



World Food Programme

WFP Nigeria Situation Report #38

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Highlights

- WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 596,880 people in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states through in-kind unconditional food assistance and cash-based transfers, complemented by preventive nutrition assistance activities.
- The WFP Level 3 Emergency Response to the crisis in North-Eastern Nigeria was extended until 30 September 2019.
- The Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) is ongoing. Preliminary findings will be shared in early May.
- Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) operations in the general area north of Monguno have increased.
- Access to Baga, Cross Kauwa and Kukawa in Borno state continues to be restricted.

GENDER MARKER

People assisted in March 2019: 596,880*

SO1- Activity 1- Unconditional Food Assistance: 583,140

In- Kind food assistance (IK):	404,903	69%
Cash Based Transfers (CBT):	178,237	31%

[Mobile money] 6,094 3%

[E- Voucher] 172,143 97%

SO1- Activity 2- Nutrition prevention & treatment: 161,811

SO2- Activity 3- Livelihoods**: -

SO3: Activity 4- Multi- Sector Nutrition Prevention (INP) (CBT-Mobile Money)***: 48,400

*Total beneficiaries reached includes SO1- Activity 1; SO2- Activity 3 and 13,740 unique nutrition beneficiaries.

**Preparatory activities for the livelihood interventions continue: signing of FLAs with Cooperating Partners, procurement of Non Food Items, mapping of livelihood interventions to beneficiaries, etc. In the meantime, some of the caseloads were served through the crises response pillar to ensure leaving no-one behind.

***Double distribution done in February covering Feb-Mar 2019 (Planned for Jan-Feb but done in February).

Assistance Rationale

- Food deficit resultant of the structure of the economy, which remains highly import dependent, consumption driven and undiversified.
- Malnutrition
- Violence in the northeast, conflict between herders and farmers in the broader middle belt and tensions in southeast and southwest)
- Unemployment

Situation Update

- Governorship and State House Assembly elections were held in March.

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In Numbers

1.7 m people affected (Cadre Harmonisé, October- December 2018)

3 states affected - Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY)

2 m people displaced (IOM DTM, Round 26)

596,880 people assisted



- Multi National Joint Task Force operations in the general area north of Monguno have increased. In order to reinforce pressure on non-state armed groups (NSAG), the Chadian contingent in Ngala has been redeployed towards Monguno. This potentially leaves Ngala and Dikwa exposed to NSAG infiltration as most of the Nigerian Armed Forces/Security Forces troops are currently deployed in Rann.
- Access to Baga, Cross Kauwa and Kukawa in Borno state continues to be restricted and is expected to remain so until military operations in the area are completed.
- Access remained a challenge in parts of Yobe state due to insurgency and counter insurgency operations.
- Preliminary findings of the bi-weekly market monitoring system across 19 markets in Borno and Yobe State, indicate that prices have continued to decline or remain the same.
- The Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) started one month later than usual due to the general elections in February and March. First time engagement with the National Population Commission improved the EFSA methodology, including the enumeration area identification process. A report on the preliminary findings of the exercise will be shared early May.

Nigeria Resourcing Situation

Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall: USD 848 m (2019-2022 HRP)
	WFP share: USD 243 m (CSP 2019)
WFP Net Funding Requirements – as of 10 April 2019. (April 2019 – September 2019) USD 50 m	
Strategic Outcome 1 [Emergency GFD & Preventive Nutrition]	USD 29.8 m
Strategic Outcome 2 [Livelihoods]	USD 8.4 m
Strategic Outcome 3 [Multi-sector Nutrition Prevention]	USD 6.4 m
Strategic Outcome 4 [Capacity Strengthening]	USD 0.7 m
Strategic Outcome 5 [Advocacy & Policy]	USD 0.01 m
Strategic Outcome 6 [Logistics Sector, Emergency Telecom sector & UNHAS]	USD 4.2 m

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WFP Response

- Vulnerability and Assessment Mapping post-harvest strategy retargeting was completed in Banki (Bama), Mafa, Damboa, Konduga and Monguno, and is ongoing in Michika.
- A house-to-house verification/spot check was conducted in Damboa LGA, and Auno and Jakana wards of Konduga LGA.
- Targeting was also completed in Gwoza LGA to verify the categories of targeted households.
- WFP supported almost 40,00 new arrivals; 37,205 through cash-based transfers, 2,594 in-kind food assistance.
- In early April 2019, WFP will deploy three team leaders and accompanying team members to the humanitarian hubs in Bama, Monguno and Ngala for a 10 day on/4 day off rotation. The teams will be responsible for reporting back on areas of engagement with local stakeholders, updates on the operational and security context and any issues that should be flagged for follow-up from the area or country office.
- In March, 65 percent of the 62 prioritized sites out of 114 active sites were monitored by the WFP field monitoring team. Lower achievement was due to changes in planned distribution/redemption dates and security concerns restricting travels. Monitoring focused on observing verification/registration, CP capacity, quality of assistance, and management of distributions.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Of the total 583,140 beneficiaries who received unconditional food assistance (88 percent of plan), 69 percent was in-kind (404,903 beneficiaries served with 6,435mt of mixed commodities) and 31 percent through cash-based transfers (178,237 beneficiaries, of which 172,143 beneficiaries received e-vouchers and 6,094 beneficiaries received mobile money).
- Of the 161,811 beneficiaries that received preventive nutrition assistance, WFP assisted 91,166 children 6-23 months old (85 percent of plan), 4,497 children 24-59 months old with moderate acute malnutrition (115 percent of plan) and 63,725 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) (87 percent of plan) through its blanket supplementary feeding programme. 2,423 children 6-59 months old were assisted through Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme activities.
- Preparatory work with partners continues with the aim of increasing the number of beneficiaries supported through livelihood interventions, particularly in Adamawa and Yobe. However, around 26,680 beneficiaries from the caseload were served through the crises response pillar to ensure leaving no-one behind.
- The gap between planned and actual beneficiaries reached is primarily related to the continuing development of partnerships for livelihoods activities. Suspension of distributions due to security concerns in Rann and Kukawa also impacted the number of people assisted.



Supply Chain (SC):

- 7,808mt of mixed commodities were dispatched in BAY states (100 percent of the requirement).

- WFP dispatched 30,188 units of SAFE Cook Stoves to Ngala, Bama, Pulka and Dikwa. The distribution of the stoves will be jointly done by WFP Protection Unit and the respective partners in May to the vulnerable population after assessment and targeting exercise.

Clusters and Common Services

Strategic Outcome 6: Humanitarian community is enabled to reach and operate in areas of humanitarian crisis throughout the year.

Activity 7: Provide common logistic services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations.

Activity 8: Provide common emergency telecommunications services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations and provide the staff security.

Activity 9: Provide humanitarian air services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations and provide for staff security.



Logistics Sector: 577 humanitarian cargo movement notification forms were processed through the Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF) in January and February. These notifications represent the proposed movement of 1,670 trucks, carrying humanitarian cargo to 36 locations, on behalf of 27 organisations, throughout northeast Nigeria, of which 197 required a military escort.



Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS): Due to the tense and unpredictable security situation in Damasak, the humanitarian hub and the Communications Centre (COMCEN) deployed at the hub were non-operational from mid-September 2018 until March 2019. Following the re-opening of the hub, radio operators were deployed to make the COMCEN in Damasak operational.



Food Security Sector (FSS): The Sector organized a one-day training on Protection Risk Analysis in Food Security and Livelihood programming for FSS partners, which included 44 participants. The training, facilitated by FAO, UNHCR and Inter-agency Protection Capacity (ProCap), aims to provide basic understanding and practical know-how on protection mainstreaming and developing a context analysis that considers threats as well as the needs, vulnerabilities and capacities of populations in FSL programming.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS): In March, UNHAS transported a total of 3,787 humanitarian workers through helicopters to remote locations, and 1,207 passengers via fixed wing aircraft.

Communications

- CD's mission to the North East: [Insight/ Medium](#)
- International Women's Day Press Release published in [Impact News](#), Leadership newspaper and others.

Partners-that have made contributions to WFP Nigeria since 2018 (in alphabetical order)

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