



# WFP Bolivia

## Situation Report

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WFP supports vulnerable populations in Bolivia through humanitarian logistics, food assistance, and institutional feeding support.

### Highlights

- **Emergency Response Activation:** WFP has activated emergency response capacities to support continuity of food supply chains and essential services for vulnerable populations affected by access constraints in La Paz and El Alto.
- **Humanitarian Logistics Operations:** WFP and partners are operationalizing temporary humanitarian air and land transport modalities to move food and critical humanitarian cargo into affected urban centres.
- **Institutional Feeding Support:** WFP is preparing targeted support for hospitals, shelters, orphanages, elderly care facilities, and temporary accommodation centres affected by supply disruptions.

### In Numbers



**2 million** people affected by reduced access to food and essential commodities in La Paz and El Alto.



**Humanitarian logistics operations** are being planned to support the regular movement of humanitarian cargo and essential supplies into affected urban centres, with an estimated transport capacity of approximately 15 mt per rotation.



WFP plans to support up to **154,000 people through humanitarian food assistance and institutional feeding activities**, with approximately 2,500 mt of food commodities planned for mobilization

### SITUATION UPDATE

- **Access Constraints:** Bolivia has entered its fourth consecutive week of disruptions, with more than 50 blockage points continuing to affect movement of food, fuel, medical supplies, and humanitarian cargo across key transport corridors connecting Santa Cruz with La Paz, El Alto, Cochabamba, and other western urban centres.
- **Food Market Disruptions:** Reduced market availability, transport bottlenecks, and fuel shortages continue driving increases in prices of staple food commodities, including rice, flour, cooking oil, meat, eggs, and poultry products, affecting vulnerable urban households and informal workers.
- **Pressure on Essential Services:** Health facilities and institutional care centres continue facing operational challenges related to access to food supplies, oxygen, medicines, fuel, and transportation for personnel and essential cargo. Access disruptions are also affecting movement of laboratory samples and medical supplies.
- **Humanitarian Concerns:** Prolonged access constraints and supply disruptions continue increasing humanitarian concerns for vulnerable populations, including children, older persons, pregnant and lactating women, people with disabilities, and low-income households with limited coping capacity.
- **Weekend Developments:** Humanitarian corridor operations continued over the weekend with limited operational access in some affected areas, while disruptions to transportation and supply chains persisted.

## WFP OPERATIONS

WFP has activated its humanitarian response capacity in Bolivia to support temporary reinforcement of supply chains and facilitate access to food and essential commodities for vulnerable populations affected by current access constraints.

The response focuses on **humanitarian logistics support, continuity of institutional feeding services, and preparedness for potential expansion of food assistance activities** depending on operational conditions and identified needs.



## EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

- **Institutional Feeding Support:** WFP is preparing targeted institutional feeding support for hospitals, shelters, orphanages, elderly care facilities, temporary accommodation centres, and other priority institutions affected by supply disruptions.
- **Food Basket Support:** Initial procurement includes staple food commodities such as rice, beans, and lentils for institutional feeding and humanitarian assistance activities.
- **Planned Reach:** During an initial phase and subject to operational conditions and resource availability, WFP aims to support 154,000 beneficiaries, including people in institutional settings such as hospital patients, children in institutional care, older persons, pregnant and lactating women, and individuals with chronic medical conditions.
- **Local Procurement:** Food commodities are being procured locally where feasible and mobilized through humanitarian logistics arrangements combining air and land transportation modalities depending on access conditions.
- **Partner Coordination:** WFP continues coordination with operational partners, including faith-based

organizations and humanitarian NGOs, to support last-mile delivery capacity and continuity of services.



## FOOD SECURITY AND MARKET CONDITIONS

- WFP monitoring indicates continued increases in prices of key staple food commodities in affected urban centres, particularly La Paz and El Alto, where reduced market availability and transportation constraints continue affecting food affordability.
- Reduced purchasing power and increased food prices continue affecting vulnerable urban households and informal workers with limited coping capacity.



## COORDINATION

- WFP is leading coordination efforts within the **United Nations Emergency Technical Team (UNETE)** to support emergency preparedness, humanitarian access, logistics planning, and operational information-sharing among UN agencies and humanitarian partners.
- WFP continues coordinating closely with government counterparts, humanitarian organizations, faith-based organizations, and operational partners to facilitate humanitarian logistics operations and continuity of essential supply chains.
- Daily operational coordination mechanisms continue supporting access monitoring, cargo prioritization, humanitarian corridor discussions, and response readiness.

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