



World Food Programme

WFP Cameroon

Situation Report#13

NW/SW response

December 2019



In Numbers

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

679,393 Internally Displaced Persons¹

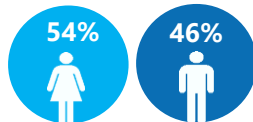
1.3 million people in need of assistance¹

968,477 people food insecure in NW/SW²

Highlights

- In December 2019, WFP and its partners reached 203,939 beneficiaries.
- The October 2019 Cadre Harmonisé analysis shows that 968,477 persons are food insecure in both North West and South West.
- UNHAS flights to North West and South West are suspended until further notice due to an incident involving a commercial plane at Bamenda airport.

188,673 People assisted
December 2019



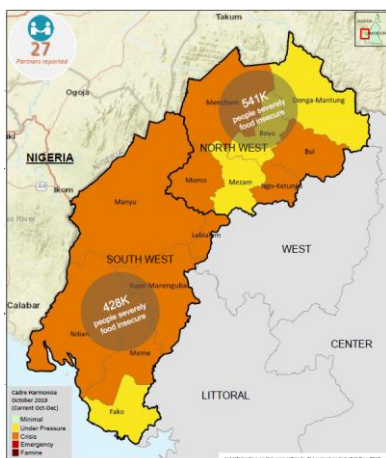
WFP Net Funding Requirements

(January 2020 – June 2020)

Under Strategic Outcome 1; Activity 1

[Populations affected by NW/SW crisis have safe access to adequate and nutritious food.]

USD 1.7 million



Cadre Harmonisé results for the period of October to December 2019
Sources: Food Security Cluster/ Cadre Harmonisé October 2019

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Situation Update

- In early December, clashes between the government forces and non-state armed groups (NSAGs) in Babanki, Bemessing Boyo Division, North West, led to the burning of several houses and to the displacement of 1,000 persons according to IOM.
- In Boyo Division, North West, 15 people were killed in ethnic group clashes between Fulanis and non-Fulanis which also led to displacement of population.
- According to OCHA, an estimated number of 679,393 persons were displaced in Cameroon due to the crisis. Of these, 271,164 were in the North West, 179,100 in the South West, and 123,308 in West regions. In the past months, 18,000 Cameroonian refugees in Nigeria returned to both regions.
- On 6 December 2019, the October Cadre Harmonisé results were published by the Minister in charge of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER). It is estimated that 540,699 persons in the North West and 427,778 persons in the South West are food insecure (phase 3 and 4) for the period of October/December 2019. Projected figures for June/August 2020 show a decrease of people being food insecure (phase 3 and 4), with 373,060 persons in the North West and 272,585 persons in the South West.

WFP Response

- WFP continues to provide in-kind food assistance to the people in need, delivering a food basket consisting of rice, pulses, vegetable oil and salt. Beneficiaries of the assistance residing in urban and peri-urban areas received a reduced ration of 50 percent while those living in rural and difficult-to-reach areas received a 70 percent ration.

¹ OCHA: North-West and South-West Situation Report No.12

² Cadre Harmonisé October 2019

- Since November, WFP started to implement prevention of malnutrition activities for children aged 6-59 months and nutritional assistance to pregnant and lactating women and girls in the South West region. Beneficiaries receiving nutritional assistance also received in-kind food assistance.
- WFP worked jointly with local cooperating partners to implement activities in the North West and South West Cameroon. In the South West, WFP engaged with NGO Reach Out and Caritas Kumba. In the North West, partners were Martin Luther Jr. King Memorial Foundation (LUKMEF), Caritas Bamenda, Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS), Community Initiative for Sustainable Development (COMINSUD) and Strategic Humanitarian Services (SHUMAS).

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- New information products and maps (available [here](#)) display the presence of the Food Security Cluster partners and their effective response.
- In December, 27 FSC partners collectively assisted a total of 270,274 people, out of which 204,530 received food items through in-kind, e-voucher/ paper voucher modalities, while 16,314 received agriculture and livelihoods support like grants for small business, fish farming and processing, home gardening, poultry and agriculture related trainings.



UN Humanitarian Air Service

- On 1 December, a national company CamairCo flight was shot at by armed men at the Bamenda airport. As a result, UNHAS flights were consequently suspended in both regions until security situation allowed.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Since December 2018, WFP has provided food assistance to more than 480,000 people in need of food and nutrition assistance in the South West and North West regions.
- In December only, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to a total of 139,223 vulnerable persons in the North West and 64,716 persons in the South West.
- Nutrition assistance reached a total of 6,764 beneficiaries in December.



Supply Chain

- A total of 1,320 mt of food items was distributed in the North West.
- In the South West, around 668 mt of food was distributed to beneficiaries during general food distributions. Around 20 mt of food was distributed to beneficiaries under the nutritional assistance activities.

Challenges and Constraints

- Recurrent clashes, kidnappings and shootings resulting in casualties create a volatile security situation that regularly lead to postponements of food distributions in North West and South West Cameroon. Presence of armed men, associated with threats on distribution teams in certain distribution sites delayed distribution processes.
- Roadblocks and checkpoints as well as five weekly Monday "ghost-town" and lockdown days restrain freedom of movement in the North West and South West, thus delaying WFP activities in these regions.

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