



# WFP Cameroon Country Brief

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## Operational Context

Forty percent of Cameroon's 23.7 million people live below the poverty line and human development indicators remain low. Poverty has a strong regional dimension concentrated in the Far North, North, Adamaoua and East regions.

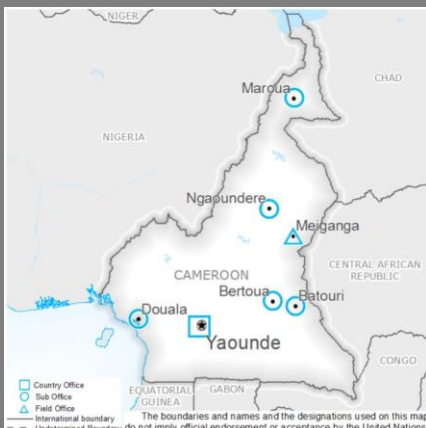
In Cameroon's northern regions situated in the Sahelian band, communities are the most deprived as a result of years of successive natural disasters and below average harvests with little means to resist the continuous cycle of shocks and stresses.

- The number of people facing food insecurity in Cameroon is estimated at 3.9 million, including 211,000 severely food insecure. The four priority regions of Far North, North, Adamaoua and East account for 2.5 million of food-insecure people (CFSVA 2017). This figure represents 36.7 percent of the total population of these regions.

- Stunting is a major public health issue in the northern Cameroon, with levels reaching 40.9 percent in the Far North region, and 38.4 percent in the East region (SMART survey 2017).

- The global acute malnutrition (GAM) in the four regions is around 5 percent of precarious threshold; (Far North 4.5 percent, North 6.5 percent, Adamaoua 4.5 percent and East 4.8 percent). Far North region accounts for 75 percent of the late-growth children in the four regions surveyed.

WFP has been present in Cameroon since 1978.



Population: **23.7 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **153 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **31% of children between 6-59 months**

Main Photo

Credit: WFP/Simon Pierre Diouf  
Caption: Cash-based transfer activity in Gado, East region, Cameroon

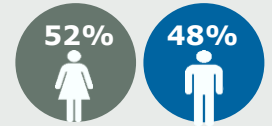
## In Numbers

**2,142 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$865,800** of cash-based transfers made

**US\$7.8 m** six months (June-November 2018) net funding requirements.

**318,578 people** assisted in May 2018



## Operational Updates

- In May, WFP continued to provide emergency food assistance to 169,000 (87,880 females, 81,120 males) vulnerable refugees and displaced populations in Cameroon through in-kind and cash transfers. Only 75 percent of food rations were distributed to refugees in the East, Adamaoua and North regions, while 100 percent of food rations were distributed to IDPs and refugees in the Far North.
- WFP food assistance was coupled with nutrition prevention programmes, targeting 70,300 children aged 6-59 months in the Far North, East and Adamaoua. The number of people assisted was reduced by half because of a lack of resources. Nutritional support was also provided to 1,278 people living with HIV/AIDS in the East region.
- In the Far North, school meals activity covered 76,000 children from 134 schools (43,111 boys, 32,889 girls).
- WFP begun a first round of food distributions under the food assistance for assets activity in the East to meet immediate food and nutrition needs of 2,000 moderate food insecure people. Furthermore, capacities of the people assisted were strengthened in market gardening and fishing techniques in the WFP sub office in Bertoua.
- In May, UNHAS transported 704 passengers, 1.45 mt of light cargo and served 48 organizations (including Chad), with 53 flights. Two flights were cancelled due to aircraft technical issues (on 14 and 15 May), and both resumed the following days.
- After N'gaoundere in the Adamaoua, a community participatory planning workshop was held in Batouri in the East region to identify shared vision and priority actions.

## Capacity development

- In May, WFP supported the capacity strengthening of the government staff by sponsoring the participation of the Far North Regional Delegate of Agriculture and Rural Development to a workshop on Harvesting and Postharvest Mechanization in Nanjing in China.

## Need assessment

- A joint WFP/UNHCR need assessment mission was carried out in Batouri, East region to assess the needs of 381 new C.A.R. refugees registered. WFP will provide food assistance to these new arrivals starting in June.

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**Anglophone crisis:** the humanitarian community has launched a three-months Emergency Response Plan to assist 160,000 affected IDPs in the south-west region. WFP plans to provide food assistance to 50,000 displaced people affected by the crisis in the south-west region with total funding requirements of USD 2.4 million.

Meanwhile, WFP is in the process of applying for Immediate Response Account (USD 500,000) to cover one-month urgent food needs of the 50,000 IDPs. In parallel, the Government, with WFP support, is leading an assessment in the form of a Food Security Monitoring System (FSMS), which will inform the stakeholders on the food security status of the population and their humanitarian needs, enabling advocacy and appropriate responses depending on funding availability.

## WFP Country Activities

**SO 1** **Activity 1:** Provide unconditional food assistance with accompanying social and behavioural change communication for vulnerable households affected by disaster.

**Activity 2:** Provide school feeding and a home-grown school feeding pilot for primary schoolchildren in target regions.

**Activity 3:** Provide targeted seasonal food assistance to food-insecure host populations during lean seasons to address short-term hunger gaps.

**SO 2** **Activity 4:** Provide food assistance for assets creation in target communities to support early recovery.

**Activity 5:** Provide food assistance to create productive assets and community market infrastructure, and support environmental protection and adaptation.

**Activity 6:** Implement malnutrition prevention activities including BSF for children aged 6-59 months, treatment of MAM for children aged 24-59 months and food by prescription for malnourished ART patients.

**SO 3** **Activity 7:** Train community health workers in malnutrition prevention through multi-sectoral coordination systems and partnerships.

**Activity 8:** Enhance capacities in health districts to implement the joint action plan and support SUN.

**SO 4** **Activity 9:** Provide technical assistance for small-scale farmers and cooperatives – prioritizing women's representation and leadership – in post-harvest management and value-chain opportunities, in collaboration with IFAD and FAO.

**Activity 10:** Provide the Government with technical expertise to coordinate work for zero hunger and enhance early warning, preparedness and response planning.

**SO 5** **Activity 11:** Provide technical expertise to partners and stakeholders in support of a national nutrition-sensitive, shock-responsive and gender-responsive safety net system, in collaboration with the World Bank, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Ministry of Territorial Administration, Decentralization and Social Development, and provide common management of information technology, warehouses and delivery corridors.

**SO 6** **Activity 12:** Provide safe and reliable air services for the humanitarian community until alternatives are available.

## Donors

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WFP Country Strategy		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)</b>		
182.9 m	45.2 m	7.8 m
<b>Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 1: Populations affected by disasters, including refugees, IDPs and host populations in the Far North, North, Adamaoua and Eastern regions have safe access to adequate and nutritious food during and after crises</b> <i>Focus area: Crisis response</i>		
83.8 m	28.8 m	0 m
<b>Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable households in protracted displacement and communities at risk in chronically food-insecure areas have safe year-round access to adequate and nutritious food, and increase their resilience to shocks</b> <i>Focus area: Resilience building</i>		
41.1 m	6.5 m	4.6 m
<b>Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 3: Children aged 6-59 months and vulnerable women and men in food-insecure prioritized districts have reduced malnutrition rates in line with national standards by 2020</b> <i>Focus area: Resilience building</i>		
38.4 m	7.9 m	2.2 m
<b>Strategic Result 3: Improve Smallholders productivity</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 4: Food-insecure smallholders, especially women, in prioritized districts of the Far North, North, Adamaoua and Eastern Regions have sustainably increased incomes to enhance their self-reliance and livelihoods and improve their productivity by 2020</b> <i>Focus area: Resilience building</i>		
0.9 m	0.3 m	0 m
<b>Strategic Result 5: Capacity Strengthening</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 5: The Government's work to achieve Zero Hunger is supported by effective partnerships by 2030</b> <i>Focus area: Roots causes</i>		
5.2 m	0.2 m	0.7 m
<b>Strategic Result 8: Enhance Global Partnership</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 6: The humanitarian community in Cameroon has access to UNHAS services until alternative means of air transport are available</b> <i>Focus area: Crisis response</i>		
13.5 m	1.5 m	0.3 m