French reading kits and supplies.

### Social Protection

- The Minister of Social Affairs and WFP Haiti Country Director attended the regional seminar on shock-responsive social protection in emergencies, which took place in Peru on 30–31 October.
- WFP officially started to hand over the management of the Kore Lavi programme to the Ministry of Social Affairs (MAST). On 1 October, the handover began in Artibonite department, and it will continue gradually in other departments in the upcoming months.

### Resilience

- WFP Haiti finalized the three-pronged approach (3PA) which supports the design and planning of activities that build resilience to climatic and economic shocks. A four-day workshop was organized at communal level with 38 participants in the North-West and an action plan was established. The first activities designed through the 3PA will begin in November 2017.

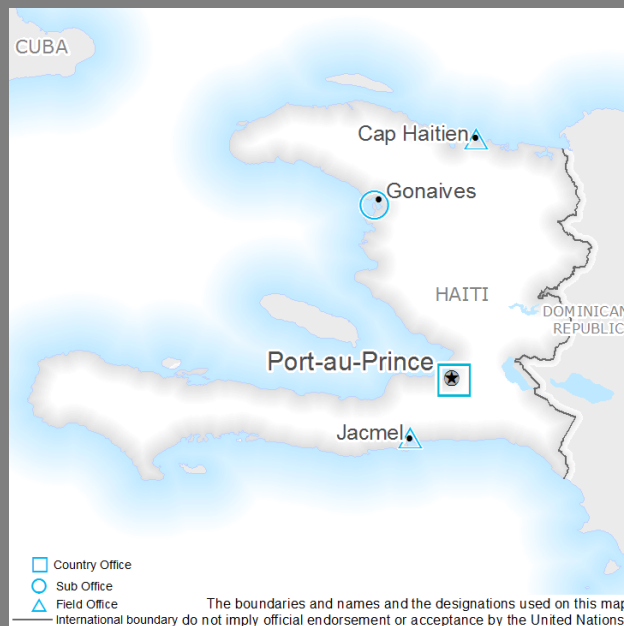
### Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping

- A four-day IPC exercise was conducted in October with the main Food Security actors (including the National Coordination for Food Security (CNSA), WFP, FAO, and Fews Net). Results will be available in November 2017.

### Risk Analysis and Preparedness Measures

- Haiti is in the hurricane season until 30 November. WFP has a contingency food stock of 2,800 mt in Haiti to cover the potential relief needs of 150,000 people for one month. The contingency stock is composed of rice, pulses, oil and salt. WFP also has 16 mt of high-energy biscuits to cover the potential relief needs of 38,900 people for 2 days.

## Country Background & Strategy



Haiti is the only low-income country in the Americas and its economy has been repeatedly affected by political crises and a series of devastating natural disasters over the last two decades. 59 percent of Haitians live in poverty and close to 25 percent in extreme poverty. Agriculture provides 50 percent of jobs in the country and accounts for 25 percent of the GDP, but Haiti fails to produce enough food for its population's needs.

In 2016, Haiti experienced its third consecutive year of drought, exacerbated by the global El Nino weather phenomenon and was hit by a category 4 Hurricane, the worst registered in the last 10 years.

Poverty, depletion of environmental resources and limited national capacity to respond to crises make Haiti highly vulnerable to natural shocks. Even in the case of moderate shocks, there is often the need for WFP to respond. In light of environmental and economic vulnerability, the main pillars of WFP's country strategy are emergency preparedness and response, food and nutrition safety nets, and augmentation of national capacity. In 2016, WFP Haiti sharpened its focus on developing government capacity, local purchase from smallholder farmers and the use of cash and voucher transfers.

WFP has been present in Haiti since 1969.

Population: **11 million**

2016 Human Development Index:  
**163 out of 188**

Food Imports: **over 50% of national requirements**

2014 Maplecroft Index: **6<sup>th</sup> most vulnerable country to climate change**

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