



WFP Haiti Country Brief

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)*
	126 m	97 m (77%)	-

*June - November 2017

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 dietary diversity of school children. The model also helps strengthen farmers' organizations and cooperatives. For the 2016/2017 school year, 7,000 students receive nutritious and diversified seasonal menu including cereals, pulses, fresh vegetables and root tubers.

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Photo Caption: WFP is distributing specialized nutritious foods to children and pregnant and nursing mothers to prevent malnutrition.

Highlights

- WFP is implementing Food Assistance for Assets activities targeting 17,000 participants and malnutrition prevention activities targeting 27,000 children and 25,000 women in the hurricane-affected areas.
- With the beginning of the hurricane season, which runs from 1 June to 30 November, WFP has prepositioned 3,240 tons of food to enable rapid response.

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	97.5 m (46%)	13 m (80%)

*June - November 2017

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

1.55 m people facing food insecurity (*December 2016 Emergency Food Security Assessment, EFSA*)

280,000 people severely food insecure

924,900 people received food assistance under the Hurricane response since the beginning of the operation

People Assisted



May 2017

Operational Updates

Recovery interventions in Hurricane affected areas

- Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) activities have started in the Department of Grande Anse in the communes of Corail, Pestel, Les Irois, and Anse D’Haineault. A total of 10,000 people are participating in activities aiming at rebuilding livelihoods of communities affected by Hurricane Matthew. WFP is working with 9 partners, among them UNDP and FAO, to ensure the projects benefits from complementary expertise and community knowledge. Participants will receive cash in exchange for their work to address their families’ immediate food needs. Additional FFA projects will start in June targeting 7,000 participants in Nippes and Artibonite.

- WFP is distributing specialized nutritious foods to approximately 27,000 children and 25,000 women in Grande Anse and Nippes, complemented by a family ration benefiting around 126,000 persons.

Kore Lavi / National Vulnerability Database

- A meeting was held with the General Director of the Ministry of Social Affairs (MAST) and Kore Lavi partners to confirm the steps for a progressive handover of management of Kore Lavi to the MAST from October 2018.

Local Purchases

- WFP and UFAPAL (Unit for purchases of local agricultural products under the Ministry of Agriculture) have organized trainings for seven farmers’ associations in the South department to facilitate their access to markets. Participants received trainings in organizational development, production, post-harvest handling, and quality control.
- WFP Home Grown School Feeding project delivered one hot meal a day to 6,190 children in Nippes with 27 tons of local products.

REACH

- REACH (Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger and undernutrition) and the United Nations network for the SUN movement (Scaling up Nutrition) organized a strategic workshop with UN agencies on the fight against hunger and malnutrition in Haiti. The results and propositions will be used as the foundation of a strategy for food and nutritional security.

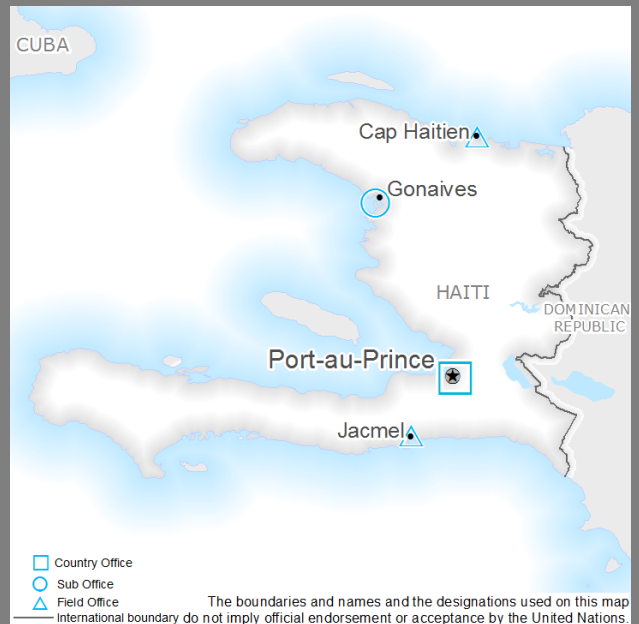
Risk Analysis and Preparedness Measures

- In Haiti, the hurricane season runs from 1 June to 30 November with 97 percent of tropical activity during this period. WFP has prepositioned 3,240 tons of food to respond rapidly in case of hurricane. With this stock, WFP will be able to provide food assistance to 150,000 people during one month.
- Through the Forecast based Financing (FBF) project, a mission composed of 6 forecasters and a technician from the National Centre of Meteorology (CNM) of Haiti attended a technical training in Cuba to improve their knowledge on early warning.

Impact of limited funding

- The number of school children receiving support in the 2017/18 school year will have to be reduced by more than 25 percent if no further funding is received.

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**

2015 Human Development Index:
163 out of 188

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

2014 Maplecroft Index: **6th most vulnerable country to climate change**

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