



World Food Programme

# WFP Nigeria Country Brief November 2018



## In Numbers

**7,476 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 2.3 m** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 18 m** six months (December 2018-May 2019) net funding requirements

**700,000 people assisted**  
in November 2018

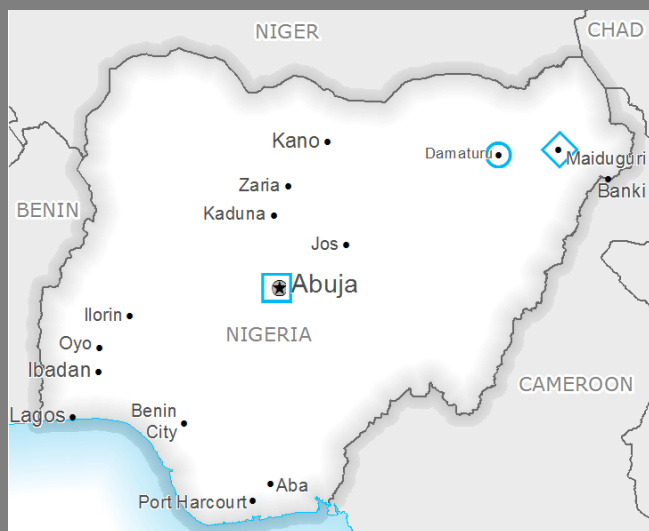
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## Operational Context

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)

## Operational Updates

- In November, in line with the overall strategy to refocus assistance to the most conflict-affected communities, WFP planned to reach 848,000 beneficiaries in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States.
- WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 709,000 vulnerable people (84 percent of the plan), of which 147,000 received general food assistance through cash-based transfers (98 percent of the plan) and 460,000 received in-kind food assistance (97 percent of the plan). 250,000 beneficiaries also received preventive nutrition assistance through in kind food distribution and cash-based transfers. The total includes 96,896 unique nutrition beneficiaries and 1,205 livelihoods beneficiaries.
- In addition, WFP provided assistance to a total of 5,640 new arrivals recorded in November, with highest figures in Monguno (2,317), Pulka (1,658) and Banki (551).
- WFP dispatched a total of 7,476 mt of mixed food commodities (96 percent of the requirement for the month) to various food distribution points in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States.
- The November 2018 edition of the joint WFP FEWS NET Market Monitoring Bulletin was widely distributed to stakeholders and the humanitarian response team in Nigeria. The key messages that in general indicate a positive short to medium outlook for Nigeria were: a continued improvement in Nigeria's macroeconomic indicators and steady NGN /USD exchange rates in recent months. However, market functionality remained constrained by poor transport infrastructure and insecurity.
- The first wave of targeting completed in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States in September resulted in an initial decrease in the number of beneficiaries. WFP's second wave of targeting and household re-profiling is on-going as part of the post-harvest transition strategy. In Madagali the exercise was successfully completed jointly with the Social Welfare Network Initiative (SWNI) team. The same exercise is on-going in Ngala, Dikwa, Damboa and Pulka and expected to be finished by the end of December 2018/January 2019.

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Livelihoods, Borno, North-eastern Nigeria.

- WFP Humanitarian Hub Teams: With the objective of expanding WFP presence beyond Maiduguri, Borno state, a pilot team of four WFP staff was fielded to test the concept of operations in Bama LGA for a ten-day period. The team was able to meet with the humanitarian actors on the ground, State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), local authorities and beneficiary representatives. The next location to be tested is Dikwa.
- WFP attended the Fourth meeting of the Nigeria Zero Hunger Forum in Sokoto to review the implementation of the priority actions of the State, and the progress made by the other Pilot States since the last meeting in Maiduguri, Borno State, in March 2018. Highlights of the meeting were presentations from the NZHF Secretariat, a Baseline Report on Sokoto State and progress updates made from Sokoto, Benue, Borno, Ebonyi, Ogun and Kebbi States.

## WFP Nigeria Resourcing Situation (as of 11 December 2018) (Dec 18- May 19)

	Total 6 Month Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
NG01	138 m	120 m	18 m (13%)

Nigeria country office will transition to the CSP as of 01 January 2019; the net funding requirements are now based on the CPB pipeline.

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## Monitoring

- The field monitoring team of WFP staff and third-party monitoring (TPM) partners covered 84 percent of the prioritised distribution points.
- Following monitoring findings, cooperating partners are working to strengthen the coordination of secondary InKind food distribution process to mitigate concerns of incomplete rations and quarrels during secondary food distribution. The lack of cooking fuels was also found to still be a major challenge. All findings were escalated internally to focal points and are being tracked for action and resolution.

## Protection and Gender

- The month of November marked the 16 days of activism to end gender-based violence (GBV), and a number of activities were held in support and observance of this theme.
- In order to further contribute to the prevention and mitigation of GBV, WFP the protection unit also distributed 7,340 fuel efficient stoves to the affected population of Banki community in Borno State during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2018. Furthermore, there are plans underway to reach more affected persons in 2019.

## Challenges

- Borno State continued to witness heightened attacks against government forces, in particular in the north west part of the state.
- As a result of the security situation, the blanket

supplementary food programme in Damasak (Mobbar LGA) was suspended for the November, and WFP partner was unable to complete the general food distribution in Kukawa town (Kukawa LGA).

- Road access in and out of Lagos port continues to pose an obstacle with the average monthly throughput reduced to around one month's operational requirements.

## Sectors and Common Services

### Food Security Sector

- The sector continued to engage partners in dry/off season agriculture intervention coordination and follow up on the post-harvest activities for the past rainy season.
- Co-lead Agencies and partners have continued discussions with the government for the facilitation of the security clearance process for fertilizer movement)

### Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

- The ETS Nigeria hosted a Telecommunications Security Standards (TESS) mission to review the United Nations (UN) and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) security telecommunications systems (connectivity, applications and procedures). In line with the recommendations after the TESS mission, a plan was finalized to further strengthen the UN Emergency Communications System (ECS) in North-East Nigeria.

### Logistics Sector

- A total of 733 humanitarian cargo movement notification forms were processed through the Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF). These notifications represent the proposed movement of 1,845 trucks, carrying humanitarian cargo to approximately 25 locations throughout northeast Nigeria, of which 1,015 required a military escort.

### UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In November UNHAS transported a total of 4,240 humanitarian workers through helicopters to remote locations, and 1,542 passengers via fixed wing aircraft connecting Abuja-Yola-Maiduguri.
- A total of 6,755 Kg of cargo were transported via helicopters to humanitarian hubs and 7,932 kg were transported via fixed wings aircrafts.

## Donors (in alphabetical order for 2018)

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