Bolivia
Response to floods

WFP Response in numbers

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<td>Nº affected people</td>
<td>325,000</td>
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<td>Nº beneficiaries in (end April)</td>
<td>75,000</td>
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<td>Nº assisted departments i(end April)</td>
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<td>Nº assisted municipalities (end April)</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>Nº assisted communities in (end April)</td>
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<td>Metric tones of food aid to be distributed (end of April)</td>
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Highlights of the emergency

- The government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia announced a rehabilitation and disaster prevention plan for Bolivia, Patujú Plan, with 476 million dollars for its implementation (ERBOL).
- WFP and the Viceminister of Rural Development and Agriculture (VDRA) are working on a joint recovery strategy to address food insecurity of the flood-affected population (WFP).
- The main road connecting Riberalta and Guayaramerín has been flooded by the rio Yata overflow. However, fuel supply continues to be normal in the city of Riberalta (WFP suboffice in Riberalta).

WFP resourcing update

- Needs: 4,000,000 USD
- Confirmed contributions:
  - 100,000 USD ITALY
  - 869,436 USD CERF
  - 103,250 USD CERF Log
- Gap: 2,927,314 USD

Gov Rehabilitation plan

- Patujú Plan for rehabilitation and disaster prevention in Beni
- Investment USD
- Credit to the livestock sector for repopulation: 30 MM
- Temporary employment programme: 12,4 MM
- Rehabilitation and construction of defensive infrastructure: 20,11 MM
- Transfers to small scale farmers, peasants and indigenous people: 21 MM

Source: Local press

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**Operational**

- Field trip with the international press -EFE news agency and TeleSur network– to raise the emergency issue among national and international public opinion.

- 18,2 MT of high energy biscuits (HEB) were distributed in the municipalities of Santa Ana de Yacuma, Exaltación, Puerto Siles, San Joaquín, Riberalta and Guayaramerín, in Beni. 1,7 MT of HEB will be airlifted to the municipality of San Ramón in the coming days.

- WFP agreed with the Vice minister of Rural Development and Agriculture (VDRA) the elaboration of a food security strategy to be implemented along with the rehabilitation and disaster prevention plan with food aid and technical assistance.

- By the end of April, WFP will be distributing some 352 MT of food aid to 75.000 flood-affected people in 669 communities of 24 municipalities of the departments of Beni, La Paz (northern), Pando and Cochabamba. WFP food ration comprises high energy biscuits (43 MT), pasta/noodles (266 MT), vegetable oil (22 MT) and canned fish (21 MT).

- Assessment missions taking place in Pando and the Chapare region in Cochabamba.

**Logistics**

- Support to the Civil Defense with mapping of the logistics and fluvial transport in Beni.

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**WFP needs funds to urgently alleviate the effects of flooding in Bolivia**

WFP asked for urgent support from the international cooperation to assist thousands of flood-affected families as a result of the devastating floods in the Bolivian Amazonia.

"Flooding in Bolivia continues to be bad news for the people that face it day after day. We can’t forget this and think it is over", stated the deputy country director of WFP in Bolivia, Spanish Marina García Real.

WFP, which differs from other UN agencies in the way it is financed (only by voluntary donations), needs four million dollars to assist some 75.000 people who have lost all of their belongings and livelihoods, pointed out García Real during a food distribution in Guayaramerín, in the border with Brazil.

(EFE news agency)