**WFP Nigeria**  
**Situation Report #39**  
**April 2019**

**Highlights**

- WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to a total of 616,033 people in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states through unconditional in-kind food assistance and cash-based transfers, complemented by preventative nutrition assistance and livelihood activities.
- Following preparatory work in the first quarter of the year, the first transfers to livelihood beneficiaries for the year began in April. 24,758 livelihood beneficiaries were served with 392 MT of mixed commodities under the Food Assistance for Assets programme in Banki, Dikwa, Gwoza, Ngala and Madagali.
- WFP deployed three teams to humanitarian hubs in Bama, Monguno and Ngala to expand presence in the deep field. The teams will increase engagement with local stakeholders to inform quality programming and work closely with Cooperating Partners.
- Data collection for the Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) was completed in all 22 LGAs.
- The month saw increased security incidents, involving armed conflict, civil unrest and terrorism.
- Continuing the trend from the 1st quarter, no food distributions were possible in Kukawa and Kala Balge LGAs due to access and security concerns.

**Situation Update**

- Attacks on commercial convoys along Dikwa-Ngala road have frequently been reported. The trend is expected to remain unchanged until mid-July 2019 when the road will become impassable as a result of the rainy season.
- Repeated attacks on Nigerian Armed Forces/Security Force positions along the Maiduguri-Monguno road axis have also been reported.
- Multi National Joint Task Force operations (MNJTF) Operations against NSAG have entered into its second month with significant clashes recorded in the area of Cross Kauwa.
- A total of 9,166 households (6,454 from the host communities and 2,712 from IDP camps) were interviewed in Borno State bringing to an end the data collection for the Emergency Food Security Assessment.
- WFP has signed field level agreements with 13 different national and international organizations for implementation of various activities aimed at saving lives and building communities resilience. These partners conduct in-kind and cash distributions, biometric registration of the targeted beneficiaries, monitoring and reporting of activities in various projects sites.

**Assistance Rationale**

- Food deficit resultant of the structure of the economy, which remains highly import dependent, consumption driven and undiversified.
- Malnutrition
- Violence in the northeast, conflict between herders and farmers in the broader middle belt and tensions in southeast and southwest
- Unemployment

**Global Humanitarian Funding**

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**In Numbers**

- **1.7 m** people affected (*Cadre Harmonisé, October - December 2018*)
- **3 states affected** - Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY)
- **2 m** people displaced (*IOM DTM, Round 26*)
- **616,033** people assisted
- **60%** women
- **40%** men

**Nigeria Resourcing Situation**

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**Photo Credit:** WFP/Jamie Watts/ Beneficiaries using SCOPE cards to buy rations in Borno Nigeria.
WFP Response

- Targeting and Sensitization:
  - Corrections on inclusion/exclusion errors for beneficiaries targeted in Dambo LGA were completed and sent to the vulnerability and assessment mapping team for final validation.
  - Participants at Mala Kyari ward of Mafa LGA were sensitized, while in Abari ward of Monguno the first Social and Behaviour Change Communication session was held with 350 participants.
- WFP deployed three team leaders and accompanying team members to the humanitarian hubs in Bama, Monguno and Ngala. Their mandate is to report back on areas of engagement with local stakeholders, update on any operational and security issues and flag other issues for follow-up from the area or country office. Some highlights in April from the respective teams:
  - Bama: The team met with cooperating partner DRC to discuss the lack of warehouse space.
  - Monguno: The team facilitated a focus group discussion that brought out beneficiaries’ concerns/issues.
  - Ngala: The team monitored the cooperating partner and advised them as to the work norms developed and minimum technical standards set for each intervention.
- In April, 14 percent of the planned distributions were monitored, including 90 monitoring visits at distribution sites against 635 active sites. Low achievement was mainly due to logistical challenges and changes in distribution dates.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- A total of 556,563 beneficiaries (84% of the plan) received unconditional food assistance, 71 percent in-kind and 29 percent through cash-based transfers. Of these 393,797 beneficiaries received 6,313 MT of mixed commodities, while 162,766 beneficiaries received cash transfers (156,611 through e-vouchers and 6,150 beneficiaries through mobile money). The underachievement can be attributed to reduction in the planned GFD caseload (while beneficiaries received cash transfers via mobile money). The team facilitated a focus group discussion that brought out beneficiaries’ concerns/issues.
- The team monitored the cooperating partner and advised them as to the work norms developed and minimum technical standards set for each intervention.
- Of the 159,159 beneficiaries that received preventive nutrition assistance, WFP assisted 97,032 children 6-23 months old (88 percent of plan), 1,517 children 24-59 months old with moderate acute malnutrition (38 percent of plan) and 59,044 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) (80 percent of plan). 1566 children 6-59 months old were also assisted through Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) activities. The underachievement can be attributed to planned contingencies for hotspot locations not being utilized and distribution not taking place in Kubaka and Rann due to security restrictions.
- Following the end of the Integrated Nutrition Programme+, WFP continued to implement multi-sectoral integrated nutrition programming, and reached 21,578 PLW and mothers/caregivers of children 6-23 months with mobile money cash transfers (100% of planned).
- In April WFP assisted 24,758 livelihood beneficiaries.

Supply Chain: 8,225 MT of mixed commodities were dispatched to various FDPs in BAY States.

Protection and Accountability to Affected Populations

- A protection risk assessment was carried out in Kaisasa, Damaturu LGA.
- The remaining SAFE stoves in the Maiduguri warehouse were dispatched to Ngala and Pulka for distribution.

Clusters 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 services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations and provide the staff security.

Activity 9: Provide humanitarian air services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations and provide for staff security.

Logistics Sector: 629 humanitarian cargo movement notification forms were processed through the Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF). These notifications represent the proposed movement of 1,545 trucks, carrying humanitarian cargo to 51 locations, on behalf of 27 organisations, throughout northeast Nigeria - of which 206 required a military escort.

Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS): In April, preventive maintenance missions were carried out on the ETS infrastructure and services deployed in Bama, Banki and Ngala to ensure their full operability and better support humanitarian activities. In Ngala, the ETS team managed to restore the VHF coverage up to Gamburo- bordering town with Cameroon- and beyond.

Food Security Sector (FSS): In order to have a better joint understanding/coordination among sector partners who will carry out seed distribution in 2019 rainy season, the Sector has been using its Agriculture and Livelihood Working Group forum to facilitate better coordination and planning among partners. This includes NEMA, MCRP and other actors.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS): UNHAS transported a total of 5320 humanitarian workers, 4079 through helicopters and 1,241 via fixed wing aircraft. A total of 8729 Kg of cargo was transported. 2,824 kg via helicopters and 5,925 kg via fixed wing aircraft.

Communications

WFP participated in the Cannes Lion Festival for West and Central Africa in Lagos. Participants in the Young Lions competition have been tasked to produce media strategies for the 2019 ShareTheMeal campaign.

Partners (contributions to WFP Nigeria since 2018 in alphabetical order)

Canada, Denmark, European Commission, Finland, Germany, Italy, Nigeria, Norway, Private Donors, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States of America. Funds have also been received from the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund and WFP Multilateral Funds.

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