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**WFP News Video:**

**COVID19 Stricken Latin America Highlighting the Effects of the Pandemic on Hunger**

**Shot: June, July 2020**

**Peru, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras**

**TRT: 3:41**

**SHOTLIST:**

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**GV's Lima**

**Lima, Peru**

**Shot: 7July2020**

**:17-:54**

**Venezuelan Migrants**

Many Venezuelans gather on this corner to clean the windows and windshields of cars that stop at the stoplight. Most of them lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic and, having no more opportunities, choose self-employment on the streets. It is estimated that some 31,000 Venezuelans have returned to their country of origin on foot as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Lima, Peru**

**Shot: 7July2020**

**:54-1:02**

**SOT Raúl Montero -Venezuelan migrant(Spanish)**

"I lost my job, because of the pandemic. And now I had to clean cars. I had never done it before, but to bring food to my children I have to do that"

**Lima, Peru**

**Shot: 7July2020**

**1:02-1:32**



**WFP Executive Director, David Beasley visits WFP project that supports farmers grow food for WFP school meals programs.** The pandemic has prevented many of these farmers from selling their crops.

**Shot: 22July20**

**Ibarra, Imbabura Province, Ecuador**

**1:32-2:06**

**SOT David Beasley, WFP Executive Director(English)**

"The COVID Pandemic has just been devastating in Latin America. I mean we were already dealing with economic deterioration and many different issues but COVID has come on top of it. Just in the areas where WFP in this region area alone, we have seen a substantial increase in over 11 million people that are marching towards the brink of starvation so, its devastating and it is why we must act and we must act now so that we can bring some hope to people. Otherwise you will have political destabilization, mass migration, economic deterioration, supply chain disruption and many people will starve in addition to COVID itself."

**Shot: 22July20**

**Ibarra, Imbabura Province, Ecuador**

**2:06-2:35**

WFP and Salesian Sisters provide meals to assist newly arrived migrants and destitute Ecuadorian who are on the streets and who do not have the resources to meet their basic food requirements./Beasley Set up

**Shot: 22July20**

**Ibarra, Imbabura Province, Ecuador**

**2:35-2:51**

**SOT David Beasley, WFP Executive Director(English)**

"It's a deadly combination and we've got to act now and we gotta be smart and we gotta thread the needle. You can't just deal with COVID by itself or hunger



by itself. They must be dealt with together. If we do it right, we can save lives. If we don't do it right, people will die."

**Shot: 22July20**

**Ibarra, Imbabura Province, Ecuador**

**2:51-3:08**

**Nutrition and health brigades**

WFP finances teams to search for acute malnutrition cases in this area called "the dry corridor" where drought, hunger and now COVID force people to consider migrating in the hopes of find employment in the US.

**Shot: 22July20**

**Tejutla, department of San Marcos Guatemala**

**3:08-3:41**

**WFP distributes emergency rations to 29,000 families affected by the COVID-19 crisis in Honduras.**

Luvinda Lopez, 47 yrs old widow with 5 children returns home with WFP ration, carried by her neighbor. These rations include nutrition guidelines on how to cook the food, and hygiene kits with liquid soap, Clorox and sanitary napkins. Various shots of Luvinda unpacking WFP ration and cooking maize tortillas. Luvinda used to walk nearly five hours to neighboring communities to wash and iron clothes, and to sell meals or fresh drinks, but the current lockdown is preventing her from making any money. As a widow and mother of 5, she says she prefers not to eat so she can give more food to her children.

**Shot: 9June2020**

**La Paz, Honduras**

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**WFP Media Update**

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## HUNGER RISES AS COVID-19 CASES SURGE IN LATIN AMERICA

**ROME** – The relentless rise of hunger, struggling economies, deepening inequality and an active hurricane season are threatening the people of Latin America and the Caribbean and may have far-reaching consequences unless swift action is taken, warns the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

As coronavirus cases soar, Latin America has become the region most impacted by COVID-19 globally, accounting for over a quarter of the world's cases. The health pandemic is driving hunger and food insecurity which risks fuelling conflict and political unrest and forcing vulnerable families to migrate. WFP urgently needs additional funding of US\$328 million to support relief and recovery operations in the region.

**“The COVID-19 pandemic has just been devastating in Latin America, where the economic storm clouds were already gathering. Families are struggling to buy basics like food and medicine, as livelihoods are destroyed and the number of people out of work in the region hits 44 million. It’s a deadly combination and we’ve got to act now, and we’ve got to be smart. You can’t just deal with COVID-19 by itself or hunger by itself. They must be dealt with together. If we do it right, we can save lives. If we don’t do it right, people will die.” David Beasley, WFP’s Executive Director**

- Latin America and the Caribbean are set to see a **269% rise<sup>1</sup> in the number of people facing severe food insecurity** bringing the total to **16 million people not knowing where their next meal is coming from** in coming months, up from 4.3 million in 2019.
- WFP is particularly concerned about vulnerable people in **Haiti**, the **Central American Dry Corridor** as well as **Venezuelan migrants** in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.
- The **hurricane season** - expected to be more active than normal - brings new risks, placing an extra strain on overburdened social protection systems.



- WFP is providing take-home food rations for children no longer able to attend school, and vouchers and cash so people can shop at local stores. WFP is also supporting governments, helping them strengthen and expand national safety net programmes.
- From its regional humanitarian hub in Panama, WFP is supporting the logistics for the COVID-19 response, transporting humanitarian and health cargo to the frontlines of the pandemic.
- WFP urgently needs additional funding of US\$328 million to support relief and recovery operations in the region.

### Photos

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<sup>1</sup>. The regional projection has been calculated for 11 countries where WFP has a presence and for small developing states in the Caribbean. The figure includes 1.9 million Venezuelan migrants in moderate and severe food insecurity in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

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