



# WFP Nigeria Country Brief

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## Operational Context

Nigeria is a federal constitutional republic. Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa and the seventh most populous country in the world. Nigeria has over 500 ethnic groups.

The crisis induced by Non-State Armed Group (NSAG) insurgency remains the principal driving factor of instability in Northeast Nigeria. Since 2010, the NSAG has increasingly expanded its operational capacities, and in May 2013 a state of emergency was declared by the Government in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states.

As per the April 2018 [IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix](#), over 1.88 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) are reported to be in Nigeria, with the largest IDP population (1.72 million) located in the three most affected states: Borno, Adamawa and Yobe. Children and women constitute 79 percent of the IDP population. Twenty-seven percent of the IDP population are children under five.

WFP has been present in Nigeria since 2016.



Population: **191 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **152 out of 188**

Income Level: **Largest economy in Africa and 28<sup>th</sup> in the world**

Malnutrition: **44%** of children under five are stunted, and **11%** suffer wasting

**Main Photo** Credit: WFP/Inger Marie Vennize  
Caption: Preventative nutrition distribution for pregnant and lactating women and children (6-59 months) in Bama, Borno State

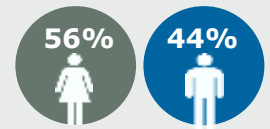
## In Numbers

**14,000 mt** of food assistance distributed

**USD 4.2 m** cash-based transfers made

**USD 21.45 m** six months (May-October 2018) shortfall for the Nigeria component of EMOP 200777

**1.24 m** people assisted in April 2018



## Operational Updates

- In April, WFP reached 1.24 million people with food and nutrition assistance in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states. WFP's increase in the implementation plan is the result of starting distribution in Kala Balge LGA. WFP dispatched 14,000 mt of mixed food commodities to people in need during the month.
- WFP provided assistance to more than 5,000 new arrivals in Bama, Banki, Ngala, Pulka and Dikwa LGAs as a result of WFP partners' readiness and pre-positioned contingency stock.
- A total of 783,887 beneficiaries (90 percent of the plan) – most of them internally displaced in camps or in host communities – benefited from food distributions, while in areas with functioning markets 420,261 people (98 percent of the plan) were assisted with cash or vouchers. In terms of food assistance, cash-based transfers were made to 33 percent of the beneficiaries and in-kind food assistance to 67 percent.
- WFP supported 327,278 young children and women under its preventative nutrition approach activities in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states. This included 152,552 children aged 6-23 months (93 percent achievement), 14,321 children aged 24-59 months with moderate acute malnutrition (71 percent achievement), and 114,946 pregnant and lactating women (95 percent achievement)
- WFP distributed 973 mt of specialised nutritious foods (SuperCereal Plus) to the children for a monthly ration of 200 g/child/day, and 866 mt of a similar fortified blended flour (SuperCereal) to the women as a monthly ration of 250 g/person/day. Under the multi-sectoral Integrated Nutrition Programme, an additional 25,000 PLW received cash transfers and 20,459 children aged 6-23 months were provided with SuperCereal Plus.
- In preparation for the upcoming planting season in May-June, WFP and FAO are working together to ensure that FAO agricultural inputs reach as many WFP beneficiaries who have some access to land and can plant on time.

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	2018 Total Requirements (in USD)	2018 Total Resourced (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
<b>Providing life-saving support to households directly affected by insecurity in northern Nigeria</b>			
EMOP 200777 Nigeria Component	315 m	254.8 m (81%)	21.44 m
<b>Provision of Humanitarian Air Services in Nigeria</b>			
SO 200834	29.6 m	22.9m (77.3%)	2.9 m
<b>Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Sector coordination and services to augment the humanitarian response</b>			
SO 201032	8.4 m	4.6 m (54%)	946,000

\*May-October 2018



## Food Security Situation

- According to the [March 2018 Cadre Harmonisé \(CH\) Analysis](#), the food security conditions have improved in the 16 states and Federal Capital Territory. Such improvement is the result of improved livelihood systems and provision of humanitarian assistance on behalf of the government and partners. More specifically, a reduction on the number of people facing acute food insecurity in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states was witnessed from 4.7 million (March-May 2017) to 2.6 million (October-December 2017) to 2.3 million (March-May 2018). The food and nutrition insecurity situation analysis report also projected that the figure might increase to almost 3 million people during the lean period of June-August 2018.
- According to market monitoring exercises conducted in Borno and Yobe, there was a continued increase in the prices of maize and sorghum in key markets of Maiduguri in Borno State during the past three months. In Yobe State, on the other hand, favourable market supplies and stock levels have led to price decrease or stability when compared to November 2017. WFP and partners continue monitoring the situation and adapt assistance modalities to meet those in need.

## Challenges

- The highly volatile security situation and the related population displacement in Northeast Nigeria, coupled with trade restrictions, limited humanitarian and market access, continue to drive severe acute food insecurity in the three states of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa.
- The general security situation during the month of April has been tense and dominated by armed clashes. Security forces operations against non-

state armed groups (NSAG) continued in areas including Ngala, Rann, Konduga and Bama in Borno State, and in Geidam and Gujba in Yobe State. This will continue to result in periodic disruptions of access, and road mission risks will remain high, particularly from Maiduguri and Damaturu, Konduga and Bama and the general area south of Maiduguri.

## Sectors and Common Services

- The FSS has launched a pilot [interactive map](#) to support rainy season planning. The map illustrates an analysis of the CH, estimated level of access to land, plan for seed distribution by partners, flood vulnerability and other key indicators to allow users to explore the current situation in Northeast Nigeria.
- Throughout April, UNHAS provided service to 71 humanitarian organizations by transporting a total of 3,742 passengers via helicopters to various remote locations and 1,407 passengers via fixed wing aircraft connecting Abuja-Yola-Maiduguri.
- In April 2018, the [Logistics Sector](#) facilitated 326 humanitarian cargo movement requests, representing 1,029 trucks, out of which 679 required a military escort.
- The [ETS](#) managed to fully deploy internet connectivity and security telecommunications services in the humanitarian hub in Damasak, the seventh hub in Northeast Nigeria. These services will be available to the entire humanitarian community operating in the LGA.

## Resourcing

- Under the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan for Nigeria, WFP is seeking USD 353 million to assist 1.5 million people with food assistance, to provide 390,000 children and pregnant and lactating women with nutrition assistance, and to support organizations with emergency telecoms and logistics needs (including UN Humanitarian Air Services).
- So far, WFP has resourced USD 282.3 million overall (including USD 126 of carry-over from 2017).

## Donors

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