**Highlights**

- In April, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 32,187 IDPs (16,695 women and 15,492 men) in the South West region.
- ‘Monday ghost-town days’ and lockdowns, totalling 14 days of restriction on free movement affected distributions.
- A field-level agreement (FLA) with a new cooperating partner LUKMEF was signed for food distribution to 80,000 persons in the North West region.

**In Numbers**

- **4 regions** mainly affected (North West, South West, Littoral and West)
- **4 million** people affected\(^1\)
- **1.3 million** people in need of assistance\(^1\)
- **1.5 million** people food insecure\(^2\)

**Situation Update**

- Insecurity still prevails--- clashes between government forces and non-State armed groups (NSAGs), kidnappings and armed incidents were reported in both regions.
- Monday ghost-town days and lockdowns, totaling 14 days of restriction on free movement affected distributions.
- UNDSS organized a Safe and Secure Approaches to Field Environments (SSAFE) training in Douala from 16 to 18 April 2019.

**WFP Response**

- A field-level agreement (FLA) with a new cooperating partner LUKMEF was signed for food distribution to 80,000 persons in the North West.
- A total of 35 staff from LUKEMEF were trained to strengthen their capacities on specific WFP operational standards and requirements to deliver emergency response. Participants were trained on WFP food distribution management, protection and gender mainstreaming, Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (PSEA), WFP reporting mechanisms and warehouse management.
- Two international NGOs were identified for third-party monitoring and monitoring proposals were received.
- A principle agreement on common interest for WFP to integrate the UNICEF Rapid Response Mechanisms platform in NW/SW has been reached. The objective for WFP is to provide the vulnerable children attending the Child-Friendly Spaces and their families with weekly take-home food packages, consisting of cereals, pulses, oil, Super Cereal and salt.

**Map:** IDPs affected by NW/SW crisis, OCHA SitRep March 2019

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\(^1\) OCHA: North-West and South-West Situation Report No.4

\(^2\) EFSA January 2019
**Food and Nutrition Assistance**

- In April, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 32,187 IDPs (16,695 women and 15,492 men) in the South West. They received a 30-day ration of food basket consisting of rice (350g), pulses (100g), vegetable oil (35g), salt (5g) and Super Cereal (50g).

**Supply Chain**

- In total, 509 mt of food including cereals, pulses, vegetable oil, salt and super cereals were distributed in April.

- In order to meet its pipeline needs, WFP will assess local commodity capacities, especially the locally produced rice stock.

**Clusters and Common Services**

**Food Security Cluster (FSC)**

- On 18 April in Buea, 33 partner organizations attended the FSC coordination meeting. Besides presentations on each other’s activities, discussions centered on setting up a technical working group for common targeting and vulnerability criteria. Relief International, IRC, and Mbonweh Women’s Development Association will form the core of the Buea-based Technical Working Group.

**Logistics Cluster**

- During the last HTC (Humanitarian Transport Committee) meeting on April 25, the Humanitarian Community expressed a wish to keep a functioning Logistic Cluster even though a Global Logistic Cluster mission in March recommended it be deactivated. Two WFP logistics staff, in Buea and Bamenda, will hold regular monthly meetings.

**Challenges and Constraints**

- Multiple restrictions of movements affecting distributions.

- Frequent clashes between government forces and non-State armed groups (NSAGs), kidnapping and armed incidents create a climate of insecurity and a fearful atmosphere.

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