

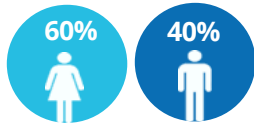


World Food Programme

WFP Nigeria Situation Report #74 July 2023



1,513,732 people assisted in
June 2023



As of 7 August 2023

Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall USD 1.3 billion (HRP 2023)
	WFP USD 473 million (CSP 2023-2027)
WFP Net Funding Requirements (August 2023 – January 2024)	135.0 million
Strategic Outcome 1 Unconditional resource transfers	120.4 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	0.0 million
Strategic Outcome 5 Common services	13.8 million

People assisted in June 2023*

Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 1 Unconditional resource transfers	1,482,092
In-kind food assistance	436,997
E-voucher	992,829
Integrated malnutrition prevention	52,266
Strategic outcome 1 - Activity 2 Malnutrition treatment	77,257
Strategic outcome 3 - Activity 4 Stunting prevention	6,649

* Achievements under strategic outcome 1 include 8,666 new arrivals.

Photo: Working with partners, WFP livelihoods assistance provides vulnerable households with training and support visits combined with livestock and hydroponics starter kits.

Credit: WFP/Ibrahim Hena

In Numbers

8.3 million people in need
(HRP 2023)

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

2.38 million people internally displaced in northeast
(IOM DTM Round 44)

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

Situation Update

Persistent insecurity and access constraints are among the drivers making 2023 a challenging year for food and nutrition security in Nigeria. These have been compounded by steady increases in food prices since 2020. Following the Government's operational changes to foreign exchange markets, official exchange rates have nearly doubled in two years, reaching as high as NGN 823 per USD in recent weeks.

Fuel prices have doubled since the removal of government subsidies in June. Supporters of the new policy contend that it can free government resources for increased social investment and other public priorities.

Associated tensions have triggered opportunistic crime in some communities, including looting of government and private warehouses in Adamawa State in late July, which was followed by curfew restrictions. Food insecurity is further exacerbated by the washing away of crops and grazing land during the 2022 floods and lack of rain in Borno State that has caused reduced harvests.

WFP's Lean Season Food Security Outlook published in July reports 47 percent of households in northeast Nigeria had inadequate food consumption at the start of the lean season, with greater vulnerability among IDPs and returnees. This is an eight-percentage point increase compared to 2021. The outlook anticipates more households will experience elevated levels of food insecurity due to rising prices for fuel and food.

WFP provides mobile storage unit to Yobe SEMA

WFP has responded to a request received from the State Emergency Management Agency of Yobe State (Yobe SEMA) by providing an additional mobile storage unit (MSU) to support improved emergency preparedness. This follows the previous installation of an MSU at Gashua in Bade LGA. Another installation is planned in Potiskum LGA. To date, WFP has supported Yobe SEMA with four MSUs, helping to strengthen government capacity for local warehousing, emergency response and the delivery of food assistance to people in need.

Read more: <https://yosema.com/wfp-world-food-programme-wfp-supports-yobe-sema-with-a-mobile-storage-unit-msu/>

WFP Response

During the June distribution cycle, WFP delivered nutrition-integrated unconditional food assistance and multi-sectoral programme support to 1,513,732 vulnerable people in northeast and northwest Nigeria. In Borno, WFP unconditional assistance provided prepositioned in-kind food to 8,666 new arrivals coming from hard-to-reach areas. Due to operational delays, WFP was able to deliver just 75 percent of assistance planned during the month, however, targeted beneficiaries received the balance of WFP assistance for the June cycle at the start of July.


Operational challenges included degraded conditions along main supply roads, which required use of longer routes with greater cost for transporting food commodities. Limited supply of cereals and supplementary nutritious food also delayed food deliveries to communities in need and the prepositioning of stocks in areas with foreseeable access challenges during the rainy season.

With available resources, WFP provided 1,482,092 internally displaced persons, members of host communities and returnees with unconditional resource transfers for crisis response. WFP engaged local vendors to support access to nutrient-rich complementary foods for children aged 6-23 months and enhance diet diversity for pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) during the 1000-day window of opportunity between conception and a child's second birthday. Conditional transfers provided to 6,649 children and PBWG enabled redemption of e-vouchers for fresh and nutritious locally grown food. Limited availability of seasonal fresh food commodities contributed to the decision to extend the June distribution cycle into the first days of early July.

WFP complemented food assistance with lifesaving treatment of malnutrition reaching 77,257 children at over 200 facilities in collaboration with cooperating partners, state primary health care development agencies and the Ministry of Health.

High-yielding Seeds Bring Hope to Farmers

We took a leap of faith and planted the improved variety of sorghum and millet, sowing them three weeks after our usual local seeds. To our amazement, they have not only caught up with the growth of the local varieties but have also outperformed them. Our traditional crops were already wilting and stunting under the unforgiving sun, but these hybrid seeds have shown us their true potential.

 Sani Baura – Recipient of WFP food systems support in Kaura Namoda LGA of Zamfara State

Coordination and Partnerships

WFP works with 36 partners, including 27 cooperating partners (16 national and 11 international NGOs); three third-party monitors (eHealth System Africa, Fact Foundation and Jireh Doo Foundation); and six government agencies. The recently launched 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

The Humanitarian Situation Monitoring (HSM) task force comprises multiple partners monitoring the evolution of food security and nutrition in hardest-to-reach areas. HSM recently reviewed and updated its monitoring tool that feeds evidence into monthly reporting to improve alignment with emerging trends and operational adjustments.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and WFP are supporting preparation of Nigeria's Food Security Strategy covering 2023-2025. The agencies recently completed a participatory consultation workshop with partners to help feed into the strategy. Findings will be shared following validation by the Government and Food Security Sector partners.

Logistics

The Logistics Sector supported 26 organizations with common storage, cargo movement, coordination, and information management services. Sector-managed storage facilities operated by NGO partners in six locations received 165.3 mt of humanitarian cargo for 14 organizations. The Sector also consolidated for airlift by UNHAS 13.4 mt of cargo from 20 organizations and supported increased mobile storage unit capacity in Yobe State (see details at bottom-right of page 1).

Emergency Telecommunications

In July, the Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) provided reliable Internet connectivity across northeast Nigeria to 1,533 users from 118 organizations, including 20 United Nations agencies and 98 NGOs. The ETS deployed a satellite-based data connectivity device in Monguno to improve network connectivity. The ETS also provided 1,367 humanitarian staff from 16 United Nations agencies with VHF radio services for security communications across 10 common operational areas.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

UNHAS continues to provide effective and efficient demand-driven humanitarian air services for northeast Nigeria, enabling the safe delivery of lifesaving humanitarian assistance. UNHAS transported 4,927 passengers and 16.25 mt of air cargo in July. Since the beginning of the year, UNHAS has transported 26,670 passengers and 123 mt of air cargo. To help mitigate risks associated with periodic scarcity of aviation fuel, UNHAS has established contracts with new suppliers and plans to install its own fuel storage capacity.

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