



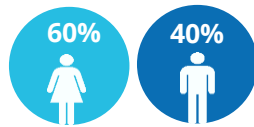
World Food Programme

WFP Nigeria Situation Report #76

October 2023



1,740,654 people assisted in
September 2023



As of 7 November 2023

Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall USD 1.3 billion (HRP 2023)
	WFP USD 473 million (CSP 2023-2027)
WFP Net Funding Requirements (November 2023 – April 2024)	162.7 million
Strategic Outcome 1 Unconditional resource transfers	144.4 million
Strategic Outcome 2 Malnutrition prevention programme	0.0 million
Strategic Outcome 3 Livelihood and sustainable food systems	6.3 million
Strategic Outcome 4 Capacity strengthening and social protection	0.5 million
Strategic Outcome 5 Common services	11.5 million

People assisted in September 2023*

Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 1 Unconditional resource transfers	1,678,920
In-kind food assistance	553,999
E-voucher	1,028,724
Integrated malnutrition prevention	96,197
Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 2 Malnutrition treatment	163,693
Strategic outcome 3 - Activity 4 Stunting prevention	2,895

* Achievements under strategic outcome 1 include 7,184 new arrivals

Photo: The WFP-managed Logistics Sector provides humanitarian organizations with hardware, training and support to install mobile storage units like this one in Borno State. Photo by Muhsin Mufti/WFP.

In Numbers

8.3 million people in need
(HRP 2023)

6 states assisted: Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) in northeast and Katsina, Sokoto and Zamfara in northwest

2.07 million people internally displaced in northeast
(IOM DTM Round 45)

24.8 million food-insecure people require humanitarian assistance, including 4.3 million in the northeast
(Cadre Harmonisé, March 2023)

Situation Update

October witnessed increasing attacks on civilians across the northeast and northwest. Incident reports included [abduction from and killing of farmers](#) at their farms in multiple communities of the northeast and northwest. Residents were also reported to have been [killed in their villages](#) for not paying money demanded by non-state armed groups (NSAGs). The operational environment is becoming increasingly volatile with NSAG threats and attacks, disruptions along main supply routes, ambushes, use of explosive devices and heightened criminality.

Even as communities across Nigeria joined the world in celebration of World Food Day on 16 October, food insecurity looms. Drivers include incessant insecurity limiting access to lands for agricultural production, reduced crop yields due to prolonged climate crisis (including 2023 dry spells), and [rising inflation](#) pushing up food and fuel prices with negative impact on household food consumption. WFP's September report on [prices in Borno and Yobe](#) markets found that the food inflation index increased to 30.6 percent, 1.3 percent more than in August. These increases are reflected in the cost of the Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB).

Logistics Sector drives environmental sustainability

WFP-managed common dry mobile storage units and temperature-controlled storage space (15 – 25°C) help partners mitigate security risks along main supply routes and avert storage challenges, including seasonal rains.

One such facility in Dikwa, operated by WFP partner eHealth Systems Africa, now runs on cost-effective solar power with an uninterrupted power supply, reducing dependence on fossil fuel-powered generators.

"The transition to solar power has led to the removal of the generators and brought quietness to the warehouse, which is fundamental when it comes to discerning unusual noise in the proximity of the facility, given the different security concerns in the area", said Chiroma Ibrahim, the storage facility security supervisor.

Read more: [Greener Common Logistics Services: Solar Energy in the Dikwa Storage Facility](#)

WFP Response

WFP delivers food assistance to crisis-affected communities to address emergency needs while helping to build back more resilient communities and inclusive food systems, leaving no one behind. In September, the peak of the lean season response, WFP delivered nutrition-integrated unconditional food assistance, malnutrition treatment and multi-sectoral programme support to 1,740,654 unique beneficiaries in northeast and northwest Nigeria.

WFP transferred USD 9.74 million to 1,028,724 IDPs, host community members and returnees through e-vouchers enabling food purchases from local vendors. Where markets are less functional, WFP distributed 8,205 mt of mixed food commodities to 553,999 vulnerable people in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe. In Borno, WFP unconditional assistance provided prepositioned in-kind food to 7,184 new arrivals from hard-to-reach areas categorized as extremely vulnerable and prioritized for assistance.

In collaboration with cooperating partners, WFP provided 279 mt of specialized nutritious food through 412 state-run primary health care facilities to 163,693 children aged 6-59 months at risk or facing moderate acute malnutrition.

Under WFP's multi-sector programme to enhance nutrition while supporting livelihood opportunities that address structural causes of malnutrition, 2,895 people received vouchers valued at USD 26,544 to procure locally available fresh food.

Security challenges in October led to a temporary halt of operations in areas of Yobe State. Community dissatisfaction with scaled-down distributions triggered social tension that slowed the start of e-voucher transfers. Administrative delays in contracting financial service providers have stalled cash transfers for improved livelihoods for the past five months. Alternate cash payment options are being explored to avoid future payment challenges.

Public address system at GSSS camp provides fast access to vital information

The Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) has installed a public address system at Bama's GSSS camp to speed access to information for displaced communities. The system is managed by four ETS-trained multi-lingual operators and has greatly eased access of camp residents to fast and accurate life-saving information. Monitoring is ongoing to check system effectiveness, ahead of its handover to the State Emergency Management Authority (SEMA) that is planned for later this year.

Coordination and Partnerships

WFP in Nigeria works with 26 partners, including 23 cooperating partners (11 national and 12 international NGOs). Cooperating partners include 3 third-party monitors (eHealth Systems Africa, Fact Foundation and Jireh Doo Foundation) and 3 state government primary health care agencies (Borno, Kebbi and Yobe). The WFP Nigeria Country Strategic Plan 2023-2027 has received contributions from Canada, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, and private donors.

Food Security

Food Security Sector (FSS) partners recently presented results of the Government-led October 2023 Cadre Harmonisé analysis covering 26 states and the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja). The analysis finds over 18 million people are food insecure during the October-December post-harvest months, 9 percent more than during the same period in 2022. Increased insecurity, inflation, and high prices for fuel and food were identified as primary drivers of the increased food insecurity.

FSS has shared a [guidance note](#) for the scale-down planned for the October post-harvest period. The revised food assistance strategy helps partners prioritize assistance to reach the most vulnerable people during the post-harvest season when food is relatively more available and prices are relatively stable.

Logistics

The Logistics Sector supported 34 organizations with common storage, cargo movement, coordination, and information management services. In October, Sector-managed storage facilities operated by NGO partners in six locations received 365.2 mt of humanitarian cargo for 18 organizations. The Sector also consolidated for airlift by UNHAS 14.4 mt of cargo from 13 organizations. See also "Logistics Sector drives environmental sustainability" featured on the previous page.

Emergency Telecommunications

In October, the Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) provided reliable data connectivity across northeast Nigeria to 1,490 users from 137 organizations, including 20 United Nations agencies and 117 NGOs. ETS rolled out a user advisory policy to all internet service users to enhance information sharing and compliance. ETS support is also extended to UNHAS internet connectivity at the helicopter waiting and office areas. In October, ETS is improving capacity strengthening on security communications of humanitarian actors and has launched a call for applicants for advanced radio training.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

UNHAS transported 3,029 passengers via 344 fixed- and rotary-wing flights, to serve 88 organizations in October. Demonstrating its commitment to providing reliable and timely services. UNHAS satisfied 92 percent of flight bookings on the requested day of travel. Capacity constraints, fuel availability, security conditions, and unfavourable weather conditions required the remaining 8 percent of requests to travel on subsequent days. Construction is ongoing at Maiduguri Airport for a dedicated fuel storage facility to help mitigate fuel shortages.

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