



WFP Benin Country Brief

June 2018

Operational Context

Benin population is predominantly rural; 51.2 percent are women and 17.4 percent are children aged 6-59 months. Over 36 percent of this population remains poor and life expectancy is 59.2 years. The population growth rate is 3.2 percent, among the highest in Africa.

Although agriculture is the economy's key sector, structural and natural disaster problems negatively affect food security, nutrition and the trade balance.

A Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA) conducted in 2013 estimated that 11 percent of the population is moderately and severely food insecure and 34 percent have limited or poor food consumption. According to the last Integrated Modular Survey on Household Living Conditions results (EMICoV, 2011), 32 percent of children aged 6-59 months suffer from chronic malnutrition. The HIV prevalence among adults is 1.2 percent according to UNAIDS (2013).

Although the 2015 national net enrolment rate is 98 percent (99.6 percent for boys and 96.3 percent for girls), Benin still has several rural districts with net enrolment rates below 50 percent, especially in the northern part of the country.

WFP has been present in Benin since 1964.



Population: **10.1 million**

2016 Human Development Index: **167 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower incomes**

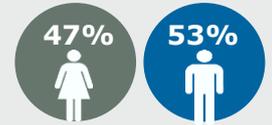
Chronic malnutrition: **34% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

292.66 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 2.81 m six months (May-October 2018) net funding requirements, representing 50% of total

110,860 people assisted in June 2018



Operational Updates

- Fifty-one years after settling in Benin, WFP and the Beninese government are updating their agreement regarding new developments in terms of priorities and issues. This agreement, which comes in a context where the Government of Benin has entrusted WFP with the implementation of the National Integrated School Feeding Programme (PNASI), will not only strengthen cooperation between the two parties but also renew the mutual trust. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Aurélien Agbenonci and WFP Representative Guy Mesmin Oyila Adoua signed the WFP basic agreement in Benin on 28 May.
- Following the different steps recorded through the process of the national survey on the Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA), the Government of Benin and WFP country office has organized the validation workshop of the final report. The main results showed that food security has improved slightly since 2013, from 89 percent to 90.4 percent. However, 9.6 percent of the population is food insecure, 0.7 percent of whom are severely food insecure. This corresponds to 1.1 million food insecure people, including about 80,000 severely affected people.
- For the 2017-2018 school year, school meals activities have started since 18 September 2017 both for the country office regular programme and the Government school meals programme. For the country office school meals programme, 101,297 schoolchildren were fed with WFP commodities, and 326,721 schoolchildren through the government programme since the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year up to now.

National school statistic investigation with the new application of Mobile Data Collection and Analysis

- In partnership with the local government, WFP is conducting a national survey on school's statistics. The launch of this data investigation lasted three weeks (from 4 to 26 June 2018). Data were

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Main Photo

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Caption: Signing ceremony of WFP's basic Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 28 May 2018

WFP Country Strategy		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)		
5.6 m	2.4 m	2.8 m
Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food		
Strategic Outcome 1: School-aged children in Benin have adequate access to safe and nutritious food all year-round <i>Focus area: Root causes</i>		
3.3 m	2.0 m	1.6 m
Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition		
Strategic Outcome 2: Children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/G) in targeted areas have improved nutritional status in line with national target by 2021 <i>Focus area: Root causes</i>		
0.4 m	0.1 m	0.2 m
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0.4 m	0 m	0.2 m
Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes		
Strategic Outcome 3: Smallholder and vulnerable communities in Benin have improved livelihoods and stronger resilience to recurrent shocks by 2018. <i>Focus area: Resilience building</i>		
0.6 m	0 m	0.3 m

WFP Country Activities

- SO 1** **Activity 1:** Provide nutrition sensitive meals to school children
Activity 2: Provide capacity strengthening to relevant government institutions
- SO 2** **Activity 3:** Provide nutritious foods to malnourished children and PLW/G
Activity 4: Provide supplementary feeding to children at risk of stunting
- SO 3** **Activity 5:** Provide asset creation and livelihood support to vulnerable communities

collected by 167 investigators trained on collect tools developed in this frame in 77 districts across the country covering 8,000 schools with 8,000 individual students, and 8,000 parents in the 77 districts. This survey occurs in frame of the agreement signed between WFP and government in support of the implementation of the National Integrated School Feeding Programme (PNASI)."

Monitoring

• Monitoring coverage

In June, two missions were planned to monitor activities and measure some inputs. Due to overlapping activities, the country office was unable to carry out the monitoring visits as planned.

• **Monitoring assessments** No evaluation or PDM were conducted in June.

• Key monitoring findings

The country office has planned to digitalize the monitoring with partners through Mobile Data Collection and Analytics (MDCA). For WFP Programme with the Government (TF201090), the country office has introduced a new technology of data collection called Mobile data Collection and Analysis (MDCA), with the support of WFP HQ. Data on foods distribution and monitoring were collected through smartphones by NGO's mediators and sent to an online server since January 2018.

Challenges

Nothing relevant to report

Zero Hunger Strategic Review

National and regional technical workshops were conducted to elaborate the ZHR's document. These workshops aim to share the key results and ensure that all topics and aspects were considered during the review. Different sectors and actors from government, central sectors, UN Agencies, private sectors and medias, different decentralised governments structure which are involved in discussions on food insecurity were invited. These different contributions received during the workshops will enable to improve the five thematic reports and in parallel facilitate the final synthesis report elaboration which is scheduled for end of June. Once it's finalized, the next steps consisted to hold two workshops at national level to validate the final report following by the presentation of main results of the ZHSR document to the President of Benin's Republic.

Oversight mission

After receiving the oversight mission of the Regional Bureau from 21 to 25 May 2018, the country office has installed an inter-unit committee of following up the main recommendations. This is to set to set the country office abide by WFP's procedures and Standard Operating Procedure to improve the country office performances.

Funding

A positive response was received from the RBD after the country office has submitted an Immediate Response Account (IRA) request. USD 2 1 million were given to the country office to support activities. Priority were put on school meals and nutrition activities.

Donors

Germany through a multilateral fund, private donors

