



WFP Haiti Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Development Project 200150 (2012 - 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	124.6m	80.8m (65%)	-

*October 2016 - March 2017

WFP's school meals programme represents the country's largest food-based safety net and supports government efforts to establish a Haitian-owned programme by 2030. In coordination with the National School Meals Programme (PNCS), WFP planned to deliver daily hot meals to 485,000 schoolchildren in over 1,700 schools in nine of Haiti's ten departments.

In 2015, WFP launched a home-grown school feeding pilot in Nippes. Relying on locally produced foods, the programme aims to improve dietary diversity of school children. It is WFP's first school meals model in Haiti which integrates fresh fruits and vegetables as well as a variety of other local staple products into its menu. The model also helps strengthening farmers' organizations and cooperatives.

Single Country PRRO 200618 (2014 - 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	106.6 m	59.8 m (56%)	2.8 m (24%)

*October 2016- March 2017

In alignment with the National Strategic Programme for Development (2015-2030), WFP provides complementary feeding based on the 1,000 days approach to prevent stunting and micronutrient deficiencies among children under two, pregnant women, and nursing mothers. WFP also delivers supplementary food rations to children to address acute malnutrition. WFP strengthens the capacities of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor to improve the targeting of social safety nets by developing a national database of vulnerable households. These activities are done in support of the Kore Lavi programme.

WFP works with the Ministry of Agriculture to implement food-for-assets activities targeting 225,000 people in the most food insecure areas. The programme aims to enhance resilience and reduce community vulnerability to shocks while meeting the

Main Credit: WFP/Lorene Didier
Photo WFP and ECHO meeting Cash for Assets participants in the North East of Haiti

Highlights

- While preparing this report Haiti was hit by a category 4 Hurricane and emergency operations started immediately. Details will be given in October report.
- September marked the beginning of the school year with WFP School feeding program resuming. WFP reached 350,000 school children with a daily hot meal during this first month of school with the plan to scale up to 400,000 in October.
- The National Coordination for Food Security estimates in its September bulletin that the number of food insecure people in Haiti decreased from 3,6 million in January to 3,2 million in August 2016

population's immediate food needs. Participants are provided with cash transfers for their work to rehabilitate productive infrastructure and protect watersheds. WFP aims to preposition food stocks to cover the potential relief needs of 300,000 people during the hurricane season from June to November.

Emergency Operation 200949* (Mar- Sept 2016)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
	81.7 m	24.1 (28%)	-

*Project ending in September 2016

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WFP launched an Emergency Operation to address the immediate food needs of drought-affected populations after an Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) revealed that 3.6 million people were food insecure, with 1.5 million severely food insecure.

In line with the Government strategy, WFP plans to assist one million people with a combination of unconditional and conditional cash transfers. Pregnant and nursing women and children under 2 years are also targeted for supplementary feeding. During the first three months, they received unconditional cash or food transfers. In the subsequent three months, 200,000 people will receive conditional cash transfers based on their participation in asset creation activities. To ensure complementarity, activities are coordinated with the Government and NGO interventions.

WFP Haiti in Numbers

350,000 school children received a daily meal

27,000 participants in Cash for Assets activities

1,755 tons of food bought locally so far in 2016

People Assisted



September 2016

Operational Updates

- WFP is planning to reach 400,000 school children with a daily hot meal in school year 2016/2017. This year, WFP will focus on reinforcing the nutritional value of the meals, local purchases, environmentally friendly cooking techniques and will support the Government for the implementation of the school feeding policy.
- WFP expanded its Home Grown School Feeding pilot in the Nippes Department and is now reaching a total of 7,000 children versus 3,500 of last school year. The project which was implemented last year in the commune of Petite Riviere de Nippes is now reaching 4 additional communes (Anse a Veau, Miragoane, Paillant, Fond de Nègres). Thanks to this pilot, 36% of WFP supported schools in Nippes are distributing only local produces.
- As part of its Emergency Operation in response to the drought, WFP reached 70,000 people in September with cash transfers. Amongst them, 20,000 were participating in Cash for Assets projects aiming at building resilience.
- As Haiti is in the hurricane season (which lasts until November) WFP has replenished its contingency food stock to cover the potential relief needs of 300,000 people.
- In partnership with FAO, 7,075 people are participating in a Cash for Asset project in the South-East Department, to enhance livelihood and resilience. For the first time in Haiti, cash transfers are provided through mobile phone.
- WFP replaced its supplementary food rations to address acute malnutrition for children with a locally produced commodity.

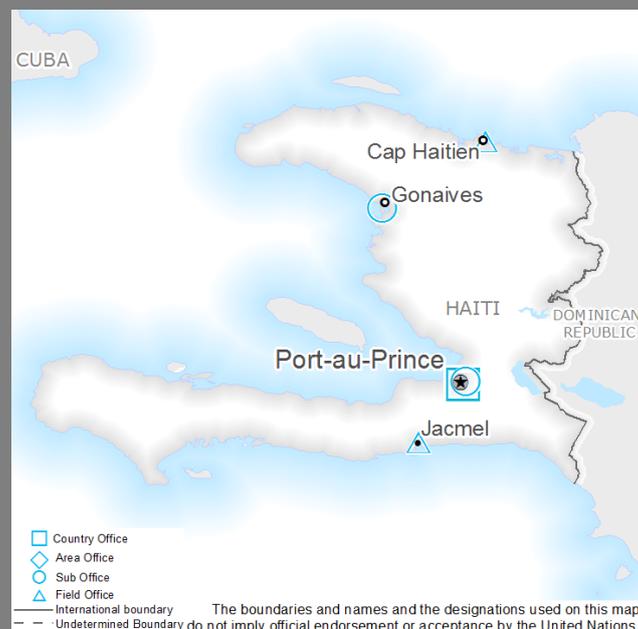
Impact of Limited Funding

- Due to limited funding, WFP will reach less than a third of the total planned people under its Emergency Operation. Livelihood recovery, which will be implemented through FFA, is critical to households' moving away from dependency on food assistance, as many household have sold productive assets.
- Due to limited funding, WFP had to reduce the number of children assisted under its school feeding programme from 485,000 to 400,000 starting September 2016.

Assessment

- WFP began a Logistic Capacity Assessment (LCA) to update information related to logistics infrastructure and services in Haiti. The LCA will provide logisticians with fundamental, baseline logistics information, such as port and airport capacities, road and rail networks, storage facilities, handling procedures, labor rates, local transportation resources and other key elements required for operational support.

Country Background & Strategy



Haiti is the poorest 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.

In 2015, Haiti endured its third year of drought exacerbated by the El Niño phenomenon. 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.

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 is sharpening its focus on resilience building, 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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