



WFP Colombia Country Brief

WFP Country Strategy

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
Colombia Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)	90.4 m	N/A	N/A

GENDER MARKER 2A

Strategic Outcome 1: WFP provides technical assistance in the design, targeting and monitoring of government programmes, promotes cost-effective and context-specific actions in partnership with national, civil and academic organizations, with a view to closing gaps in food security and nutrition policies and programmes and improving the generation of evidence.

Strategic Outcome 2: WFP reaches IDPs, confined or marginalized communities, returnees and victims of sexual and gender-based violence through activities oriented towards strengthening protection and equality in accordance with humanitarian principles and with protocols agreed on with government partners. Capacities in the application of new tools such as vulnerability analysis, CBTs minimum preparedness actions will be strengthened to increase efficiency of territorial programmes.

Strategic Outcome 3: WFP contributes to preventing all forms of malnutrition. Nutrition-sensitive actions that address the triple burden of malnutrition are prioritized: these include promotion of nutritious diets and diversified consumption with focus in rural areas and ethnic communities.

Strategic Outcome 4: WFP promotes efficient food

Highlights

- Logistical challenges led to a delay in the implementation of the peace deal between the Colombian Government and the FARC guerrilla group. The deadline for all combatants to hand over their weapons, set for May 31, has been postponed by 20 days.
- In order to support the peace stabilization process, WFP and other UN agencies are drafting joint interventions to be implemented in areas where FARC concentration zones are located. The interventions will be focused on improving food security and strengthening capacities for a better access to health services.

procurement models that link smallholders' production to institutional markets, with a focus on women farmers and victims of violence and ensuring equitable participation in all stages of the value chain. The partners leading this approach are local governments and national institutions

Strategic Outcome 5: actions support: i) inclusive and sustainable community-based management of natural resources and adaptation to climate change; ii) resilience-building, using incentives such as food transfers or CBTs to recover traditional practices and knowledge, improve dietary diversity and rebuild livelihoods.

In Numbers

6 m people displaced

600,000 people in need of food assistance

7,660 people assisted
May 2017



Operational Updates

- An agreement was signed with the Ministry of Education, for WFP to implement the school meals program in La Guajira region. WFP will introduce innovative models that ensure transparency and accountability. La Guajira is among the most vulnerable and marginalized regions in Colombia, with high rates of poverty, chronic malnutrition, anemia and limited access to basic services. The school meals program will support around 100,000 children in 14 municipalities. In coordination with the Ministry of Education, WFP is carrying out an assessment of the infrastructure, equipment, water and sanitation conditions of all targeted schools. The findings will inform tailoring the intervention according to the local context.
- In the northern department of Córdoba, WFP supports 300 families of the Embera-Katio indigenous group affected by the armed conflict and the environmental degradation caused by the construction of a hydroelectric plant. The indigenous communities have moved from their collective lands to the rural and peri-urban areas of the municipality of Tierralta. Their socioeconomic conditions (low income, linguistic and cultural marginalization), the lack of arable land, environmental problems and the precarious health situation caused by the lack of basic sanitation result in high levels of food insecurity. WFP is supporting the recovery of their livelihoods, through the establishment of community gardens and fish ponds.
- WFP and the Government of Putumayo signed a framework agreement in order to develop post-emergency activities after the landslides that affected a great part of the province last April. Actions are aimed to: i) improve food and nutrition security and prevent malnutrition through innovative strategies; ii) support small farmers' organizations, especially rural women farmers, through the improvement of productive systems; and iii) promote smallholder organizations' access to institutional and private markets in order to stimulate rural economies.

Challenges

- Despite the peace agreement signed between the Government and the FARC, violence continues to affect thousands of Colombians, and humanitarian needs are expected to rise, taking into account the increasing levels of internal forced displacement and confinement, particularly in the Pacific Coast and border zones. WFP will continue supporting government efforts to assist these communities including by enhancing the humanitarian crisis capacity response plan.

Country Background



With a Gini index of 0.05, Colombia ranks 19th among the world's most unequal countries. Many regions, particularly rural areas, still suffer from high poverty, inadequate service delivery and few economic opportunities. Colombia is ranked 92nd out of 186 countries in terms of gender inequality. The population suffers from chronic malnutrition and anaemia, as well as obesity and over-nutrition.

The fifty-year old armed conflict affected 7 million people and displaced 6.8 million. The conflict disproportionately affected vulnerable ethnic minorities. Over 95 percent of IDPs are food insecure compared to the national average of 43 percent.

WFP's strategy in Colombia is based on the premise that supporting the Government in reaching Sustainable Development Goals 17 and 2, while contributing to other goals, will achieve an inclusive peace. Negotiations with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia highlighted the importance of food security, rural development and "leaving no one behind". WFP's strategy is aligned with emerging priorities of the Government to address humanitarian, recovery, development and technical assistance needs and contribute to peace and reintegration. WFP will support the Government's peacebuilding work with a view to achieving sustainable solutions for victims of the conflict.

WFP has been present in Colombia since 1969.

Population: 48,600,000

2015 Human Development Index: **95 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle income**

Chronic malnutrition: 13.2% of children aged 6-59 months

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