



WFP Paraguay Country Brief

WFP Assistance

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
SDG - Sustainable Development Goals Fund		
10024973 (Jun 15 – Mar 17)	300,000	150,000 (50%)
UNTFHS – UN Trust Fund Human Security		
200782 (Oct 14 – June 17)	444,049	444,049 (100%)
DIPECHO X – Disaster Risk Reduction		
200986 (Apr 16 – Sep 17)	108,394.4	54,106.60 (50%)

SDG (10024973): In this interagency project, financed through the Sustainable Development Goals Fund, with the participation of FAO, WHO, and UNICEF, WFP is in charge of encouraging local food production, with an emphasis on risk management among indigenous populations.

UNHSTF (200782): This interagency project with the participation of PAHO/WHO, UNDP and WFP, aims to strengthen human security of vulnerable households in Paraguay's Chaco region. WFP is improving the food security of indigenous families through the promotion of protection of livelihoods, strengthening in the supply of local foods to the national school feeding program and the introduction of a fortified cereal mix to improve the nutrition of pregnant and lactating women with children with undernutrition within the government's Comprehensive Nutritional Food Program (PANI), which addresses undernourishment in children under the age of 5.

Highlights

- WFP has started the distribution of the caloric supplement in the Paraguayan Chaco jointly with the National Institute for Food and Nutrition (INAN)

DIPECHO X (200986): In close cooperation with UNDP,

UNDP, Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI), and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), WFP is in charge of strengthening the local logistics and emergency response capacities of the Municipality of Concepción as part to the assistance delivered to the National Emergency Secretariat (SEN).

Operational Updates

- WFP has started the distribution of the caloric supplement elaborated jointly with the INAN. 10 MT have already been distributed, in the capitals of the districts of the sanitary regions of the departments of Caaguazu, Presidente Hayes, and Boquerón, where undernourished children under 5 years of age and pregnant mothers who benefit from the Integral Nutritional Food Programme (PANI) will receive the supplement along with fortified milk from the Government.
- To strengthen the distribution of items under the PANI programme, WFP has led the signing of inter-institutional agreements among local institutions, to provide logistic support to the programme in case of need, as well as for the regular implementation of the initiative.
- WFP is leading the implementation of the base line of the SDG Project jointly with the Government and the World Health Organization - Pan-American Health Organization (WHO-PAHO) in five municipalities of three departments of the country (Caaguazu, Caazapa and Presidente Hayes). The baseline will be finished by end of April 2017.



Credit: WFP / Baptiste Icard
Caption: Caloric supplement and fortified milk provided through the PANI programme, Villa Hayes, Paraguay



Credit: PMA / Baptiste Icard
Caption: Communal land improved through irrigation, Ijnapuy, Filadelfia, Boquerón Department

Country Background & Strategy



Paraguay is a low middle income country with a per capita gross national income (GNI) of USD 4,010 (World Bank, 2014). According to the 2015 SOFI, Paraguay was on track to reach the MDG 1 target of halving the proportion of people who suffer from hunger. Currently 10.4% are undernourished, a reduction of 46.6% from 1990: if current trends persist, Paraguay will achieve the target by 2020.

WFP formulated a draft County Strategy Document (CSD) for Paraguay where potential support areas were identified and prioritized, including (i) vulnerability analysis mapping and targeting, (ii) improvement of national food-based safety-nets such as school feeding and complementary feeding, and (iii) emergency preparedness and response. WFP does not have a country office in Paraguay. To implement its projects, WFP established an antenna office in Asuncion that is managed by the Bolivia Country Office. The Government has expressed interest in re-opening a WFP country office in Paraguay to implement longer-term support. However, a concrete commitment of the Government towards the re-opening of the office has not yet been formalized.

WFP has been active in Paraguay since 2012.

Population: **6.7 million**

2015 Human Development Index:
111 out of 188

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition in rural areas:
17% of children under 5

Challenges

To coordinate with all stakeholders the execution of all pending activities.