



World Food Programme

WFP Cameroon

Situation Report

NW/SW response #11

October 2019



In Numbers

4 regions mainly affected (North West, South West, Littoral and West)

0.65 million Internally Displaced Persons¹

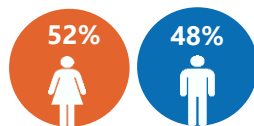
1.3 million people in need of assistance¹

0.7 million people food insecure in NW/SW²

Highlights

- In October, WFP has provided food assistance to a total of 133,613 vulnerable persons in the South West and North West regions. Since December 2018, about 360,000 people received WFP food assistance in both regions.
- On 9 October, a truck carrying WFP's commodities was intercepted in the North West by armed men and four WFP's cooperating partner staffs were abducted.

133,613 People assisted
October 2019



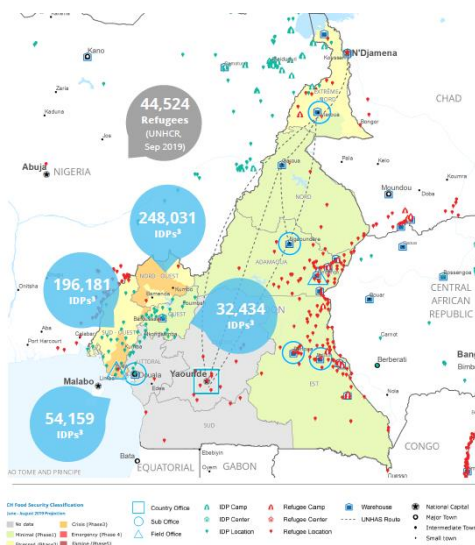
WFP Net Funding Requirements

(October 2019 – December 2019)

Under Strategic Outcome 1; Activity 1

[Populations affected by NW/SW crisis have safe access to adequate and nutritious food.]

USD 1.7 million



Map: WFP External Emergency Dashboard, October 2019 – Cameroon NW/SW crisis

Situation Update

- In a bid to solve the current crisis in the North West and South West regions, the National Dialogue called by President Pau Biya, took place from 30 September to 4 October in Yaoundé and gathered up more than 1,000 delegates. On 3 October, Cameroon's President announced he will drop charges against 333 prisoners arrested for their alleged roles in the separatist uprising as a goodwill gesture. On the other side, the separatists have called for the release of 5,000 imprisoned people.
- On 1 October, celebrations marked the second anniversary since separatists in Cameroon's North West and South West regions proclaimed an independent State they call Ambazonia. Gunshots and fighting between armed men and Government's forces leading to casualties were reported.
- On 9 October, a truck carrying WFP's commodities was intercepted in the North West by armed men and four WFP's cooperating partner staffs were abducted then released. A total of 18 mt of food was lost.

WFP Response

- Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) data collection took place from 8 to 15 October and will enable WFP to assess numbers of food insecure people living in the North West and South West, as well as the security of food insecurity.

¹ OCHA: North-West and South-West Situation Report No.12

² EFSA January 2019

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Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Since December 2018, WFP has provided food assistance to more than 360,000 people in need of food and nutrition assistance in the South West and North West regions.
- In October, WFP has provided food and nutrition assistance to a total of 54,450 vulnerable persons in the North West and 79,163 persons in the South West.



Supply Chain

- In the North West, WFP distributed 578 mt of food items, while 867 mt were distributed in the South West.

Donors in alphabetical order:

CREF, Germany, Republic of Korea, USAID

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster

- New information products and maps (available [here](#)) display the presence of the Food Security Cluster partners and their effective response.
- The new FSC Coordinator arrived and will be based in Buea, covering both North West and South West regions.
- In October, 22 FSC partners collectively assisted a total of 172,372 people, out of which 161,977 received food items through in-kind, e-voucher/ paper voucher modalities, while 10,395 received agriculture and livelihoods support like grants for small business, fish farming and processing, home gardening, poultry and agriculture related trainings.

Challenges and Constraints

- Recurrent clashes, kidnappings and shootings resulting in casualties create a volatile security situation that regularly lead to postponements of food distributions in North West and South West Cameroon.
- NSAGs' presence associated with threats on distribution teams in certain distribution sites delayed distribution processes.
- Weekly Monday ghost-town days and lockdowns restrained freedom of movement for 13 days during in October, thus delaying WFP activities.

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