



World Food Programme

WFP Nigeria Country Brief October 2018



Operational Context

Nigeria is a federal constitutional republic. It 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 (NSAGs) remains the principal driving factor of instability in Northeast Nigeria. Since 2010, they have increasingly expanded their operational capabilities. In May 2013 a State of emergency was declared by the Government in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States.

There are 2.03 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) reported to be in Nigeria (IOM/DTM Oct 2018), of which 87 percent are in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States, 79 percent are children and women and 27 percent children aged 6-59 months. As per the latest *Cadre Harmonisé* (CH) report, the number of people in need of food assistance in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States, has fallen from 2.6 to 1.7 million over the past year.



Population: **191 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **157 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

By 2019 >1m children (6-59 mths) in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States will be acutely malnourished.*

* Unless they receive prevention and treatment services (HNO/HRP Nutrition Sector, Oct 2019)

In Numbers

8,000 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 3.1 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 43.7 m six months (November 2018—April 2019) net funding requirement

700,000 people assisted
in OCTOBER 2018

Operational Updates

- In October, as per the overall strategy to refocus assistance to the most conflict-affected communities, WFP planned to reduce the number of beneficiaries in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States, from a planned 1.17 million in September, to 870,000.
- WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 700,000 vulnerable people (80 percent of the plan), of which 150,000 received cash-based transfers (CBT) 84 percent of the plan and 480,000 received in-kind food assistance -93 percent of the plan. The total includes 69,000 unique nutrition beneficiaries and 650 livelihoods beneficiaries.-A total of 4,000 were new arrivals, with highest figures in Bama (990), Monguno (950) and Pulka (608), and lowest in Mafa (4) and Gwoza (90).
- A total of 8,000 mt of mixed food commodities (100 percent of the requirement for the month) was dispatched to various food distribution points in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States.
- WFP in partnership with FADAMA is jointly implementing a livelihood/resilience programme funded by the World Bank in Borno state targeting 35,000 beneficiaries. Preparatory work is also ongoing to increase the number of beneficiaries supported through livelihoods support activities, with the objective of restoring destroyed sources of livelihoods and build the resilience of affected populations. The opportunity for livelihood restoration and asset creation is high in most parts of Yobe and Adamawa, and in parts of Borno, where there is better access to land and rehabilitation of services.
- Targeting was completed in all nine Local Government Areas (LGA) of Yobe and two LGAs of Adamawa States where WFP is operational, including in two outstanding LGAs (Kala Balge and Monguno) in Borno.

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Main Photo

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Caption: Market area in Nigeria, Borno State

WFP Nigeria Resourcing Situation

(as of 29 October)

	2018 Total Requirements (in USD)	2018 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
Emergency Operation			
EMOP 200777 (Jan 2015 – Dec 2018)	320 m	170.8 m	36 m (32%)
UNHAS			
SO 200834 (Aug 2015 – Dec 2018)	29.6 m	20.6 m	5.8 m (45%)
Logistics and ETS Sector			
SO 201032 (Nov -2016 – April 2019)	8.4 m	3.1 m	1.9 m (39%)



Monitoring

- The field monitoring team that included WFP staff and three third party monitoring (TPM) partners covered 59 percent of the active distribution points. While the findings indicated an improvement in distribution management among cooperating partners, some trends showed the need to reinforce sensitization. Findings that required corrective action were escalated internally to relevant focal points and tracked.

Challenges

- The general security situation in North-East Nigeria remains a challenge as armed clashes and indiscriminate attacks on civilians, IDPs and other soft targets continue. This has resulted in widespread displacement, destruction of infrastructure, and a near-collapse of basic social services. The United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG) António Guterres issued a [statement](#) strongly condemning the killing of the second ICRC midwife by Non- State Armed Groups (NSAGs). The UNSG emphasized that those responsible for this killing must be brought to justice and that all parties to the conflict must protect aid workers who provide life-saving humanitarian assistance to the millions of people in need in North-East Nigeria.
- There was a difference between planned and actual beneficiaries reached which was a result of SCOPE registration in Monguno (where a shift in modality from in-kind food to CBT was implemented), delayed SCOPE registration to 50,000 beneficiaries in Rann, and security challenges that led a few Cooperating Partners (CP) to re-locate field staff and delay distributions. In Gwoza 57,000 beneficiaries were provided with a partial food ration.

Sectors and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- For the Nigerian Humanitarian Fund (NHF) 2018 Standard Allocation, the sector's recommended portfolio focusing on emergency food assistance for new arrivals and Safe Access

to Fuel and Energy (SAFE) activities was endorsed by the Humanitarian Coordinator and NHF Advisory Board.

- The Sector held a consultation meeting on Multi-Year Humanitarian Response Plan 2019-2021. Thirty-two partners (including PCNI, NEMA, SEMA), with a total of 51 participants, took part.

Emergency Telecommunications Sector

- With the support of WFP, co-lead of the Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) in North-East Nigeria, 16 radio operators were recruited to manage the Communications Centres (COMCENS) deployed by the ETS across Borno.
- In line with ETS capacity building efforts in North-East Nigeria, the sector conducted a survey to identify the training needs of humanitarians on the ground, to tailor the specialised training courses that they plan to deliver in 2019.

Logistics Sector

- The Sector Coordinator attended the Nigerian Humanitarian Fund (NHF) budget presentation on behalf of UNHAS. The NHF advisory board agreed to provide UNHAS with the full request of USD 2.2 million for 2019.
- The Logistics Sector together with UNOCHA has initiated discussions with Theatre Command on existing fuel movement limitations, raised as a follow up to the Fuel Transport Planning Session held in early October.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In October UNHAS transported a total of 5,700 humanitarian workers and 12,000 kg of cargo to humanitarian hubs; 10 patients were successfully evacuated from Rann, Damboa, Bama and Gwoza, to Maiduguri for emergency treatment.

Communications

- News articles:** Celebrating World Food Day Amid Rising Global Hunger, featured in: [This Day, The Nation, All Africa](#) and [The Cable](#) as well as on twitter by all three news agencies and @WFP_Nigeria.
- Video:** Produced a [Video](#) on World Food Day. This was watched 1,559 times on the @WFP_Nigeria handle.
Social media: 27 tweets, @WFP_Nigeria . Top tweet: "[The 5km walk to celebrate World Food Day was definitely worth it! Many thanks to everybody who marched with us and to all the patient drivers!](#)" The tweet was read 11,738 times with 186 engagements.

Donors (in alphabetical order)

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