

Hunger and malnutrition in Latin America & the Caribbean

Overcoming the challenges of Inequality and Vulnerability

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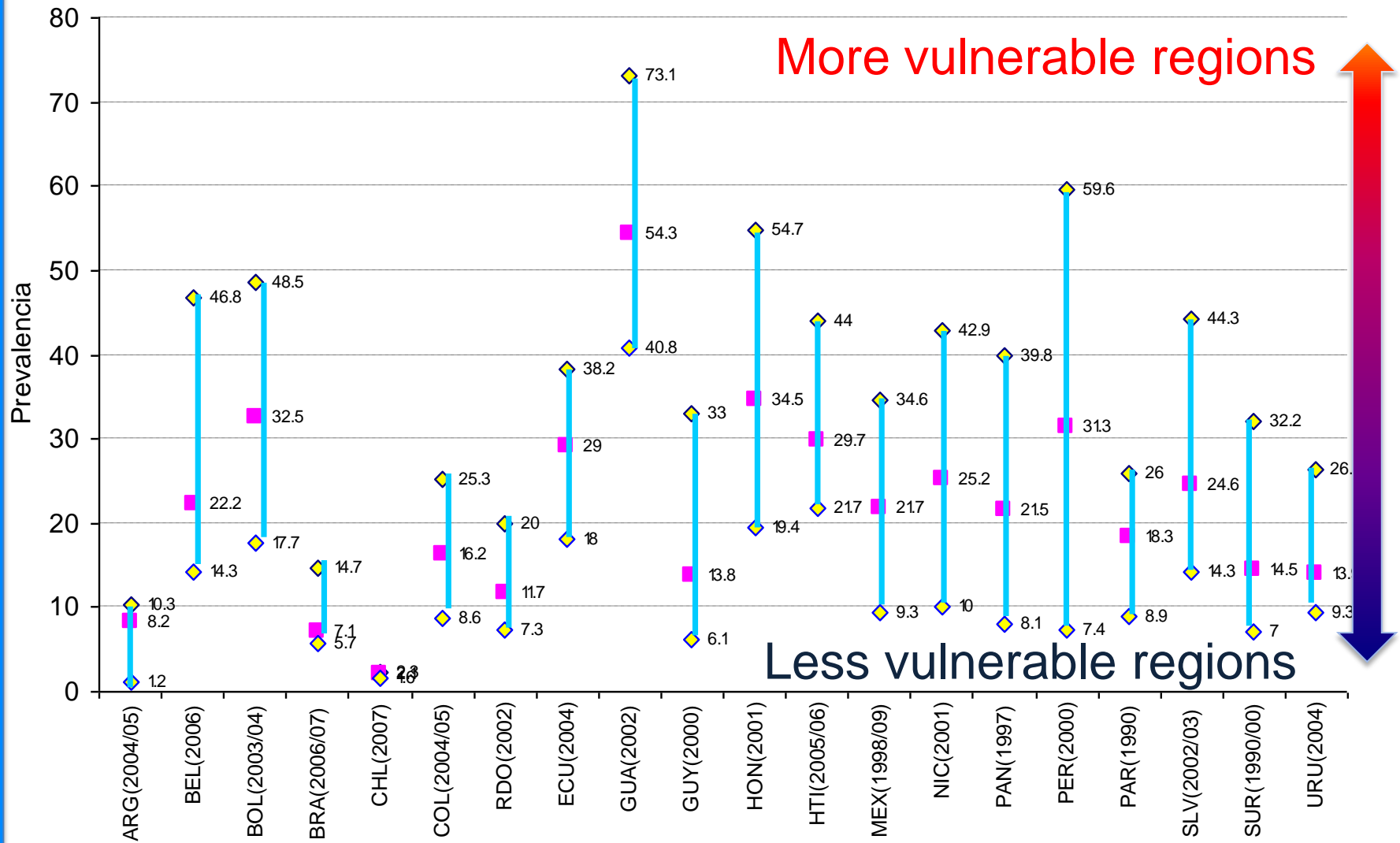


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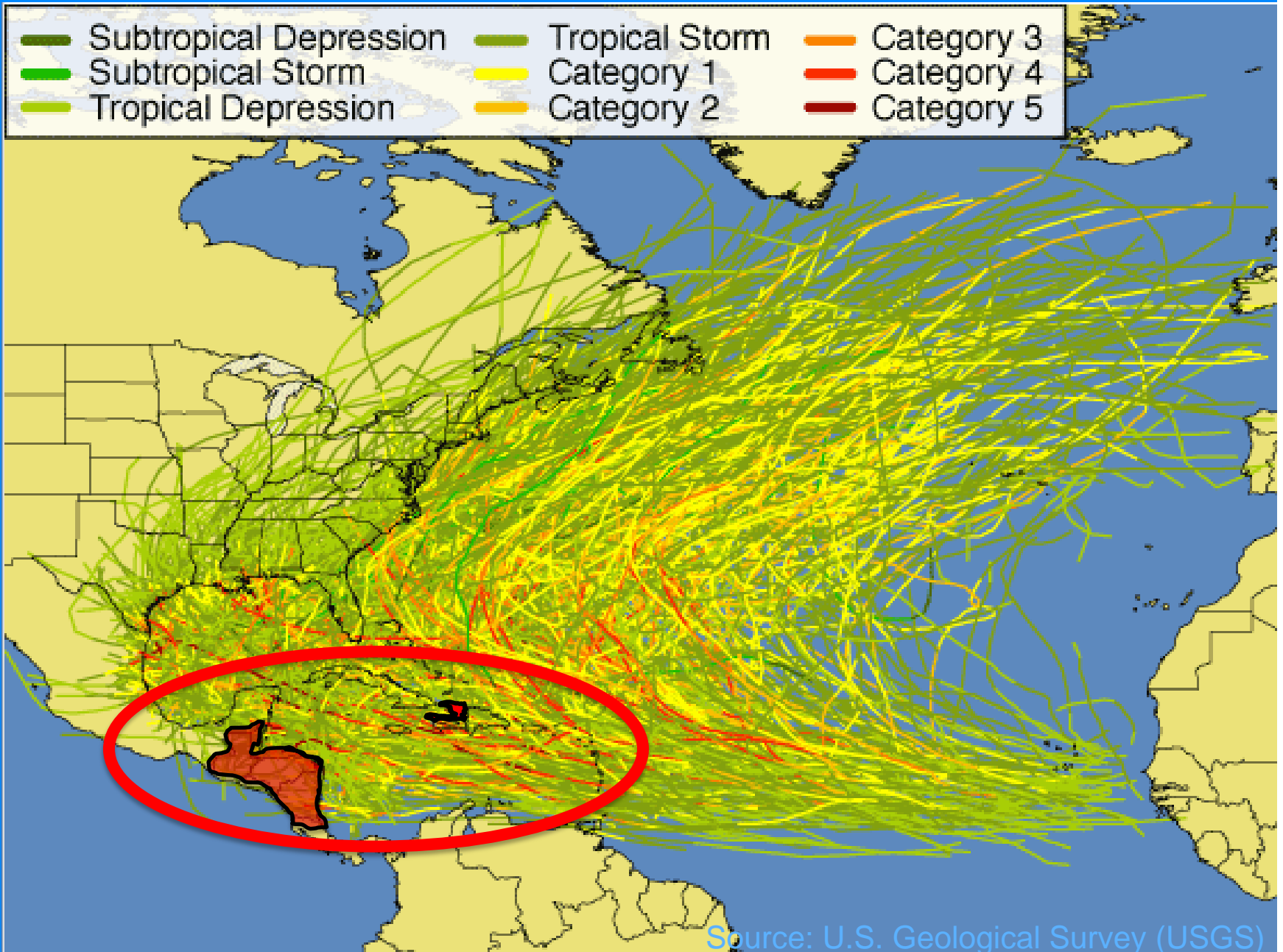
CHALLENGE 1. INEQUALITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

PREVALENCE OF CHRONIC MALNUTRITION IN VULNERABLE REGIONS OF EACH COUNTRY
(Children under 5 years of age with chronic malnutrition, in percentages)



CHALLENGE 2. VULNERABILITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

ATLANTIC BASIN TROPICAL STORM TRACKS 1851-2006



BETTER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

Cluster lead agency in humanitarian logistics, offering services to broader humanitarian community

Emergency food and equipment prepositioned in the Hub network:

One central hub in Panama, managed by UNHRD.

Two sub-regional hubs in:

- ❖ El Salvador
- ❖ Ecuador

The WFP emergency response team is composed of professionals in the WFP Regional Bureau and a roster of over 100 emergency staff located in the region's 11 Country Offices.



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TOOLBOX OF INTERVENTIONS ADAPTED TO COMPLEX EMERGENCIES



- **Cash and Food for Work**
- **School Meals**
- **Blanket Supplementary Feeding**
- **Voluntary relocation of internally displaced persons (IDPs)**
- **Local Purchases**

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AN EXAMPLE – LOGISTIC CLUSTER COORDINATION

Logistics Cluster Coordination

2 cells; Port-au-Prince and Santo Domingo. Coordination meetings: UN organizations, military responders, & ± 170 organizations

Interagency storage:

37 organizations have used interagency storage in PAP

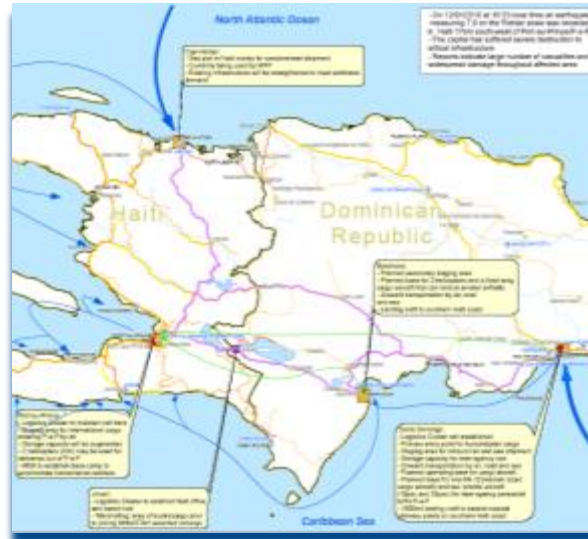
Shipping:

2 vessels with derrick for containers and/or roll on-roll off capabilities chartered for deliveries to inaccessible coastal areas.

Customs and border crossing:

Facilitation & coordination with authorities Jimaní/ Malpasse border crossing point

Negotiation of four month customs taxes exemption for all relief cargo in transit for Haiti arriving in Dominican Republic.



Surface transport:

1,183 trucks dispatched:
• 4,664mt of food;
• 43,100m³ other relief commodities for 82 different organizations.

Truck fleet managed by *Handicap International/Atlas Logistique*; 82 organizations utilised the common transport service. so far transported >3,000 m³ relief items for 43 humanitarian organizations

Air operations

>7,300 passengers from ± 250 UN Agencies, NGOs, governments & media. Helicopter; assessment missions to >90 isolated villages & delivery of >650mt (medicines, food, & tents).

Staging areas and transit hubs:

2 main staging areas - S Domingo & PaP airport. 7 transit hubs, used by ± 20 organizations.

Civil Military coordination:

Liaison and coordination with the different military actors involved in the relief effort for the use of available military assets (MINUSTAH, US, Canadian, British and French Military amongst others.)

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LOGISTIC STAFFING

SBP Partners include:

MSB, NRC, DRC, CanaDem, Irish Aid, DFID, THW, SDC, RedR Australia, Ericsson Response.

Supporting Overall Logistics Operations including Air, Cluster, Surface, Warehouse Management & Technical Support.

IHP Base Camp >60 staff members to establish 450 person capacity base-camp & management: IHP partners include - MSB, DEMA, DCPEP, FinnRescue, EDRT.

About 130 WFP logistics staff members deployed or on stand-by.

30 logistics staff deployed from **16 different agencies & NGOs** trained in the Logistics Response Team training, organised by WFP.



Private sector: LET - UPS and TNT staff assisted with receipt and transport of relief cargo. Agility supported planning, coordination and communications among humanitarian organisations at the airport.

TNT and UPS organised an airlift of 100mt high energy biscuits into Miami, TNT providing the aircraft and UPS receiving and storing the food.

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AN EXAMPLE – EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER ACHIEVEMENTS



"It has been a honour and a pleasure to work with the World Food Programme to save lives in Haiti"

EMC - WFP Contractor for Satellite Services

- Responders deployed in 24 hours
- Established:
 - Wireless internet connectivity
 - Two radio networks
 - 24-hour radio rooms
 - Satellite equipment for voice communication
 - IT Help Desk

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AN EXAMPLE – EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER PARTNERS

UN:

- MINUSTAH
- UNICEF

Standby:

- Telecoms Sans Frontieres
- Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
- Irish Aid
- RedR Australia

Private Sector:

- Ericsson Response



"For the first week we were washing ourselves on the side of the road, from a bucket of water that we got from a fire hydrant, while trying to stop the mosquitoes from biting us. Would I do it again? Absolutely!" Irish Aid

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AN EXAMPLE – EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS USERS

- 50+ NGOs and UN agencies using network
- IT Help Desk supported 130+ users daily
- Security system used by 1000+ aid



"I would like to thank you both very much for all of your assistance and help both with the local ETC Cluster and on an individual level during my mission with OCHA in Haiti."

OCHA, ETC Service Users

TROPICAL STORM AGATHA IN CENTRAL AMERICA

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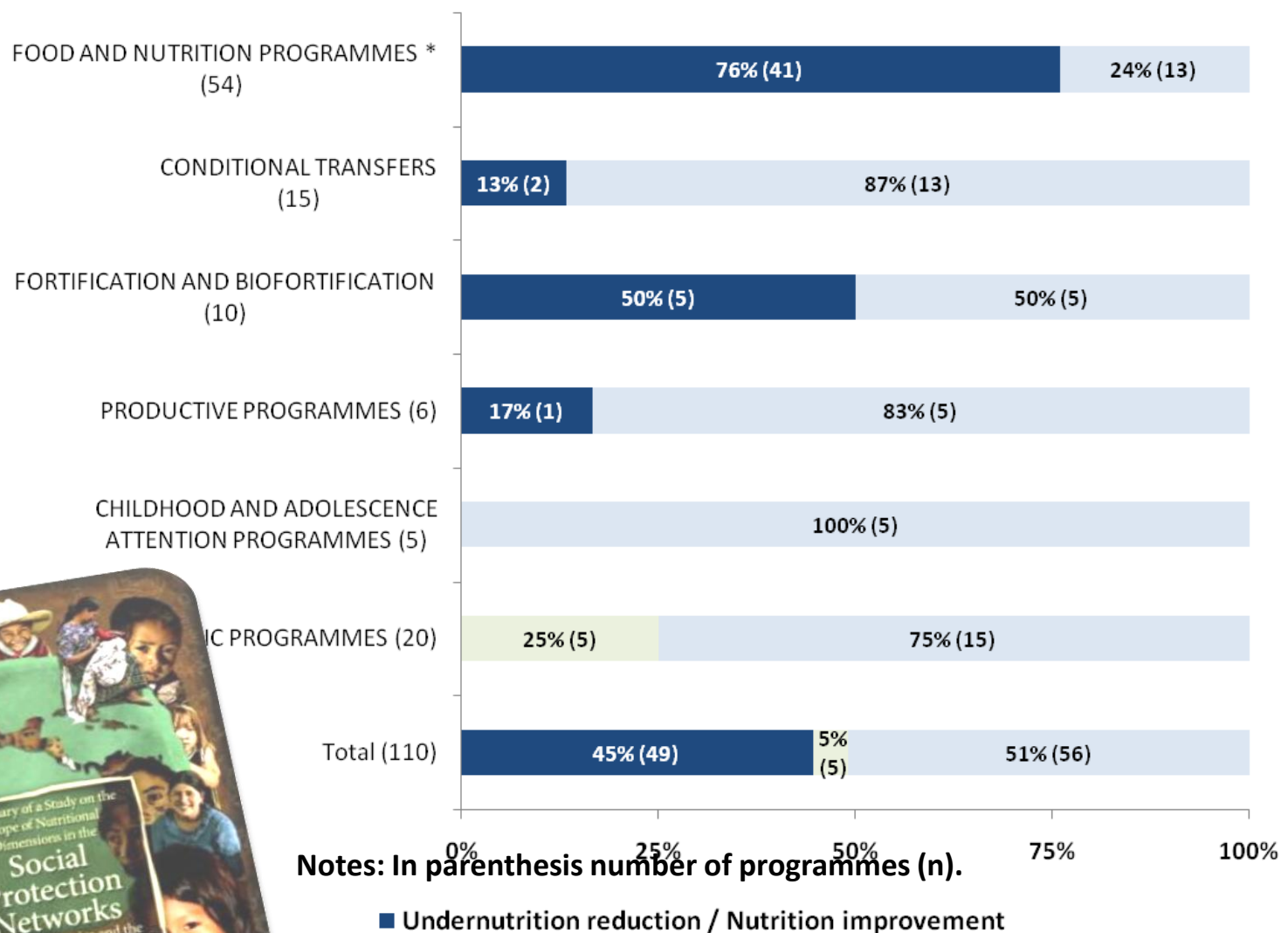
Guatemala :WFP has launched an Emergency Operation to assist 50,000 people in affected areas of the central and southern coasts and the western highlands.

Honduras: WFP will be providing food rations to over 9,000 people living in affected villages in the Southern Departments of Choluteca, Francisco Morazan, El Paraiso and Valle.

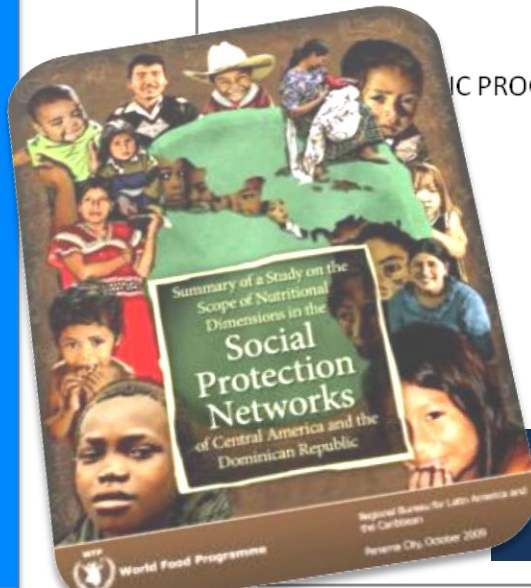
El Salvador: WFP is currently providing logistical support to the Government to assist affected populations. The Regional Response Centre is activated and could provide complementary food aid should it be required



CAPACITY BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING OF SOCIAL SAFETY NETS TO END HUNGER



Notes: In parenthesis number of programmes (n).



PROGRAMMES THAT IDENTIFIED NUTRITIONAL OBJECTIVES

Source: Study on the Nutritional Dimension in the Social Safety Nets of Central America and the Dominican Republic, 2009.

PARTNERSHIPS ,TRIANGULAR, AND SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION TO END HUNGER



GRACIAS!

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