



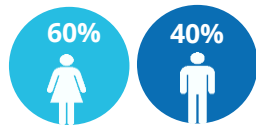
World Food Programme

WFP Nigeria Situation Report #70

March 2022



628,770 people assisted
March 2022



As of 06 April 2022

Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall USD 1.1 billion (2022, HRP)
	WFP USD 406 million (2022, CSP BR2)
WFP Net Funding Requirements (April – September 2022)	192.8 million
Strategic Outcome 1 Emergency food and nutrition assistance	164.7 million
Strategic Outcome 2 Livelihoods	24.3 million
Strategic Outcome 3 Multisectoral nutrition programme	2.0 million
Strategic Outcome 4 Capacity strengthening	0.0 million
Strategic Outcome 5 Advocacy & policy	0.0 million
Strategic Outcome 6 Common services	1.8 million

People assisted in March 2022*

Strategic outcome - Activity 1 Unconditional resource transfers	628,770
In-kind food assistance	287,605
Mobile money	0
E-voucher	315,360
Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 2 Nutrition	116,552
Strategic outcome 2 - Activity 3 Livelihoods	0
Strategic outcome 3 - Activity 4 Multisectoral nutrition programme	6,400

*Achievements under strategic outcome 1 include 6,975 new arrivals.

Photo: In February, women at Anka LGA of Zamfara State prepare to receive food assistance provided by the Government of Nigeria in cooperation with ECOWAS and WFP. Photo credit: Damilola Onafuwa, WFP.

In Numbers

8.4 million people in need
(Humanitarian Response Plan 2022)

6 states affected (Borno, Adamawa and Yobe in the northeast, and Katsina, Sokoto and Zamfara in the northwest)

3.14 million people internally displaced
(UNHCR, December 2021)

14.5 million food-insecure currently requiring humanitarian assistance, including **3.1 million** in the northeast (IPC Phase 3-4 - *Cadre Harmonisé*, March 2022)

Situation Update

In consideration of growing needs and a more favourable outlook for donor contributions, WFP is gradually increasing the number of vulnerable people planned to receive food assistance. WFP plans to increase food assistance from 714,000 people in May to 1.2 million by September. This increase will be followed by a scale down in October as the lean season subsides and the harvest season begins, with Nigeria-grown food becoming more readily available in local markets. WFP projections for April to June indicate good food availability across Nigeria. Despite global food price increases associated with the war in Ukraine, WFP has enough food and cash to sustain lifesaving food assistance over the short term. However, WFP net funding requirements of USD 192.8 million from April to September 2022 call for accelerated contributions.

Cadre Harmonisé indicates more food insecurity

The Cadre Harmonisé is the unified tool for consensual analysis of acute food and nutrition insecurity in Sahelian and West African countries. The March 2022 Cadre Harmonisé analysis for Nigeria reports 14.5 million people facing IPC/CH 3-5 level (crisis or emergency) food insecurity from March to May, including 3.1 million people in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States of northwest Nigeria, where over 12 years of conflict has eroded infrastructure and livelihoods, and over 2.1 million people are internally displaced.

WFP food price monitoring for March 2022 found a slight reduction in the cost of the 70 percent survival minimum expenditure basket (SMEB) for a family of five. The SMEB contains only the most essential food items. In Maiduguri and Jere of Borno State, the 70 percent SMEB decreased 8 percent, from NGN 27,540 in February to NGN 25,446 in March. The Damaturu SMEB increased 3 percent, from NGN 24,578 in February to NGN 25,228 in March. In comparison to February 2022, staple food prices increased slightly in Borno and Yobe States in March 2022, except for imported rice in Damaturu that recorded a substantial increase. In Maiduguri and Jere, the price of red beans increased 30 percent and the price of maize increased 19 percent, while in Damaturu, the price of red beans increased 53 percent and the price of maize increased 29 percent.

WFP Response

In March, WFP reached 628,770 people in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States of northeast Nigeria, and Katsina and Zamfara States of northwest Nigeria. WFP assisted 96 percent of households targeted, reaching 3,186 more people than in February 2022. In Borno, general food distribution using in-kind food reached 6,975 new arrivals fleeing from hard-to-reach areas not accessible to the humanitarian community due to conflict.

WFP transferred USD 4.26 million to 321,760 IDPs, host community members and returnees via electronic vouchers, enabling affected households to purchase food locally and acquire inputs in support of livelihoods. Using in-kind food, WFP distributed 5,202 mt of locally sourced produce, vegetable oil and salt to vulnerable households in Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, Katsina and Zamfara States.

WFP distributed 599 mt of specialized nutritious food to the homes of 116,552 children aged 6-59 months, caretakers and pregnant and lactating women at risk or facing malnutrition.

Under WFP's multi-sector programme to enhance nutrition while supporting livelihood opportunities that address structural causes of malnutrition, 6,400 people received USD 107,667 in cash-based transfers to purchase food.

WFP will extend the current four-year country strategic plan (CSP) to include the first two months of 2023, in anticipation of approval of a new CSP in February. The planned budget revision will also enable use of cash-based transfers (CBT) through the blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP), which assists children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and lactating women. Introduction of CBT for malnutrition prevention encourages consumption of locally manufactured nutritious foods.

Four percent of people targeted for assistance in March could not be reached due to logistical and operational challenges, including mobility of households leading to no shows at distribution sites. Delayed distributions affected 502 people in Monguno of Borno State, and 92 children previously receiving supplementary nutrition support aged out of the programme.

Coordination and Partnerships

Cooperating partners include 5 national and 10 international NGOs, 2 third-party monitors (eHealth Africa and KABHUDA), 2 United Nations agencies (IOM and UNFPA) and 3 state-level primary health care management boards (Borno, Yobe and Zamfara).

The WFP Nigeria CSP has received contributions from Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Government of Nigeria, Nigerian Humanitarian Fund, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UN CERF, United Kingdom, United States and private donors.

Food Security

The most recent Cadre Harmonisé projections for food insecurity during the forthcoming lean season mirror 2020 levels, with 4.4 million people in need, including 2.9 million not currently planned for humanitarian assistance. The gap between need and assistance planned is the highest since 2016; it reflects sector-wide challenges to obtain funding. If additional funding cannot be secured, the number of vulnerable people not receiving lifesaving assistance may reach 3.5 million at the peak of the lean season.

FAO and partners have completed a rapid livelihoods needs assessment covering areas designated by the Government for return of IDPs. Livelihood challenges identified for these areas include access to agricultural inputs and land, and fear of attack. Women are disproportionately affected.

Logistics

NGO service provider-managed storage facilities in five locations across Borno State received 523.38 mt of humanitarian cargo for 21 organizations. The Logistics Sector consolidated 6.15 mt of air cargo involving 22 organizations for airlift by UNHAS. Sector-provided common services supported the storage, cargo movement, coordination and information management requirements of 43 organizations.

Emergency Telecommunications

In March, the Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) provided internet connectivity across northeast Nigeria to 1,822 users from 86 organizations, including 16 United Nations agencies and 70 NGOs. ETS completed maintenance and service improvements for connectivity equipment in Bama, Banki, Damasak and Maiduguri. Restoration of connectivity and security communications services Dikwa hub is nearly complete. The hub suspended operations after an armed attack in March 2021.

UNHAS

The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) transported 4,642 passengers via 102 fixed- and rotary-wing flights; an increase of 34 percent compared to March 2021. To enhance security while efficiently meeting user needs, UNHAS Nigeria has begun constructing a new check-in area, cargo bay and other improved airport infrastructure. UNHAS expects to complete the construction before July.

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