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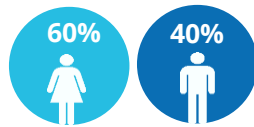
# WFP Nigeria Situation Report #68

October 2021



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WFP Nigeria funding as of 08 November 2021

Global Humanitarian Funding	<b>Overall</b> USD 848 million (2019-21, HRP)
	<b>WFP</b> USD 288 million
WFP Net Funding Requirements (November 2021 – April 2022)	188 million
Strategic Outcome 1 Emergency food and nutrition assistance	153.5 million
Strategic Outcome 2 Livelihoods	25.2 million
Strategic Outcome 3 Multisectoral nutrition programme	6.5 million
Strategic Outcome 4 Capacity strengthening	0.0 million
Strategic Outcome 5 Advocacy & policy	0.1 million
Strategic Outcome 6 Common services	2.8 million

Strategic outcome - Activity 1 - Unconditional resource transfers	1,517,430
In-kind food assistance	991,151
Mobile money	179,116
E-voucher	347,163
Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 2 - Nutrition	220,983
Strategic outcome 2 - Activity 3 - Livelihoods	51,704
Strategic outcome 3 - Activity 4 - Multisectoral nutrition programme	5,925

\*Achievements under strategic outcome 1 include 16,364 new arrivals.

## In Numbers

**8.7 million** people affected  
(Humanitarian Response Plan 2021)

**5 states** affected (Borno, Adamawa and Yobe in the northeast, and Katsina and Zamfara in the northwest)

**3 million** people internally displaced  
(UNHCR, August 2021)

**12.9 million** food-insecure currently requiring humanitarian assistance, including **2.4 million** in the northeast (IPC Phase 3-4 - Cadre Harmonisé, October 2021)

## Situation Update

WFP's multi-donor crisis response for vulnerable people in northeast Nigeria faces a USD 188 million shortfall to sustain food assistance planned through April 2022. Consequently, WFP has scaled back support to target 1.4 million in November and 1.1 million in December while cutting in-kind food rations to 70 percent and delaying recommended cash transfer increases linked to rising cost of the minimum food expenditure basket. Despite these measures, WFP still requires USD 58 million to sustain food assistance planned through the end of 2021. Contributions are now urgently needed to restore live-saving hope for more than half a million people in need that are no longer receiving emergency food assistance due to these resource scarcity-based cuts.

The operating environment in northeast Nigeria is increasingly volatile, particularly in Borno State, where main supply routes are among the most unsafe in the region. Across the northeast, non-state armed groups have scaled up ambushes on military convoys, use of explosive devices, indirect fire (mortars and rockets), and attacks on garrison towns. Conflict between Government forces and armed groups in northeast Nigeria may intensify in the next twelve months due to Government efforts to contain territorial ambitions of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP).

### Post-harvest food insecurity less severe than previous

The Cadre Harmonisé is the unified tool for consensual analysis of acute food and nutrition insecurity in the Sahel and West African region. The October analysis finds that following good harvests and famine prevention actions championed by humanitarian agencies, 700,000 fewer people in the northeast are food insecure compared to the same October-December post-harvest period in 2020. At least 70 percent of households in the northeast rely on agriculture for food and income and many have benefitted from above average harvests. However, the Cadre Harmonisé finds that 2.4 million vulnerable people in the northeast still require emergency food assistance. In the absence of humanitarian support, the October analysis forecasts 3.5 million people in the northeast will experience food insecurity at IPC/CH Phase 3 or above during the June to August 2022 lean season.

**Photo:** Newly arrived women and mothers attend a WFP famine assessment and nutritional needs exercise in an IDP camp in Bama, Borno State.

**Credit:** Siegfried Modula, WFP

## WFP Response

WFP is committed to reaching those in need not yet served by humanitarian assistance, leaving no one behind in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States. In October, WFP reached 1,604,014 people in need, including 16,364 new arrivals.

WFP is supporting local farmers through aggressive local procurement efforts. In October, WFP distributed 13,618 mt of mostly locally grown food to 991,151 people. Food items imported by WFP into Nigeria are limited to vegetable oil (when local production is insufficient) and specialised nutritional food to fight acute malnutrition in children. Using e-vouchers, prepaid cards, bank cards and mobile money, WFP completed cash transfers of USD 8.8 million to 526,279 people in October, enabling households to buy life-saving food to sustain their families.

WFP emergency nutrition support assisted 123,630 children aged 6-23 months and 85,363 pregnant and lactating women and girls. Another 11,990 children aged 6-59 months received specialised nutritious food to address moderate acute malnutrition.

In Tagali/Sugum of Bade LGA, the Government of Yobe State allocated 100 hectares of land and WFP has established an irrigation system supporting 1,000 smallholder farmers. The irrigation system enables maize production in both wet and dry seasons and is used to produce vegetables, including roselle, sorrelle, amaranth, onion, and pepper.

In Mafa LGA of Borno State, WFP works with local actors to increase agricultural yields through training in integrated pest management and post-harvest management for dry season vegetable production.

WFP support for hydroponics helped 78 households with limited access to grazing land for their animals to produce 8,078 kg of fresh fodder, enough to feed six sheep or goats for one month.

Through WFP's multi-sectoral malnutrition prevention activity, 5,925 children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and lactating women and girls received USD 100,868 in life-changing cash support in October.

## Coordination and Partnerships

11 national and 13 international NGOs, 2 UN agencies (IOM and UNFPA), and 3 Government agencies (Yobe State Primary Health Care Management Board, Borno State Primary Health Care Development Agency, and Zamfara State Primary Health Care Board)

Donors: Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Government of Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States and private donors



## Food Security

- Food Security Sector (FSS) partners reached 2.5 million people with emergency food assistance and 1.2 million with agricultural livelihood support in September 2021 (reported in October 2021).
- Due to insufficient funding, some partners reported being unable to provide the recommended 70 percent food basket and will have to reduce coverage to 50 percent due to funding gaps.
- In preparation for 2022, FSS provided training to local and national partners in the northeast on Programme Cycle Management.



## Logistics

- Logistics Sector storage facilities operated by non-governmental organization service providers in five locations across Borno State received 257 mt of humanitarian cargo for 14 organizations.
- The Logistics Sector supported 26 organizations through common services (storage and cargo movement), coordination and information management support.



## Emergency Telecommunications (ETS)

- 3,313 users from 101 organizations (16 UN agencies and 85 NGOs) across northeast Nigeria benefited from ETS internet connection services.
- ETS provided technical training sessions on setting up VHF radios, installing satellite phones and using the VHF tracking software to 11 participants from Action Contre la Faim (ACF), Mentor Initiative and UNDSS.



## United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In October, UNHAS transported 4,224 passengers in northeast Nigeria and transported 11.6 mt of cargo for 15 organizations.
- UNHAS conducted three life-preserving medical evacuations of staff.
- A new cargo hub was approved to enhance cargo movement.

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