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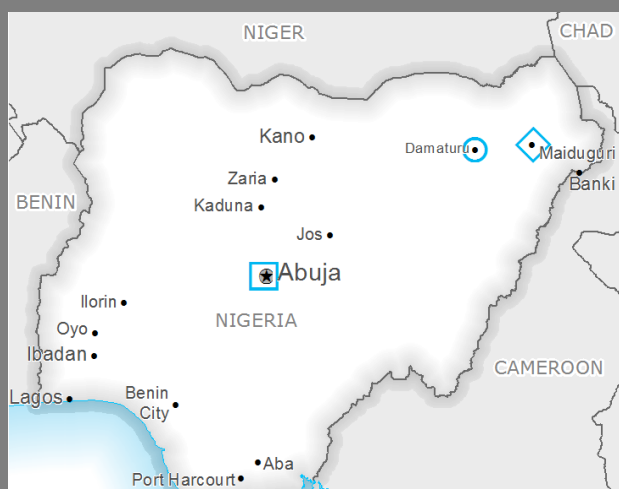
Operational Context

Nigeria is a federal constitutional republic. Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa and the seventh most populous country in the world. Nigeria has over 500 ethnic groups.

The crisis induced by Non-State Armed Group (NSAG) insurgency remains the principal driving factor of instability in Northeast Nigeria. Since 2010, the NSAG has increasingly expanded its operational capacities, and in May 2013 a state of emergency was declared by the Government in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states.

As per the April 2018 [IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix](#), over 1.88 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) are reported to be in Nigeria, with the largest IDP population (1.72 million) located in the three most affected states: Borno, Adamawa and Yobe. Children and women constitute 79 percent of the IDP population. Twenty-seven percent of the IDP population are children uaged 24-59 months.

WFP has been present in Nigeria since 2016.



Population: **191 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **155 out of 188**

Income Level: **Largest economy in Africa and 28th in the world**

Malnutrition: **44%** of children under five are stunted, and **11%** suffer wasting

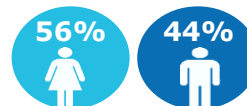
In Numbers

12,354 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$4.6 m cash-based transfers made

US\$73.4 m six months (September 2018 – February 2019) net funding requirements representing 57% of total

1.1 m people assisted in July 2018



Operational Updates

- In July, WFP and partners reached 1.13 million beneficiaries in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states, representing 90 percent of the target for the month. This includes 697,000 vulnerable people reached through in-kind food assistance (87 percent of the plan), 370,500 beneficiaries reached through cash-based transfers (97 percent of the plan) and 3,000 livelihoods beneficiaries.
- With its preventative nutrition activities, WFP assisted 350,200 vulnerable children and women with specialised nutritious foods and cash-based transfers. A total of 155,000 children aged 6-23 months and 8,000 children aged 24-59 months with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) received a total of 960 mt of Super Cereal Plus, or ready-to-use supplementary food. A total of 115,000 pregnant and lactating women were assisted with either specialized nutritious foods or cash-based transfers.
- In July, WFP and its cooperating partners assisted 11,000 new arrivals in eight hotspots locations across Borno state (Bama, Banki, Damboa, Dikwa, Gwoza, Pulka, Mafa and Ngala), the majority of which were in Bama (3,400), Dikwa (2,600) and Pulka (1,400). WFP is working with UNICEF to ensure nutritional screening of all children among new arrivals and immediate referral and treatment of malnutrition cases.
- Joint WFP/FAO food and seed distribution was completed (both phase 1 and phase 2) reaching a total of 109,000 households in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states. WFP provides food assistance while the agriculture kits that were distributed included seeds (maize, sorghum, millet, cowpea, groundnut, sesame) and fertilizer. Joint monitoring will take place in August-September.

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Main Photo Caption: Women tailoring in Kiribiri village. She is one of the 60 participants to WFP/FADAMA tailoring project which provides necessary training and start-up capital to engage in tailoring business.

WFP Operations

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
Providing life-saving support to households directly affected by insecurity in northern Nigeria			
EMOP 200777 Nigeria Component	320 m	264.2 m (83%)	73.4 m (57%)
Provision of Humanitarian Air Services in Nigeria (UNHAS)			
SO 200834	29.6 m	22.4 m (75.7%)	5.24 m (38%)
Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Sector Coordination and Services to Augment the Humanitarian Response			
SO 201032	8.4 m	5.9 m (70.2%)	1.25 m (19%)

*September 2018 – February 2019

Food Security Situation

- Guided by food security assessment results including the latest *Cadre Harmonisé* (March 2018), WFP and partners have continued retargeting exercises to ensure the most vulnerable are provided food assistance and that new vulnerable IDPs are included.
- The retargeting exercise has been completed in all planned Local Government Areas (LGAs) for Yobe (nine LGAs) and Adamawa (two LGAs) while the exercise continues in Borno. Of 15 targeted LGAs in Borno, 11 have been covered while the remaining four (Mafa, Monguno, Kala Balge/Rann and Gwoza) are either planned for August/September or undergoing spot checks. To enhance inter-agency collaboration, reduce costs and improve efficiency, WFP will make use of IOM data when this information exists alongside data collected from WFP and cooperating partners. This will be coupled with continued verification and coordination with partners and the food security sector.

Challenges

- The security situation in Northeast Nigeria has remained tense throughout the month of July, with an observed intensification of Non-State Armed Group (NSAG) activities against security forces and civilians compared to June 2018.
- Two incidents impacted WFP operations in the Northeast:
 - ⇒ On 20 July, youths in Cross Kukawa (Borno) protested for not being included in the WFP/ACTED food assistance programme following a targeting exercise. As a precautionary measure, general food distributions in Cross Kukawa were suspended for the month of July, though nutrition activities continued as planned. Sensitization activities to avert further protests and to inform the community about results of a targeting exercise will be conducted in August before proceeding with distributions.
 - ⇒ Repeated attacks by NSAGs were reported in Ashemeri village in Maiduguri (Borno), where WFP is implementing the FADAMA livelihoods project through Christian Aid. The attacks led to the displacement of the local

population; and forced suspension of all livelihoods activities for the month. WFP is working with the partner to assess the situation and evaluate how to carry forward these activities.

Sector and Common Services

- As of July 2018, over 3 million people were supported by Food Security Sector (FSS) partners with food security interventions within the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP); out of which 61 percent were supported with food assistance and 39 percent with agriculture and livelihood assistance. The Nigerian Government also continued to provide food assistance, including cereals and condiments, in selected camps and host communities.
- The Logistics Sector processed 546 notifications for humanitarian cargo movement through the Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF); this is the highest recorded since the start of the Sector's activities. These notifications represent the proposed movement of 1,928 trucks, carrying humanitarian cargo to more than 40 locations throughout Northeast Nigeria, of which 1,215 required a military escort.
- The Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) continued to provide radio training and programming activities; and conducted frequent maintenance missions to ensure that ETS services are fully operational. In July, the ETS conducted maintenance missions for services deployed in the Monguno, Ngala, Dikwa and Bama Hubs. Since the beginning of the year, ETS has trained 325 humanitarians from 28 organisations on standard security telecommunications procedures.

Resourcing

- Under the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan for Nigeria, WFP is seeking USD 353 million to assist 1.5 million people with food assistance, to provide 390,000 children and pregnant and lactating women with nutrition assistance, and to support organizations with emergency telecoms and logistics needs (including UN Humanitarian Air Services).
- As of 31 July, WFP is seeking USD 100 million in confirmed pledges to continue all operations between October 2018 and March 2019. If no funding is received by end August, WFP will be able to assist only one third of its current beneficiaries from October onwards.

Donors (in alphabetic order)

Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, OPEC, Private Donors, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America. Funds have also been received from UN CERF.