



WFP Chad Country Brief

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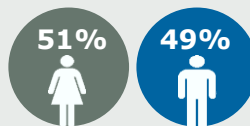
In Numbers

4,982 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 2.3 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 97.8 m six months (June–November 2018) net funding requirements, representing 13.5% of total.

729,730 people assisted in May 2018

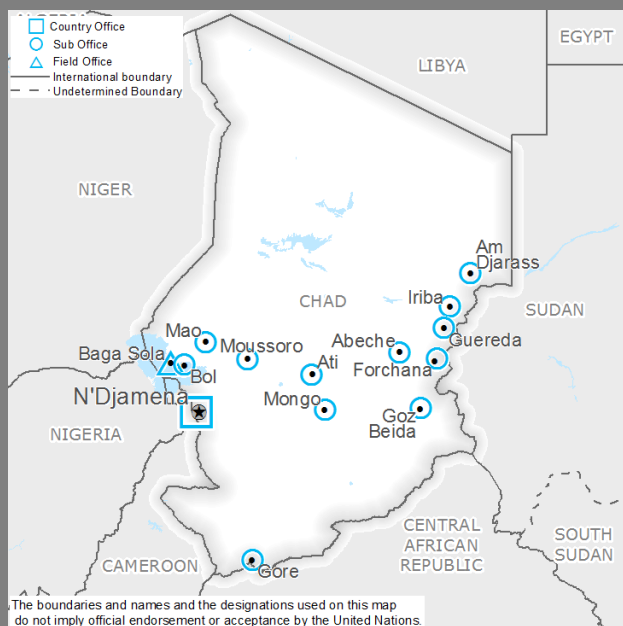


Operational Context

Chad is an arid, low-income and land-locked country, suffering from chronic food insecurity, denoting alarming levels of hunger. The Global Hunger Index for 2017 places Chad second last out of 119 countries. The economy entered recession and GDP fell from almost USD 14 billion in 2014 to less than USD 10 billion in 2016 due to a sharp decrease in oil prices.

Households are dependent on farming and livestock for their livelihoods. Out of its 14.5 million people, 52.5 percent of the rural population lives below the poverty line (World Bank 2011) and only 52 percent of the school-age population is enrolled in school (2008–2012 UNICEF).

Chad hosts over half a million displaced persons in need of assistance: refugees from Sudan, C.A.R. and Nigeria, Chadian returnees from C.A.R. and people displaced by insecurity in the Lake region. To support long-term displaced population, WFP Chad will gradually shift from relief to resilience. WFP has been in Chad since 1968.



Operational Updates

- Lean season response:** Between 15 and 17 May, WFP launched its seasonal assistance for vulnerable communities in the region of Wadi Fira (at half-ration level). Evidence of aggravating factors required an early response in this area, which faces a third consecutive year of severe rainfall deficit. In the first week, in-kind food assistance reached 5,899 households (35,391 people), while 2,689 children and 1,460 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) received nutritional supplements.

WFP continued to preposition food in eastern Chad before the rainy season. As of 31 May, 63 percent of the required 22,410 mt to cover the lean season needs and refugee-related activities in unreachable regions were received in-country.

In May, WFP continued to organize trainings for its staff in the field and for cooperating partners to build a common understanding on procedures and to harmonize practices. Targeting of the most vulnerable households is almost concluded in the region of Wadi Fira and started in Lac, Barh El Gazel, Kanem, Batha and Guéra (distributions to kick-off in June). This year, WFP has established regular meetings with its 15 partners, both in N'Djamena and in the field, to discuss preparedness activities, targeting criteria, best practices, action plans, prevention of malnutrition activities and awareness.

During the lean season (May/June–September), WFP and its partners will provide food and nutritional assistance to some 700,000 vulnerable Chadians (131,084 also targeted under the nutritional programme).

Listen to the stories of [people receiving food and nutritional assistance during the lean season](#) and [expert views](#) on this emergency response at WFP's online radio station.

- Refugee influx in the south:** WFP carried out a first distribution to communities hosting recently arrived refugees from C.A.R across 44 villages in southern Chad.

Population: **14.04 million** (World Bank, 2015)

2016 Human Development Index: **186 out of 188**

GDP per capita: **USD 1,990** (World Bank, 2016)

Chronic malnutrition: 32.4% of national prevalence (SMART 2017)

Credit: WFP/Gaspard Cirhalwirwa
Caption: WFP launched started assisting vulnerable Chadians in the region of Wadi Fira, in the frame of the lean season response.

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
Protracted Relief and Recovery			
PRRO 200713 (Jan 15 – Dec 18)	540.7 m	314 m (58%)	69 m
Providing life-saving support to households in Cameroon, Chad, and Niger directly affected by insecurity in northern Nigeria			
Regional EMOP 200777 (Jan 15 – Dec 18)**	94.9 m	73.8 m (78%)	24.1 m
Development operation			
DEV 200288 (Jan 12 – Dec 18)	55.3 m	23.8 m (43%)	1.5 m
Special Operation			
201044 – UNHAS (Jan 17 – Dec 18)	29.1 m	21.6 m (74%)	3.2 m

June – November 2018

** Chad component of regional operation only.

Host communities are under significant pressure to share its scarce resources with close to 30,000 refugees that crossed the border over the last four months. WFP reached 78 percent of the 30,430-targeted vulnerable Chadians in May, and will complete the distribution cycle early June. Newly arrived refugees from C.A.R continue to receive emergency food assistance.

- Complaints and Feedback Mechanism (CFM):** WFP launched the CFM and its hotline. The first phase of the project focuses in the Lake Chad and south regions, and serves mainly internally displaced persons, C.A.R returnees and refugees. To support these efforts, a regional radio OKAPI/ Ndeke Luka broadcasted awareness messaging in French, Arabic, Kanembou and Kanouri. The CFM will initially channel complaints from beneficiaries of food and nutritional assistance, including on gender and protection-related issues. The hotline was launched in N'Djamena, while committees at the community level will also manage feedback.
- Humanitarian-development nexus:** Between 14 and 16 May, a joint mission of United Nations agencies with technical and financial partners travelled to the east to visit sites near Abéché and Goz-Beida, where Sudanese refugees are settled. The main objective was to identify strategic priorities, bridging the humanitarian-development approach.
- Food assistance for assets:** A [podcast](#) and a [life-telling story](#) on how conditional assistance changes lives are now available. WFP seeks to scale-up these interventions with the aim of strengthening the resilience of vulnerable people in Chad.

Challenges

- Limited resources have already resulted in ration cuts (since 2014, refugees in the east and south

are receiving less than half rations), and in a fewer number of commodities within the food basket, thus affecting dietary diversity. WFP and its partners had to take these steps in order to extend food availability over time.

- There are no resources beyond July to assist displaced population around the Lake Chad Basin, and Sudanese refugees in the east and refugees/returnees from C.A.R. in the south (limited resources affect food distributions and cash-based transfers). Additionally, WFP has only mobilized 32.5 percent of the required USD 69 million so far, to assist vulnerable Chadian families during the lean season. All this people are fully dependent on external support and require immediate attention. There is a critical gap of USD 5.9 million to sustain cash-based transfers in the Lake and of USD 19 million for Sudanese and C.A.R. refugees in the south and southeast. Due to underfunding, since the academic year begun, school meals were suspended everywhere, except in Mao and Moussoro.
- A socio-economic profiling exercise divided beneficiaries into new categories: less vulnerable (13.2 percent), moderately (39.9 percent) and most vulnerable (46.9 percent). The most and moderately vulnerable will continue receiving unconditional food assistance. They will be gradually targeted under resilience building activities to support their self-reliance. Refugees with better socio-economic conditions will be exited from food assistance.

Partnerships

- In Chad, all WFP programmes are designed and implemented in close collaboration with the Government and UN agencies to fulfil national goals of eradicating hunger and malnutrition, saving lives and building resilience. To do so, WFP developed a large network of partners that includes 40 international and local NGOs.
- WFP works closely with UNHCR and national authorities for the delivery of emergency food and cash-based assistance to refugees, as well as with FAO and the World Bank to scale up resilience-building activities. An ongoing partnership with the Food Security Cluster strengthens national systems for food security information, analysis and early warning. WFP is also the Chair of the UN SUN Network and the REACH initiative.

Donors

Food and nutrition assistance: Australia, Canada, CERF, China, DFID, European Commission, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA

UNHAS (Humanitarian aviation): Belgium, Canada, CERF, European Commission, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Sweden, USA.

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