

WFP Cameroon

Situation Report NW/SW response #07 June 2019

World Food Programme



Highlights

- In June, WFP provided food assistance to a total of 107,000 vulnerable persons in North West and South West regions. Since November 2018, 346,000 people have received WFP food assistance in the South West, North West and Littoral regions.
- In the North West, a truck transporting WFP food and a support vehicle were set ablaze by armed men and around 5.5 mt of food commodities were intentionally destroyed.

107,000 People assisted June 2019





WFP Net Funding Requirements (June 2019 – November 2019)

Under Strategic Outcome 1;

Activity 1 [Populations affected by NW/SW crisis have safe access to adequate and

USD 2.7 million



Map: IDPs affected by NW/SW crisis, OCHA SitRep March 2019 Contact info: Frederick Martin, frederick.martin@wfp.org Country Director: Abdoulaye Balde

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In Numbers

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

4 million people affected¹

1.3 million people in need of assistance¹

1.5 million people food insecure²

Situation Update

- On 19 June, non-state-armed groups (NSAGs) leaders called for a rejection of humanitarian aid, accusing humanitarian actors of working for the Government and distributing poisoned food.
- On 23 June, in the North West, a cooperating partner's truck transporting WFP food and a support vehicle were set ablaze by armed men and around 5.5 mt of food commodities were intentionally destroyed. The driver was detained and later released. WFP's general food distributions were temporally suspended in the North West and stopped in the South West.
- Intrusions or presence in the vicinity of NSAGs disrupted a couple of distributions. WFP and its cooperating partners work in constant contact with community leaders to negotiate with NSAGs for unhindered access to distribution sites and protection of distribution teams.
- WFP and UNICEF conducted a joint monitoring mission to Ekona (South West) and met with key community and religious leaders from assisted communities to assess access and improve UN presence in the area.

WFP Response

- WFP met with the Catholic Education Secretariat Diocese of Buea and the Regional Delegation of Basic Education Buea to assess the feasibility of school feeding activities in operating nurseries and primary schools.
- WFP continues to move from urban areas to rural/difficult-to-reach areas and is increasing community engagement and participation to improve vulnerability targeting and registration.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Since November 2018, WFP has provided food assistance to more than 346,000 people in needs in the South West, North West and Littoral regions.
- In June, WFP has provided food assistance to a total of 107,000 vulnerable persons, of which 30,000 in the North West and 77,000 in the South West

🛧 🏛 🄜 Supply Chain

- In June, a total of 1,373 mt of food commodities were dispatched in the North West, and 1,143 mt of food commodities were distributed in the South West.
- Change in the food basket for this month includes the replacement of yellow split peas by black eyed beans 'niébé' and the absence of Super Cereal.

Clusters and Common Services

🐸 Food Security Cluster

- The Voucher and Cash Working Group (WG) was launched in the North West for actors and organisations with cash-based intervention programmes. WFP will serve as the WG's chair.
- On 23 June, the Food Security Cluster Coordinator, WFP and International Committee of the Red Cross met to discuss data sharing and protection issues for an enhanced coordination of complementary assistance in Ekona Yard (South West).
- The Education Cluster Coordination for the South West met on 11 June to discuss key topics to draft a strategy with the goal to introduce education activities into existing community spaces; to support operational formal schools that are on the brink of collapse; to open new non-formal education spaces, target hard to reach areas; and to support reopening of formal schools.

Challenges and Constraints

- Recurrent clashes, kidnappings and shootings resulting in casualties create a volatile security situation that regularly lead to postponements of distributions.
- 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 5 days during this month, thus delaying WFP activities.

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