



WFP Nigeria

External Situation Report #85

July 2025

In Numbers

7.9 million people in need (HRP 2025)

30.6 million food-insecure people in the June to September 2025 period, including 4.6 million in the northeast and 5 million in the northwest (Cadre Harmonisé, March 2025)

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

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

1,461,552 people assisted by WFP in July 2025*
*preliminary data as of 26 August

Gender and Age Marker

60%

40%

Highlights

An estimated 9.6 million people are acutely food-insecure during the current lean season in the northeast and northwest of Nigeria.

WFP provided emergency lean season food assistance for one month, reaching 1.3 million of the most vulnerable people to meet their food needs in July. Without additional funding, WFP will have to reduce assistance in August and September.

As a result of an unprecedented lack of resources, WFP has halted the delivery of specialised nutritious foods in 150 nutrition centres, affecting moderate acute malnutrition prevention and treatment for at least 300,000 children.


SITUATION UPDATE

Persistent insecurity and access constraints continue to drive acute food insecurity in 2025. Widespread insecurity is spanning beyond the northeast, with the northwest and northcentral regions now facing persistent attacks by bandits and armed groups, causing recurring displacement and eroding household resilience. Similar to the northeast, more frequent attacks have been recorded in both regions since the start of 2025 and have surpassed those of the same period last year.

Household vulnerabilities are further exacerbated by poor economic conditions and extreme weather events. Inflated transport costs are driving up food prices and the minimum expenditure cost to survive. Added to this is the climate crisis, where dry spells that extend into the early parts of July are followed by above-average rainfall, raising concerns about the wet farming window. By the end of July 2025, the National Emergency Management Agency flood dashboard reports that floods have affected at least 140,228 people this year, with Adamawa ranked among the top states most affected.

The reduction in humanitarian funding is exacerbating the already dire food insecurity situation. Compared to the 2024 lean season period, where WFP targeted 1.8 million people for six months, in 2025, WFP can only scale up the lean season response for one month to reach 1.5 million people. This reduction comes at a time of peak lean season needs and severe access constraints.

Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall Nigeria USD 926.5 million (HRP 2025)
	WFP 2025, (BR1) USD 474.7 million (CSP 2023-2027)
WFP Net Funding Requirements (August 2025 - January 2026)	131.9 million
Strategic Outcome 1, Act 1 Unconditional resource transfers	115.2 million
Strategic Outcome 1, Act 2 Malnutrition treatment programmes	5.3 million
Strategic Outcome 3 Livelihood and sustainable food systems	0.6 million
Strategic Outcome 4 Capacity strengthening and social protection	0.8 million
Strategic Outcome 5 Common services (incl. UNHAS)	10 million



World Food Programme

WFP OPERATIONS

In July, WFP assisted 1.46 million people in meeting their food needs and strengthening their resilience, distributing 3,100 mt of food and USD 11.3 million in cash-based transfers. *



EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

WFP adopts a holistic and agile approach, combining food assistance delivered via in-kind food and electronic voucher modalities with integrated malnutrition prevention. In July, WFP provided USD 10.7 million and 2,820 mt of food to 1.36 million vulnerable people across northern Nigeria. With the limited available resources, WFP assistance could only reach 13 percent of the most vulnerable of the 10.6 million acutely food-insecure people identified across the northeast and northwest during the 2025 lean season. WFP also **pre-positioned contingency stock** to assist an additional 15,000 people in anticipation of newly displaced arrivals from hard-to-reach areas during the lean season.



NUTRITION PROGRAMMES

WFP provided fresh food vouchers or specialised nutritious food (SNF) to children aged 6-23 months and Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women and Girls (PBWG) and to meet their unique nutrient needs, as **top-ups** to the household emergency food assistance rations, reaching 43,467 PBWG and children in northeast and northwest Nigeria in July.

WFP also provided supplementation to 66,105 children aged 6 - 59 months with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in collaboration with cooperating partners, state primary health care agencies and the Ministry of Health. In five LGAs, WFP engaged caregivers in mother-to-mother support groups **to process locally available grains, procured with WFP e-vouchers, into nutrient-dense flour**—Tom Brown—to manage MAM for 13,900 children. The remaining 52,205 children in the other operational LGAs were provided with **ready-to-use supplementary food in 187 health facilities**.



RESILIENCE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

WFP is leveraging the **wet farming season** to strengthen resilience. Prioritising individual preference and suitability to local agro-ecological conditions, WFP provided 10kg of cereals and 5kg of legume seeds, accompanied by liquid fertiliser, to 6,400 households with safe access to agricultural farmland.

WFP is also assisting 18,000 young men and women in strengthening their resilience and supporting agricultural production through a food systems approach. This initiative aims to create, improve, and sustain jobs across Adamawa and Yobe States.



CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

Informed by an assessment of institutional capacities, WFP donated **ICT equipment to 16 MDAs** across Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States to revolutionise disaster response and social protection systems, reflecting a "whole-of-system approach"

Following the 2025 flood alerts issued by different Government agencies, WFP has trained 140 staff from Government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) across the northern states on **Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR)**.



FOOD SECURITY SECTOR

Food Security Sector (FSS) partners could only provide emergency food assistance to 840,953 people in June, including 97 percent assisted by WFP, despite the month marking the start of the lean season. With limited resources, partners are prioritising needs and targeting the most food-insecure households. Partners also provided agricultural livelihood support to 468,448 people across the BAY states, combining cash and voucher modalities with in-kind support, leveraging the rainy season period to strengthen food production.

FSS has shared the October 2025 Cadre Harmonisé Analysis timeline with partners and has commenced preliminary data collection.



EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

In July, ETS provided reliable security and data connectivity to 1,628 users across northeast Nigeria, serving 16 United Nations agencies and 36 NGOs. Where national networks are absent or unreliable in hard-to-reach locations, ETS helped 1,070 users stay connected in 12 locations.

Funded by the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF), ETS has deployed internet and secure communications in Damboa, enhancing coordination, safety, and operational efficiency for humanitarian partners. [See more on ETS in Damboa.](#)



LOGISTICS SECTOR

The Logistics Sector maintained access to common storage facilities, as facilities operated by NGO partners in six locations received and stored 618 mt (2,016 m3) of humanitarian cargo for 21 organisations in July. The Sector also consolidated 6.2 mt of light cargo from 19 organisations for airlift via UNHAS helicopters to deep-field locations.

The Sector conducted capacity-building sessions for 140 participants from 35 organisations, including national NGOs and government partners, on logistics information exchange ([LogIE](#)) – a logistics cluster tool for collecting, analysing and sharing information.



UN HUMANITARIAN AIR SERVICE

In July, UNHAS operated 300 flights across 14 destinations, including 11 hard-to-reach locations. 1,778 passengers and 7.04 mt of air cargo from 70 organisations flew with UNHAS for safe and timely access to communities in need.

UNHAS has informed its partners about the planned discontinuation of the fixed-wing service by the end of August, which connects passengers weekly between Abuja, Maiduguri, and Yola. UNHAS recorded a significant drop in passenger numbers on these routes, transporting 401 passengers on this service in July 2025, a 50 percent decrease compared to the previous year. With the availability of commercial flights, UNHAS does not anticipate any significant impact on humanitarian access.

Through a standby contract, UNHAS can arrange access to fixed-wing aircraft within 48 hours for flight charters, security, and other operational flight requests to remote locations across the northeast. Effective September 2025, UNHAS will now commit its limited available resources to maintain rotary-wing flights and helicopter services to 11 deep-field locations.

WFP NIGERIA COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP 2023-2027)

WFP ASSISTANCE IN JULY 2025

	ACTIVITIES	SUB-ACTIVITY	People Assisted*	Food distributed (mt)*	Cash distributed*
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1:	ACTIVITY 1: Nutrition-sensitive unconditional food assistance	General food assistance	1,357,447	2,820.55	US\$10,682,982
		Integrated malnutrition prevention	43,467	97.55	US\$107,398
	ACTIVITY 2: Malnutrition treatment	Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP)	66,105	185.71	US\$110,200
STRATEGIC OUTCOME 3:	ACTIVITY 4: Conditional transfers for livelihoods and resilience	Food for Assets (FFA)	38,000	-	US\$373,445

*July 2025 preliminary figures pending final data report.

COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

WFP works with 27 partners, including 23 cooperating partners (12 national and 11 international NGOs) and four government agencies.

In 2025, WFP Nigeria's Country Strategic Plan 2023-2027 was supported by AfDB, Canada, ECHO, France, Germany, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, UN CERF, United Kingdom, United States, and private donors.



🔗 Borno's rice harvest is transforming Nigeria's food security

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RESOURCE OUTLOOK

WFP Nigeria is only 20 percent funded for the next six months and requires 131.9 million to sustain operations until January 2026.