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Operational Context

Forty percent of Cameroon's 24.1 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, Adamawa and East regions.

The country has been significantly affected by recent crises and instabilities including Boko Haram crisis arousing Nigerian refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) since 2013, C.A.R. refugees in the East, and the recent Anglophone crisis. All of these multi-folded factors left 368,394 refugees, 227,581 IDPs and vulnerable local host communities affected by crises requiring food assistance for long-term livelihood recovery.

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, Adamawa 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.

WFP has been present in Cameroon since 1978.



Population: **24.1 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **151 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

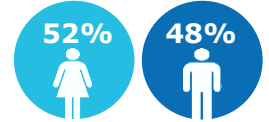
In Numbers

3,857 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 923.000 cash-based transfers made

US\$ 31.3 m six months (December 2018-May 2019) net funding requirements

441,097 people assisted in November 2018



Operational Updates

- In November, WFP provided food assistance to 441,097 vulnerable people in Cameroon. A total of 230,595 women and 210,502 men were assisted through general food distributions - both in-kind and in cash, nutrition support, early recovery and resilience building activities.
- WFP started to provide emergency food assistance to vulnerable people affected by north west/south west crisis in Cameroon in November. A total of 21,748 internal displaced population (10,439 men, 11,309 women) from the North West and South West regions residing in the Littoral region received food assistance.
- Food assistance for asset (FFA) activities are ongoing in all targeted regions for 47,265 beneficiaries for November. In the East region, 7,250 refugees and local vulnerable communities (3,480 men and 3,770 women) received complete rations for 20 days amounting to 100 mt of food assistance (including cereals, vegetables, oil and salt), for their participation in creating community assets like market halls, nursery sheds, construction of protective fences for crops and fish ponds, the digging of ridges, fertilization of crops and phytosanitary. In the North and Adamawa regions, FFA activities include the digging of wells for market gardening fields, implementation of a crop quantification system, colonization of hives, training of beekeeping beneficiaries on the harvesting and processing of bee products, structuration of beneficiaries in cooperation, implementation of firewalls, reforestation of spaces to replace cut trees for fencing. In the Far North region, FFA activities mostly focused on agricultural activities like sorghum field monitoring, irrigation, maintenance of neem seedlings in Daram and clearing and replanting Moringa.
- From 19 to 23 November, the Gender and Protection unit carried out an evaluation on the integration of gender and protection in ongoing activities in the East region and provided technical support to WFP staff and cooperating partners. The training covered gender and protection mainstreaming as well as the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in WFP activities. The unit visited the FFA sites in Boulembé and Kouba, the Food by Prescription treatment centre for people living with HIV/AIDS and a blanket supplementary feeding programme site for infant and young children. Meetings were held with staff of cooperating partners to assess the capacity of the organizations on gender and protection issues and provide consultation to improve their work in these domains. A one-day training on sexual exploitation and abuse was also organized for WFP staff, cooperating partners, and service providers.

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Caption: FFA participants work on a rice field in Sao, Far North region, Cameroon.

Further information: www.wfp.org/countries/Cameroon

WFP Cameroon is planning a data collection mission of about 800 households to evaluate the needs and level of vulnerability of IDPs affected by the crises in the north west and south west regions. A mobile survey (mVAM) will also be carried out in the north west, south west, west and Littoral regions to collect information on the nutrition and food security status of the population. About 650 households and 1,000 children will be surveyed.

- In November, UNHAS Cameroon transported 907 passengers, 2.36 mt of light cargo and served 55 organizations, with 56 sorties and 52.67 flown hours. The UGC (Users Group) meeting were held on 15 November.

WFP Country Strategy



Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

2018 Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
197.8 m	73.1 m	31.3 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Populations affected by disasters, including refugees, IDPs and host populations in the Far North, North, Adamawa and Eastern regions have safe access to adequate and nutritious food during and after crises.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide unconditional food assistance with accompanying social and behavioural change communication for vulnerable households affected by disaster.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

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.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide school feeding and a home-grown school feeding pilot for primary schoolchildren in target regions.
- Provide targeted seasonal food assistance to food-insecure host populations during lean seasons to address short-term gaps.
- Provide food assistance for assets creation in target communities to support early recovery.
- Provide food assistance to create productive assets and community market infrastructure and support environmental protection and adaptation.

Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition

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.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- 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.
- Train community health workers in malnutrition prevention through multi-sectoral coordination systems and partnerships.

- Enhance capacities in health districts to implement the joint action plan and support SUN.

Strategic Result 3: Improve smallholders productivity

Strategic Outcome 4: Food-insecure smallholders, especially women, in prioritized districts of the Far North, North, Adamawa and Eastern Regions have sustainably increased incomes to enhance their self-reliance and livelihoods and improve their productivity by 2020.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- 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.

Strategic Result 5: Capacity strengthening

Strategic Outcome 5: The Government’s work to achieve Zero Hunger is supported by effective partnerships by 2030.

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

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

Strategic Result 8: Enhance Global Partnership

Strategic Outcome 6: The Humanitarian community in Cameroon has access to UNHAS services until alternative means of air transport are available

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide safe and reliable air services for the humanitarian community until alternatives are available.

Challenges

- Insecurity and restrictions on road movements in the south west and north west continue to limit access into the regions.

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