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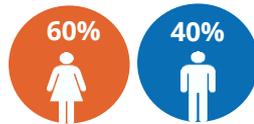
WFP Nigeria Situation Report #50

March 2020



716,755 people assisted

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Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall: USD 848 million <i>(2019-21 HRP)</i>
	WFP share: USD 271 million <i>(CSP 2019)</i>
WFP Net Funding Requirements USD 78 million (April – September 2020)	
Strategic Outcome 1 Emergency GFD/Preventative Nutrition	USD 52 million
Strategic Outcome 2 Livelihoods	USD 12 million
Strategic Outcome 3 Multi-Sector Nutrition Prevention	USD 7.4 million
Strategic Outcome 4 Capacity Strengthening	USD 0.05 million
Strategic Outcome 5 Advocacy & Policy	USD 0.03 million
Strategic Outcome 6 Common Services	USD 5.5 million

People assisted in March 2020: 716,755*	
SO1- Activity 1- Unconditional Food Assistance: 657,143	
In-kind food assistance:	376,864 (85%)
Cash-based transfers:	280,279 (86%)
[Mobile money]	31,883
[E-voucher]	248,396
SO1- Activity 2- Nutrition prevention & treatment: 181,609	
SO2- Activity 3- Livelihoods: 18,604	
SO3- Activity 4- Multi-sector nutrition prevention: 21,224	
*Total beneficiaries reached includes SO1-Activity 1, SO2-Activity 3 and 50,412 unique nutrition beneficiaries.	

In Numbers

7.1 million people affected
(2019-2021 Humanitarian Response Plan)

3 states affected

2 million people displaced
(Round 29 DTM IOM)

2.95 million people are food insecure
(IPC Phase 3 and 5 - Cadre Harmonisé, March and May 2020)

Highlights

- For COVID-19 risk mitigation in the northeast, WFP has increased the number of distribution sites, staggered distribution cycles, implemented rigorous sensitization, modified distribution site layout, and maximized work-from-home arrangements for staff.
- To help Nigeria respond to COVID-19, WFP plans technical support to the Government for strengthening existing social protection mechanisms distribution sites countrywide.
- WFP reached 716,755 out of 889,919 targeted beneficiaries, providing life-saving food assistance to conflict-affected and internally displaced persons in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States.

'My children will eat'

In the Maiduguri city center, Yahabba Adam, 30, smiles as she combs through the market buying food items that she plans to cook. She has just received NGN 17,000 (USD 47) from WFP's cash assistance programme.

"My children will eat. I am happy that they are not going to go hungry," says the mother of four children.

As a single mother, Yahabba is hopeful. She wants to become a tailor and a cap maker, skills she developed while living in her village in Konduga, a small town in Borno State. She grew up on her father's farm where he produced grains. Then she married and lived with her new family not far from her childhood home.

Five years ago, her village was attacked. Many people were killed. Yahabba and her children were among the few who survived.

"My father hid us inside a ditch far from our house. Fighters always look for wives. My father was caught by the fighters. My neighbour said he was killed. But I don't know. I never saw his body," she says.

Yahabba has since lived in Dalori camp in Maiduguri with her four children. The whereabouts of her husband are unknown. "Right now, I must care for my children. They are all I have now."

Yahabba is among the 3 million people struggling to meet their food needs in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States. According to the latest food security analyses, this number could rise to more than 3.7 million people during the June to August lean season if sustained humanitarian assistance is not available.

Caption (top left): Yahabba Adam, 30, enjoys a meal with her children at their home at Dalori 2 IDP camp, Konduga, Borno, Nigeria. Photo credit: WFP/ KC Nwakalor



Food and Nutrition Assistance

Operational Update: WFP continued to address the immediate life-saving food needs of 657,143 displaced people. Of these, 376,864 received in-kind food. Under the cash-based transfer modality, WFP reached 248,396 beneficiaries through electronic vouchers and 31,883 through mobile money.

WFP complemented food assistance with malnutrition prevention and treatment activities serving 181,609 children, pregnant and lactating women and girls with specialized nutritious food integrated into WFP food assistance.

Constrained by government restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, WFP resilience building activities suspended the condition of 15 days of work and sustained support to 18,604 people using either food or cash transfers.

WFP supported 21,224 pregnant and lactating women and caregivers of children under 2 with cash transfers of NGN 5,000 conditioned on participation in UNICEF-supported maternal, newborn and child health services, and maternal support groups.



COVID-19 Response

WFP has taken several steps to continue operations while ensuring the safety of staff, partners and beneficiaries, including awareness raising efforts and equipping offices with thermometers, hand sanitizers, masks and gloves.

In the northeast, WFP is increasing the number of distribution sites to avoid large gatherings, staggering distribution cycles, providing rigorous sensitization to ensure no stigmatization of beneficiaries, modifying the layout of distribution sites to enable faster processing, and maximizing work-from-home arrangements for staff.

To better understand how COVID-19 affects food insecurity, WFP launched a countrywide food security monitoring system using mobile vulnerability assessment mapping (mVAM) which aims for 3,500 calls per month. The scale-up will be countrywide, with areas having increased numbers of COVID-19 cases prioritized in the sample.

Coordination and Partnerships

- WFP has 12 cooperating partners – 9 international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and 3 national NGOs, as well as working with one Government partner and two UN agencies (IOM and UNFPA).
- Donors include Canada, Denmark, European Commission, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, private donors, Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UN Joint Sustainable Development Goals Fund, United Kingdom, and United States.

Cluster and Common Services

Strategic Outcome 6: Humanitarian community is enabled to reach and operate in areas of humanitarian crisis throughout the year.

- **Activity 7:** *Provide common logistics services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations.*
- **Activity 8:** *Provide common emergency telecommunications to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations and provide staff security.*
- **Activity 9:** *Provide humanitarian air services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations and provide staff security.*



Food Security Sector

The Food Security Sector has set up special COVID-19 task forces on food assistance, remote monitoring and agricultural livelihoods.



Logistics Sector

The Logistics Sector continued to support humanitarian and recovery efforts by providing 535 humanitarian cargo movement notifications from 28 organizations to 48 destinations (accounting for 1,491 vehicles) and managed storage facilities for 868 mt of humanitarian cargo.



Emergency Telecommunications Sector

Responding to increased user demand, ETS provided Internet connectivity services to 2,863 humanitarians from 94 organizations to better support implementation of humanitarian activities.



UN Humanitarian Air Service

UNHAS served 89 agencies, transported 6,115 passengers, 14,492 mt of cargo, and medevaced four passengers. UNHAS plans augmentation with a fifth Maiduguri-based helicopter to support movement via air of NCDC roving testing and contract tracing team in the northeast. The helicopter will be equipped with special bio-isolation materials to ensure optimal health safety and medevac capability.

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