



# WFP Cameroon

## Flood Emergency Response

### External Situation Report #01

31 October 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP rapidly moved in to respond to the growing food and nutrition needs of **communities affected by floods in the Logone et Chari and Mayo Danay divisions** of the Far North Region.
- WFP's rapid market assessment informed the use of a hybrid approach, delivering assistance in cash in areas with functional markets and in-kind with no markets.
- WFP assisted about **63,800 affected people (59 percent women)** by the end of October with US\$ 708,000 and 383.4 mt.
- WFP also conducted nutrition screening and provided specialised nutritious foods (SNFs) to **2,400 children aged 6-59 months** for malnutrition prevention.
- Given physical access challenges caused by the flood and rising water levels, WFP used **multimodal transportation means** (combining road and water transport means) to deliver assorted food commodities to affected communities.

## IN NUMBERS



**459,100**  
People affected by floods



**242,515**  
People targeted by WFP



**US\$ 17.7 million**  
Needs-based Plan (77% cash; 23% in-kind)



**2,648 metric tons**  
Planned In-Kind distributions



**63,800**  
People assisted



**2,400**  
Children aged 6-59 months received SNFs



**US\$ 708,000**  
Cash transfers already done



**383.4 mt**  
Of food distributed

## SITUATION UPDATE

- Heavy recurrent torrential rains (25 percent higher than normal levels between August and October) have plunged five divisions in the Far North Region into a series of floods. The floods have severe socio-economic and environmental impacts, exacerbating the already fragile food and nutrition insecurity caused by the ongoing security crisis and intercommunal clashes.
- The floods have affected about 459,100 people (38 deaths), 56,100 houses wrecked, 85,300 hectares of arable land destroyed, and 5,510 livestock lost ([OCHA](#)).
- 98.7 percent of the affected people reside in the Logone et Chari and the Mayo Danay divisions. The March 2024 Cadre Harmonisé projected that **21.3 percent of the population in these areas were severely food insecure** between

June and August 2024 (IPC 3 & 4), higher than the regional average of 20.1 percent.

- Furthermore, WFP assessment revealed that 64 percent of flood-affected households had poor or borderline food consumption, and 76 percent frequently engaged in extreme coping strategies during periods of lack such as adults foregoing meals to feed children.



## WFP RESPONSE

### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In response to this crisis, WFP started assisting affected families, reaching 64,000 people in October 2024 through cash-based transfers and in-kind distributions in **Blangoua, Kai Kai, Kousseri, Logone Birni, Maga, Makary, Vele, Yagoua, and Zina.**

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- In October, WFP disbursed over **US\$ 708,000 as cash-based food assistance** to 47,100 people and **376.4 mt of assorted commodities** to 16,700 people.
- Nutrition assistance was provided concurrently, with **2,400 children under five screened and receiving 7.1 mt of specialized nutritious foods (SNFs)** for malnutrition prevention.
- Physical access challenges** for food transportation and movement of personnel remain a major concern as water levels are still high.

## Supply Chain

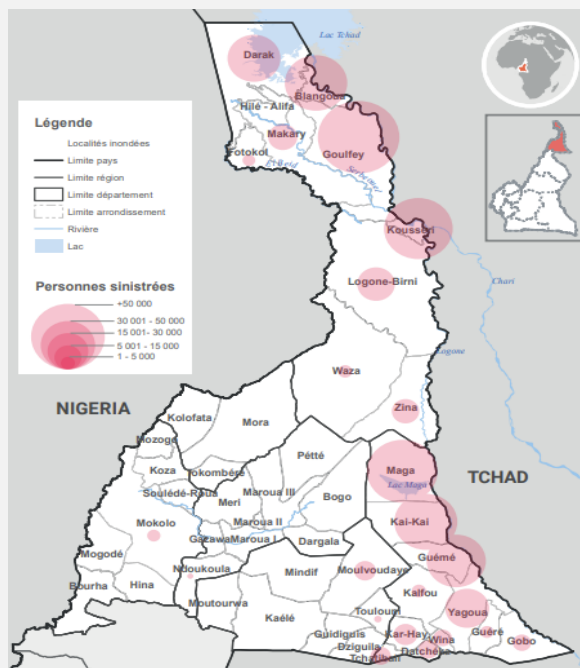
- WFP employed multi-modal transportation means for food delivery to distribution sites through a combination of road (trucks) and water (canoe).

## COORDINATION

- WFP is leading the food security working group in the Logone et Chari.
- WFP participates in regional flood response coordination meetings chaired by the Governor of the Far North Region.
- The food security sector has added a Far North [floods emergency response page](#) on its website.

## ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- WFP is participating in ongoing joint needs assessments led by OCHA. Based on the results of the initial assessment, WFP prioritized its response interventions in areas labelled as 'high priority'.
- WFP has also completed vulnerability-based **targeting** in all affected areas.
- Likewise, WFP conducted a **rapid market assessment** in the affected divisions. The results showed that since July, the prices of two-thirds of the commodities sold locally were higher in 2024 compared to the same period in 2023, as well as the historical average, with increases varying between 5 and 40 percent. The most affected foodstuffs are maize (28.4



percent), beans (39.9 percent), potatoes (84.1 percent) and yam (74.8 percent).

- The results further indicated that 8 percent of flood-affected households had to change their regular market due to floods, and 20 percent walked more than 5 km to get to the market where they currently buy foodstuff. The most needed foods are vegetable oil, sugar, rice, maize, groundnut, sorghum and beans.
- Furthermore, the health sector is seriously affected, with only 40 percent of health services being fully functional.
- Finally, WFP has developed a remote monitoring tool for sites that are difficult to access.

## PROTECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- WFP continues its rigorous respect for the dignity and protection of beneficiaries.
- WFP's toll-free hotline number, **8099**, is clearly indicated in all distribution sites. Partners have been trained to receive feedback and follow escalation channels for the management of complaints.

## RESOURCE OUTLOOK

- Available resources can cover the initial 100,000 beneficiaries. They include advance financing through WFP internal funding mechanism, multilateral funding from WFP and contributions from the European Union, Germany, and the USA.
- WFP is increasing advocacy efforts to acquire enough resources for assistance to about 242,500 people with general food assistance and nutrition support to children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBW/G).