



# WFP Cameroon Country Brief April 2019

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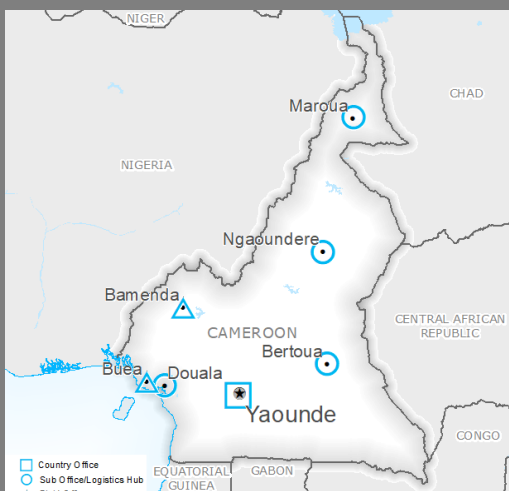
## Operational Context

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 non-State armed groups (NSAGs) crisis causing Nigerian refugees influx and displacement of the population, CAR refugees in the East, and the recent crisis in the North West and South West. A total of 475,000 people is targeted of which 250,000 in the SW/NW regions of Cameroon. All these multi-folded factors left 136,399 refugees, 437,354 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 million, including 198,000 severely food insecure (HNO, January 2019). The four priority regions of Far North, North, Adamawa and East account for 62.5 percent of the total of food-insecure people in the country (CFSVA 2017). As per the January 2019 EFSA, 1.5 million people are food insecure of which 900,000 in the North-West region and 600,000 in the South-West region.

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**

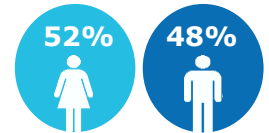
## April in Numbers

**2,007 mt** of food assistance distributed

**USD 695,434** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 30 m** six months (May -October) net funding requirements

**311,701 people** assisted



## Operational Updates

- In April, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to a total of 311,701 beneficiaries (153,166 men and 158,535 women) in the Far North, North, Adamawa, East and South West regions. They received a ration of food basket consisting of rice, SuperCereal, pulses, vegetable oil, salt and sorghum.
- A total of 55,370 beneficiaries received food assistance through cash based transfer (CBT) amounting to a total value of USD 695,434.
- WFP signed field level agreements (FLA) with eight different partners for food assistance for assets (FFA) activities for 18,970 beneficiaries (57 percent women) in the East region and 13,000 beneficiaries (50 percent women) in the North region. Activities will focus on community farming, road rehabilitation, construction of forebays for water reserve and rehabilitation of farms for beekeeping and fish farming. A total of 1,880 mt of food will be distributed from May to December to beneficiaries in both regions.
- Overall 58,368 children aged 6-59 months were included in WFP nutritional support and prevention programme, amongst which 3,230 children were treated for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in the Far North, North, East and Adamawa regions. In April, 3,330 children were vaccinated, 513 supplemented with vitamin A, 120 dewormed and 66,577 care-takers sensitized on appropriate infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices during BSFP sessions across all four regions. In addition, 1,767 malnourished ART clients (425 men, 1,155 women and 187 children) were provided with nutrition care and support, and 675 ART clients were supported with livelihood activities including financial support for income generating activities in agriculture, livestock farming, and petty trade.
- WFP provided hot and nutritious meals to 75,583 children (31,146 girls and 44,437 boys) in 142 schools. Volunteering mothers helped to cook these meals.
- A CBT multisector assessment mission in the East and Adamawa regions coordinated several focus group discussions ensuring the effective participation of women, young people and persons with specific needs in order to gauge the suitability of the current modality. In Meiganga, East region, WFP in collaboration with ADRA organized sensitization sessions for CBT retailers to reinforce the respect of gender and protection guidelines and to encourage retailers to ensure that priority was given to persons with special needs during assistance.

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**Caption:** WFP Douala warehouse, Cameroon.

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- In Adamawa and North regions, CAR refugees benefiting from WFP assistance were sensitized on the change in the food basket which has been increased from 70 percent to 80 percent of the standard WFP's monthly food ration, and on how to address feedbacks and complaints to the management committee: in Wakassao, 61 women and 52 men were sensitized, 122 women and 105 men were sensitized in Helbao and 28 women and 20 men were sensitized in Ngaoundéré.
- UNHAS transported 810 passengers, 1.4 mt of light cargo and served 58 organizations (including Chad's requests), totalling 53 sorties and 48 flown hours. The User Group Meeting (UGC) was held on 24 April.

## WFP Country Strategy



### Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>129 m</b>	<b>100 m</b>	<b>30 m</b>

#### 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.

## Monitoring

- 122 out of 416 distribution sites/health districts were physically monitored by WFP.
- Two international NGOs were identified for third party monitoring in the North West and South West regions and submitted monitoring proposals.

## Challenges

- Difficulty in organizing and coordinating movements in the North West and South West regions due to insecurity and operational constraints, especially with the ghost-town days and lockdowns.

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