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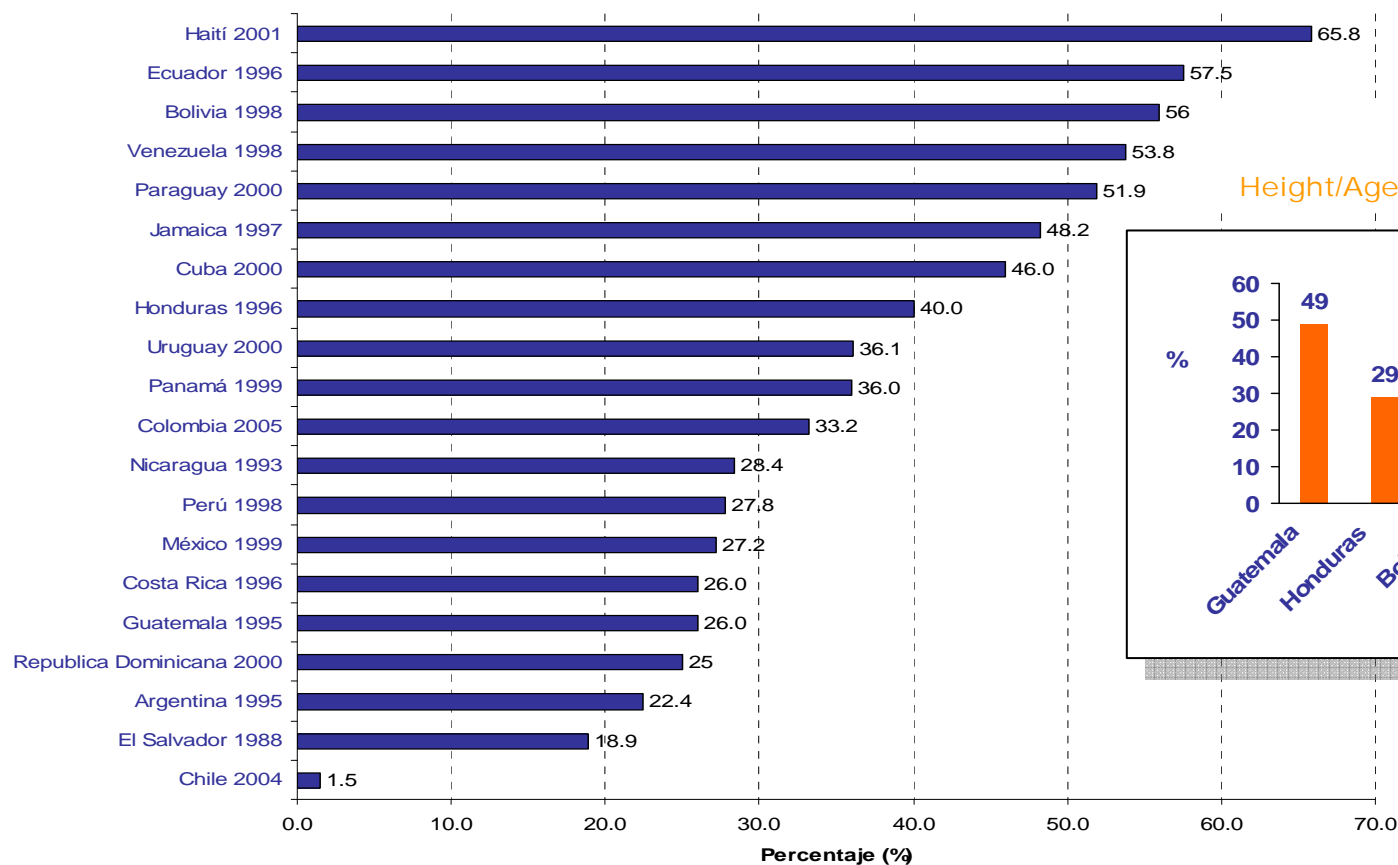
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Latin America & the Caribbean**

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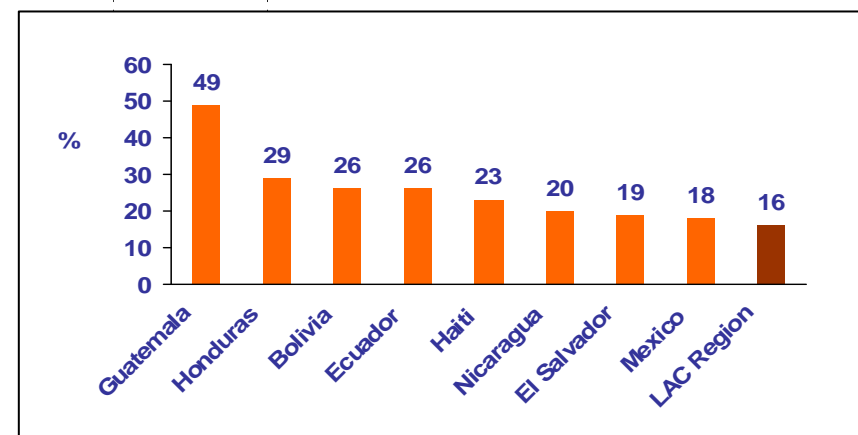
Food Insecurity and Chronic Malnutrition in Latin America and the Caribbean

Anemia (Hb<11g/dl) in children under five in LAC



Stunting

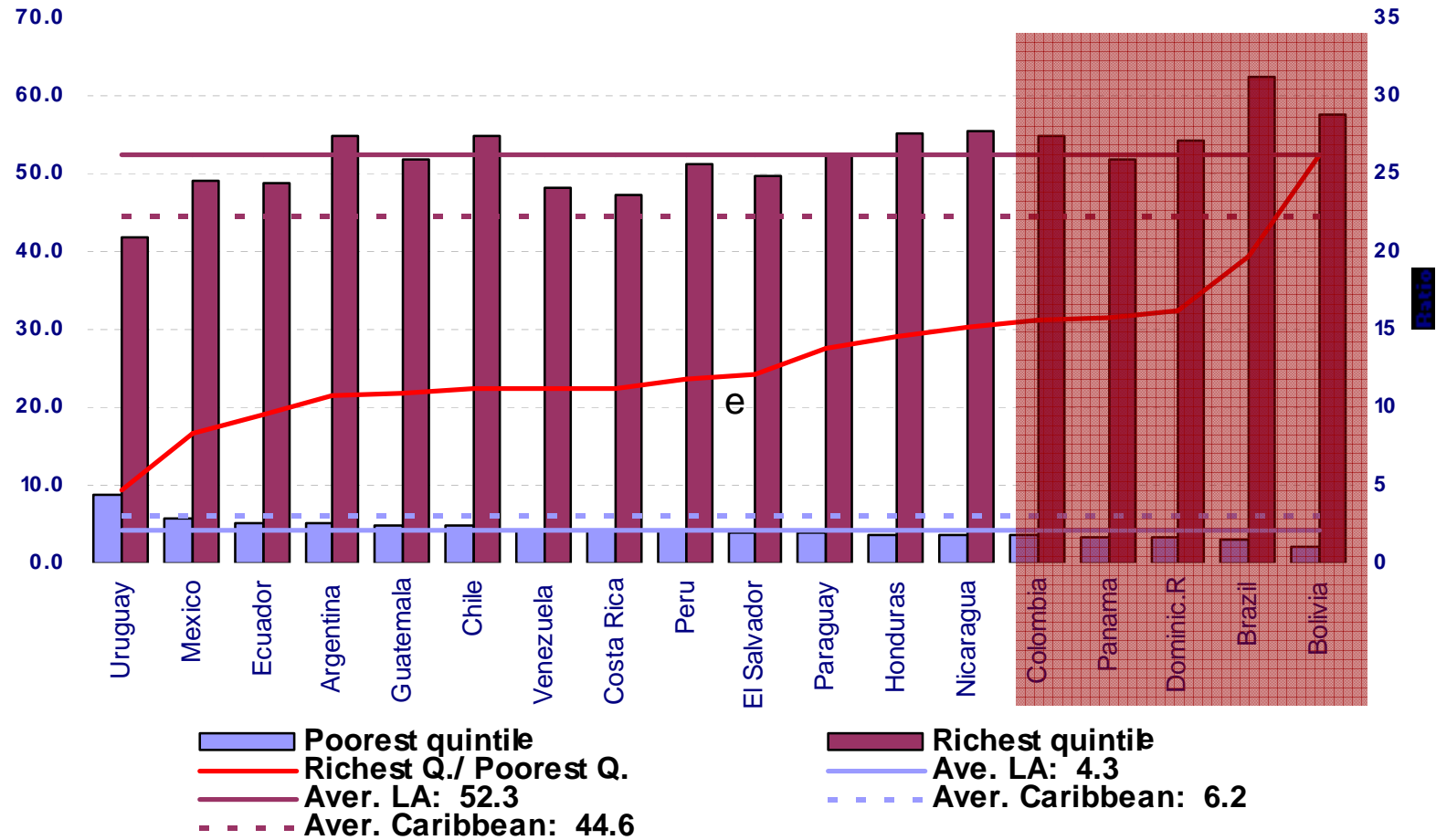
Height/Age -2SD, children under five in LAC



- National averages mask significant regional differences in malnutrition prevalence and deep pockets of hunger within the countries
- High prevalence of chronic malnutrition is closely associated with high concentrations of Afro-descendant and indigenous populations

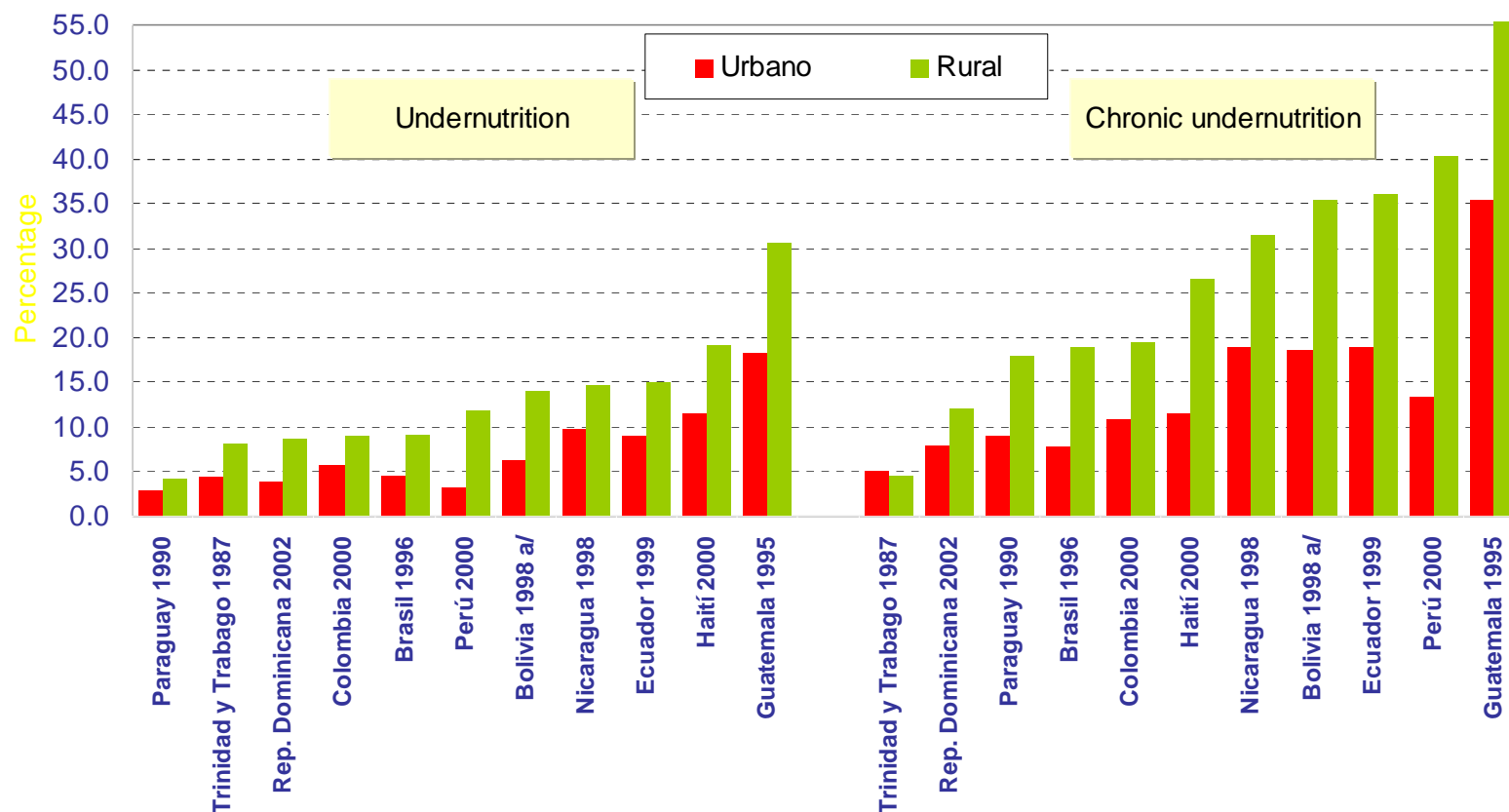
Inequalities in the Region

LATIN AMERICA: HOUSEHOLD SHARES OF TOTAL INCOME, BY INCOME QUINTILE, around 2002



Indigenous and Afro-descendants in Rural Areas

Latin America (11 countries): Undernutrition among children under 5 years of age, by place of residence, around 1999
(Percentages)



Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), on the basis of special tabulations of results from the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) conducted in the relevant countries.
a/ Children between 3 and 36 months of age.

Natural Disasters Overview: 2005-2007

Month	Country/ Event	N° of People Assited
Jan-05	Bolivia / Drought	14,000
Jan-05	Guyana / Floods	20,000
Mar-05	Ecuador / Refugees from Colombia	5,800
Apr-05	Cuba / Drought and hurricane	361,000
Apr-05	Peru / Frost	62,300
Sep-05	Honduras / Hurricane	149,000
Sep-05	EEUU / Floods-Hurricane Katrina - Support USA National Operations	Technical assistance
Oct-05	El Salvador / Hurricane and volcanic eruption	181,000
Oct-05	Guatemala / Hurricane	160,000
Oct-05	Nicaragua / Hurricane and rat plague	16,500
May-06	Suriname / Floods	Technical assistance
June & Oct 2006	Guatemala / Floods and landslides	10,000
Dec-06	El Salvador / Seismicity Ahuachapan	9,000
Jan-Feb 2007	Bolivia & Peru / Floods	108,000
TOTAL N° OF PEOPLE ASSISTED BY WFP		1,096,600



Number of disasters: **85**

Countries affected: **27**

Casualties: **2,826**

Persons affected: **8,781,729**

Estimated damages: **USD\$ 8.4 billion**

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WFP Priorities and Response in LAC

- **Enhance Emergency Preparedness and Response**
- **Eradicate Chronic Malnutrition in Children**

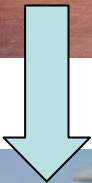
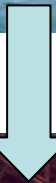
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Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR): Latin America and Caribbean Emergency Response Network (LACERN)

- **Key components**

1. Strengthen the **rapid response** capacity at regional and sub-regional levels
2. Strengthen our **preparedness systems and tools** (including early warning and information management services)
3. Establish operational relations with **national, regional and international actors** and institutions
4. Emphasis on **local and national capacity building**



Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR): 1. Rapid response capacity at the regional and sub-regional level (LACERN)

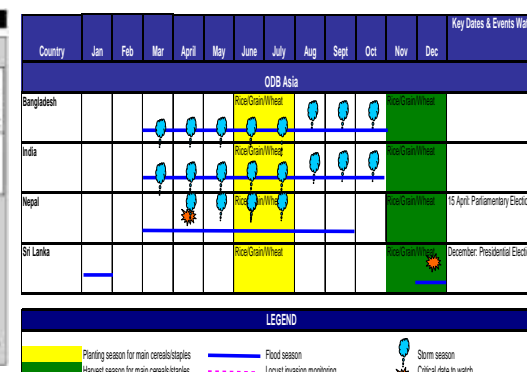
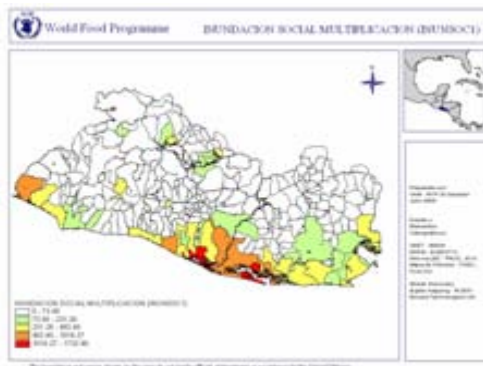


- **Main UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) established in Panama**
- **Three sub-regional humanitarian response hubs established in El Salvador, Barbados and Ecuador**
- **Emergency food and equipment prepositioned in the hub network**
- **Stand-by roster of 55 WFP Emergency Officers in LAC established and available for immediate deployment**
- **Cluster lead agency in humanitarian logistics, offering services to broader humanitarian community (REDLAC)**

Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR): 2. Information management systems

Under development

- **SATCA** – Early Warning information system customized for Central America
- **VAM-CA** Analyses on the effects of natural disasters on food security, livelihoods and nutrition



Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR):

3.LACERN partnerships

1. Participating

Governments

**El Salvador, Ecuador, Barbados, Panama
(Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Argentina)**

Regional associations

SICA / CAF, CDERA, CAPRADE, CEPREDENAC

Inter-agency counterparts

UN System, REDLAC, ISDR, IFRC

NGOS

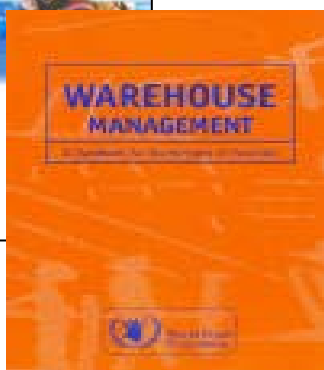
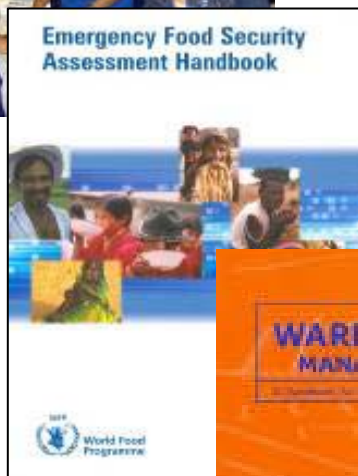
**CARE, OXFAM, WVI, CRS, Plan International,
Ayuda en Acción**

Donors

AECI, ECHO, EU, GTZ, JICA, USAID/OFDA

2. Working in the framework of UN reform

Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR): 4. Capacity building (LACERN)



- **Training modules** (emergency needs assessment, emergency preparedness and contingency planning, vulnerability analysis and mapping, logistics coordination and warehouse management, others)
- **Organization of planning events** (hurricane season preparedness)
- **Technical support to national counterpart organizations** (ie, Ministry of Health, Civil Protection, Scientific institutions), including through project initiatives
- **Capacity building with other counterparts and NGOs at a national level** (for instance through joint work via UNETE, or through WFP preparedness activities)
- **Facilitating knowledge exchanges** (including through South-South cooperation mechanism)



Eradicating Chronic Malnutrition in Children

- **CENTRAL AMERICA**

- A Regional Steering Committee with high-level representatives from Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama and Dominican Republic, was established through a joint technical assistance project [with the IADB to develop national plans to eradicate chronic malnutrition in the region](#)
- The plans are [being prepared by the Health Ministries of the region](#) and joint visits are being carried-out to the ministries of finance to advocate for allocation of resources in support of the plan implementation
- [WFP is leading a UN effort](#) in the region to develop a regional UN project to support the countries in their efforts to achieve this common goal
- The initiative has [obtained political support from the Heads of State of the region](#) thanks to WFP advocacy efforts



Eradicating Chronic Malnutrition in Children

ANDEAN REGION

Consultation on eradicating child malnutrition by 2015 in the Andean Region Lima the 23rd-24th of November 2006

1. Jointly organized by:

Governments of Peru and Chile and WFP, in collaboration with PAHO/WHO, UNICEF and Andean Community of Nations (CAN) & International Cooperation Agency of Chile (AGCI)

2. Participation of:

Peruvian President, Alan Garcia, the Minister of Health of Chile, the Minister of Health of Bolivia
150 representatives from Ministries of Health and Social Development, financial institutions, NGOs, international development agencies, academic community and regional experts in this sub-region.

3: Results

Acta de Lima to strengthen the cooperation between UN agencies, and Government to eradicate child malnutrition by 2015

Conclusions and recommendations will be presented in next Andean Council Meeting of Ministries of Social Development and Meeting of Ministries of Health of the Andean Region.

The cost of Hunger in the Central American Region

	Countries							TOTAL
	CRC	DREP	GTM	HND	NIC	PAN	SLV	
Total (US\$ mill)	317.6	671.6	3,128.40	780.1	264.3	321.5	1,175.30	6,658.80
Compare d to GDP	1.70%	3.60%	11.40%	10.60%	5.80%	2.30%	7.40%	

Eradicating Chronic Malnutrition in Children Knowledge Management

LAUNCHING
MID 2007

LA RED contra el hambre y la desnutrición
Intercambiando experiencias > fortaleciendo intervenciones > erradicando el hambre

Nutrición materno-infantil | Alimentos para educación | VIH/SIDA y nutrición | Nutrición en emergencias | Mostrando resultados

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BIENVENIDO A LA PORTAL DE LA RED CONTRA EL HAMBRE Y LA DESNUTRICIÓN

“ La causa principal del hambre en la región: Inequidad en el acceso a alimentos y no en la disponibilidad de alimentos
- Pedro Medrano, Director Regional, PMA-América Latina y el Caribe ”

La Relación entre el hambre y el aprendizaje

Cada Informe de la nueva serie examinará un tema fundamental en relación con el hambre: el aprendizaje, la salud, los mercados, el comercio, las crisis y la exclusión social. Se expondrán las ideas más novedosas que, sobre dicho tema, hayan salido durante ese año, junto con un análisis de las dificultades prácticas que se enfrentan a la hora de aplicar las soluciones. El primer número de la nueva serie examinará un tema fundamental en relación con el hambre: el aprendizaje, la salud, los . . . [Leer más](#)

La pobreza en América Latina y el Caribe

La Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe informa en el Panorama Social de América Latina 2006 que la pobreza sigue disminuyendo en los últimos 4 años (2003-2006), este periodo lo consideran como el mejor en 25 años en términos de progreso en la reducción de la pobreza, disminución del desempleo y mejora en la distribución del ingreso en algunos países. Informe en el 2005 el 39,8% de la población de América Latina (209 millones de personas) estaban en situación . . . [Leer más](#)

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ODP Operations Facing Serious Shortfalls

Project Category	Country	WFP Operations	Funding Needs		Beneficiaries
			Funding Needs for 2007 in Million US\$ ^{1/}	Funding Needs in the next six months in Million US\$ (March-August)	Planned Beneficiaries in 2007
DEV	Nicaragua	CP 10044.0	10.2	5.1	430,000
	ODP	SO5 DEV 10411	2.0	1.0	n/a
		SO5 DEV 10421	2.1	1.1	n/a
EMOP	Ecuador	EMOP 10381.0	0.8	0.8	---
PRRO	Colombia	PRRO 10366.0	20.1	10.1	709,922
	Guatemala	PRRO 10457.0	10.3	5.2	373,000
	REG CA (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua)	PRRO 10444.0 (to be approved)	19.5	9.8	630,000
SO	ODP	LACERN 10449.0	1.0	1.0	n/a
Total			66.0	33.9	2,142,922

US\$34 million needed until August 2007

US\$66 million needed until December 2007

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¡Muchas Gracias!