



World Food Programme

WFP Nigeria Situation Report #79

May 2024



975,111 people assisted in
April 2024



As of 21 May 2024

Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall USD 926.5 million (HRP 2024)
	WFP 2024, (BR1) USD 442 million (CSP 2023-2027)
WFP Net Funding Requirements (June - November 2024)	152.1 million
Strategic Outcome 1 Unconditional resource transfers	136.2 million
Strategic Outcome 2 Malnutrition prevention programme	0.0 million
Strategic Outcome 3 Livelihood and sustainable food systems	0.0 million
Strategic Outcome 4 Capacity strengthening and social protection	0.5 million
Strategic Outcome 5 Common services	15.4 million

People assisted in April 2024*

Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 1 Unconditional resource transfers	852,562
In-kind food assistance	78,579
E-voucher	733,243
Integrated malnutrition prevention	40,740
Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 2 Malnutrition treatment	148,504
Strategic outcome 3 - Activity 4 Stunting prevention	14,785

*sum may vary for people assisted due to beneficiaries overlaps across strategic outcomes.

Photo: WFP staff checks MUAC for 5-year-old Amina in Yobe State.
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In Numbers

7.9 million people in need.
(HRP 2024)

24.9 million food-insecure people require humanitarian assistance in March to May period, including **3.9 million** in the northeast (*Cadre Harmonisé, March 2024*)

2.38 million people internally displaced in northeast
(IOM DTM Round 46)

6 states reached: Borno, Adamawa and Yobe in the northeast and Katsina, Sokoto and Zamfara in the northwest.

Situation Update

Conflict in the northeast and northwest of Nigeria has intensified in the past months as government forces heighten counter-insurgency efforts. In retaliation, the multifaction armed groups have increased the use of improvised explosive devices along main supply routes, kidnapping and extortion and causing greater civilian casualties.

People affected face dire food insecurity heightened by multiple displacements, limited access to agricultural lands, high inflation and food prices, and extreme climate events.

The recently published [HRP 2024](#) highlights the growing needs amidst limited resources and indicates the need to prioritise and target the most vulnerable. The plan reports that worsening food security leaves over 4 million people acutely food insecure. In response, Food Security Sector (FSS) partners in April reached 1.1 million people with food assistance, including 74 percent assisted by WFP.

WFP, amid resource constraints, is using its limited resources to respond to the most urgent needs. In May, WFP is delivering assistance to 1 million people to respond to their emergency needs and provide lasting solutions to reduce people's vulnerabilities and build their resilience.

WFP enables food access for vulnerable children.

Barriers to accessing food are heightened for vulnerable children – orphans, unaccompanied and separated children - exposed to conflict.

WFP engagement with partners, child protection actors, and community stakeholders in northeast Nigeria supports timely referral of child protection-related concerns. Since the start of 2023, this collaboration has enabled the placement of at least 100 minors with identified willing and suitable caregivers.

These children placed under alternative care arrangements are supported to access WFP food assistance to reduce exposure to protection risks such as sexual exploitation/abuse and harmful coping mechanisms such as child labour and begging, among others.

🔗 Read more: [How WFP mainstreams child protection into programmes](#)—targeting and registering minors pg. 25.

WFP Response

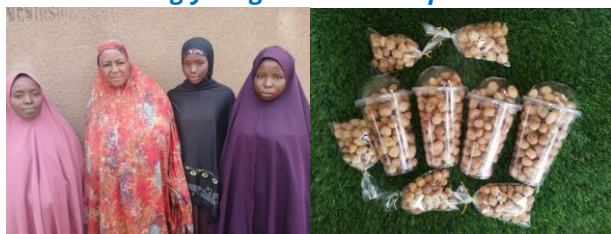
During the April distribution cycle, WFP delivered life-saving and life-changing support to 975,111 unique beneficiaries in northeast and northwest Nigeria, 91 percent of planned.

WFP transferred USD 1.59 million through the e-voucher modality to beneficiaries to purchase food from local retailers and distributed 7,354 mt of mixed commodities for food and nutrition assistance. From February to May 2024, WFP distributed wheat received from Ukraine through in-kind distributions and hybrid e-voucher modalities - where wheat grain was distributed as in-kind and other items provided in CBT e-vouchers.

WFP complemented food assistance with lifesaving malnutrition treatment for 148,504 children at over 300 facilities in collaboration with cooperating partners, state primary health care development agencies and the Ministry of Health.

Stories from the field:

Creating young women entrepreneurs.



30-year-old Amina Abdulaziz, with her family of seven, resides in the rural community of Offa Road in Sokoto State, where she works as a primary school teacher. With no business skills, she could barely make ends meet.

In December 2023, a transformative moment arrived in Amina's life. She received the WFP youth-in-work training through Finpact Development Foundation on building a business for food processors. This training, like a key, unlocked her potential. She immediately began to produce and sell soy milk and peanut burgers within her community. Investing only ten thousand naira, she made a 200 percent profit. She also received productive assets to help her expand her business.

With her increased income, Amina can now sustainably support her family. She has trained eight other women to acquire expertise in her chosen food processing business. Together, the women support each other when they receive large orders.

She foresees business registration as the next phase to improve her products' value for sale in bigger markets.

Coordination and Partnerships

WFP works with 26 partners, including 20 cooperating partners (10 national and 10 international NGOs); three third-party monitors (eHealth System Africa, Fact Foundation and Jireh Doo Foundation); and three government agencies.

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, United Kingdom, United States, and private donors.

Food Security Sector

The Food Security Sector has called on government agencies and all partners to collaborate on lean season plans. The March 2024 CH analysis projected 4.8 million vulnerable people requiring food assistance in the northeast states at the peak of the lean season.

FSS has released new [transfer value](#) and [targeting](#) guidance notes for the June to September lean season response. The recommended transfer value of NGN 11,432 per person per month, as shared in the note, depicts a 46.9 percent increase compared to the 2023 lean season value. The guidance note on targeting will help FSS partners identify the most vulnerable individuals or households and their locations.

The combined guidance notes will help partners prioritise assistance to reach the most vulnerable households until the harvest season when food becomes relatively more available.



Logistics

In May, the logistics sector-managed storage facilities operated by NGO partners in six locations stored 1238.3 mt of humanitarian cargo for 20 organisations to address access challenges. The Sector also consolidated 8.6 mt of light cargo from 14 organisations for airlift via UNHAS helicopters to deep-field locations.



Emergency Telecommunications

The Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) provided reliable data connectivity to 1,180 users from 108 organisations - 15 United Nations agencies and 93 NGOs. For staff safety and security across 10 common operational areas in the northeast, ETS provided security communication to 1,628 humanitarians using VHF radios. [Read more on ETS operations.](#)

In May, ETS deployed its on-the-go [CrisisNet kit](#) to Pulka to provide humanitarians with adaptable internet connectivity during an internet cut-out. With the ETS ready-to-deploy kit, humanitarian workers can stay connected during critical times.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

UNHAS demand-driven air services in May transported 2,676 passengers via its 4 aircraft across 14 destinations. UNHAS also transported 10.42 mt of light humanitarian cargo, 23 percent more than in April, comprised of WASH hygiene items, food items, ready-to-use nutrition supplements, medical items, telecom items, and dignity kits. 82 organisations used the UNHAS passenger and cargo services in May.

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