



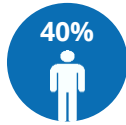
World Food Programme

WFP Nigeria Situation Report #75

August 2023



1,895,416 people assisted in
July 2023



As of 7 September 2023

Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall USD 1.3 billion (HRP 2023)
	WFP USD 473 million (CSP 2023-2027)
WFP Net Funding Requirements (September 2023 – February 2024)	156.2 million
Strategic Outcome 1 Unconditional resource transfers	138.9 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	0.3 million
Strategic Outcome 5 Common services	17.0 million

People assisted in July 2023*

Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 1 Unconditional resource transfers	1,875,747
In-kind food assistance	645,663
E-voucher	1,128,054
Integrated malnutrition prevention	102,030
Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 2 Malnutrition treatment	120,091
Strategic outcome 3 - Activity 4 Stunting prevention	3,097

* Data from all WFP activities are adjusted to remove overlaps and calculate the people assisted monthly (total unique beneficiaries).

Photo: Livelihoods programme staff visit a farmer who has received agricultural inputs from WFP to support increased production of food.

Credit: WFP/Ibrahim Hena

In Numbers

8.3 million people in need (northeast, all sectors)
(HRP 2023)

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

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

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

Situation Update

WFP remains at the centre of humanitarian response across the northeast. Protracted insecurity and humanitarian crisis is expanding geographically, extending across areas adjacent to Lake Chad and the Niger-Nigeria border, with resulting impact on already stretched resources. In August, WFP provided emergency food assistance to 9,932 new arrivals across the region, including 52 percent arriving in Damasak and attributable to the political crisis in neighbouring Niger.

To maintain essential food assistance and nutrition support to households in northeast Nigeria through February 2024, WFP urgently requires USD 152 million. While households are anticipated to benefit from the incoming harvest and reduced food prices during the October-December post-lean season, unless more resources are identified the widening gap between humanitarian needs and available resources may demand a further reduction in the number of vulnerable people planned to receive WFP assistance.

WFP is supporting the Government-led joint [Essential Needs Assessment](#) (ENA) with data collection and analysis. The data generated will provide a baseline for the humanitarian community that feeds into the food security analysis for the October 2023 Cadre Harmonisé.

WFP gender advocacy messages offered in nine local languages

WFP ensures programmes are gender transformative. To strengthen accountability to vulnerable communities, in collaboration with Clear Global (formally known as Translators Without Borders), WFP has translated WFP gender advocacy and awareness creation videos into nine local languages: Bura Pabir, Fulfulde, Hausa, Kibaku, Kanuri, Mandara, Marghi, Shuwa, and Waha.

Communities can now hear sensitization messages during WFP activities as part of community engagement efforts to ensure programming is gender responsive and gender transformative.

WFP Response

In July, WFP provided food assistance to 1,895,416 vulnerable people, including households in hard-to-reach communities.

WFP provided nutrition-integrated unconditional food and nutrition assistance to 1,875,747 beneficiaries in northeast and northwest Nigeria, distributing 10,055 mt of in-kind food where markets are less functional and USD 10.6 million through cash-based transfers where market-supported responses are appropriate and feasible. People receiving WFP-provided unconditional resource transfers included new arrivals in Borno State, up 106 percent since June.

Unconditional resource transfers integrated malnutrition prevention and provided additional nutrition support to WFP-assisted households with pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) and children aged 6-23 months. This assistance delivered a supplementary ration of specialised nutritious foods to prevent malnutrition among 102,030 PBWG and children.

Through cooperating partners and in collaboration with state primary health care development agencies and the Ministry of Health, WFP distributed 246 mt of specialized nutritious food for malnutrition treatment to mothers and caregivers of 120,091 children aged 6-59 months to save the lives of children threatened with acute malnutrition.

Under the multi-sectoral nutrition programme, WFP transferred USD 27,173 to 3,097 children and PBWG to enrich their daily diet by enabling the purchase of locally-grown fresh food from WFP-approved retail vendors. Assisted beneficiaries receive monthly vouchers to redeem for fruit, vegetables, fish, eggs and other fresh commodities.

Technical challenges encountered by WFP-approved retailers led to a delayed start of the harmonized intervention established for Borno and Yobe States. Retailers also struggled to stock sufficient supplies of food commodities due to high costs, further stretching the duration of the redemption exercise. Limited availability of food commodities contributed to the extension of the July cycle into early August.

Additionally, WFP was unable to reach all beneficiaries planned due to the delayed completion of contractual arrangements with financial service providers handling cash-based transfers for livelihood interventions.

Coordination and Partnerships

WFP works with 34 partners, including 27 cooperating partners (16 national and 11 international NGOs). WFP also collaborates closely with UNICEF and six government agencies, three of which are involved in direct implementation activities. In 2023, 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

In July 2023, Food Security Sector (FSS) partners reached 2.5 million people in need across Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe States, including 70 percent assisted by WFP. The FSS total includes 1.5 million people assisted using cash-based transfers and 1 million people who received assistance delivered as in-kind food.

FSS partners have commenced preparations for the Government-led [October 2023 Cadre Harmonisé](#). The FSS has shared a timeline for this multistakeholder state and national exercise, including a call for active participation of more national and international organizations in the Cadre Harmonisé analysis and workshops.

Logistics

The Logistics Sector supported 49 organizations with common storage, cargo movement, coordination, and information management services in August 2023, with more than half using Sector facilities for common storage and cargo consolidation. Sector-managed storage facilities operated by NGO partners in six locations received 504.5 mt of humanitarian cargo from 19 organizations, and 19.6 mt of cargo from 16 organizations was consolidated for airlift by UNHAS to deep-field locations.

Emergency Telecommunications

The Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) provided data connectivity across northeast Nigeria to 1,672 users from 122 organizations during August, including 20 United Nations agencies and 102 NGOs. ETS also provided 1,367 humanitarian staff from 16 United Nations agencies with VHF radio services for security communications across 10 common operational areas. The ETS rectified a power outage in Ngala, which caused the security operations centre to run on generators powered by fossil fuels. The centre has now reverted back to hybrid electrical systems integrating solar panels for greater cost efficiency and reduction of harmful carbon emissions into the environment.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

UNHAS plays a vital role in providing essential air transport and timely access to remote areas of the northeast and other parts of Nigeria, for humanitarian workers and cargo. In August, UNHAS transported 4,844 passengers, of which 77 percent used helicopter flights to safely access 11 hard-to-reach field locations. UNHAS performed one critical medical flight using its equipped air ambulance, the first and only such facility available in the northeast. As humanitarian workers providing life-saving responses can themselves face life-threatening events, UNHAS is there to assist.

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