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# WFP Cameroon Country Brief June 2019

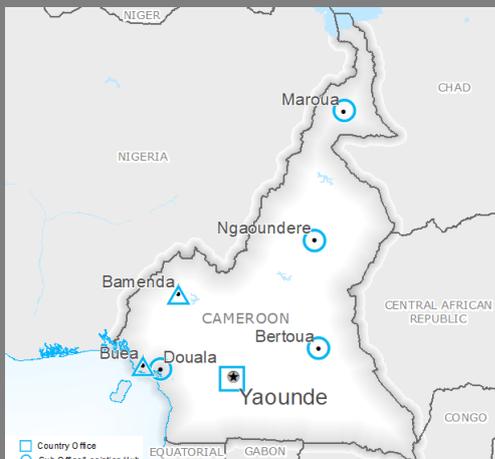


## Operational Context

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 475,00 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 ([Humanitarian Needs Overview](#), 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.



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

**3,104 mt** of food assistance distributed

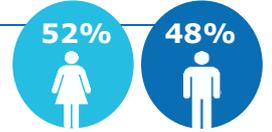
**USD 757,350** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 23 m** six months (July - December) net funding requirement

**379,747 people** assisted

52%

48%



## Operational Updates

### Food assistance

- WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 379,747 affected people (180,978 men and 198,769 women) in the Far North, North, Adamawa, East, North West and South West regions. They received food ration consisted of rice, specialized nutritious foods, pulses, vegetable oil, salt and sorghum.
- A total of 60,521 beneficiaries received food assistance through cash-based transfers (CBT) amounting to a total value of USD 757,350.

### Food for Assets (FFA)

- FFA sites are fully operational and participants are carrying out various livelihood and asset creation activities WFP distributed agricultural implements to participants, and organized capacity building sessions on crop management techniques, cooperative management and harvesting of honey.
- A total of 15,589 people were reached by WFP activities in the East, North and Adamawa regions. In the East region, 14,492 refugees and 6,613 vulnerable persons amongst the host population (11,041 women and 8,289 men) received food assistance and contributed to develop 126.9 ha of farmland; while in the North and Adamawa regions, 1,097 participants took part in FFA activities and a total of 150 ha of community farm land was developed.
- In the Far North, a total of 8,478 beneficiaries (5,058 women and 3,420 men) were identified to enrol in the FFA programme.

### Nutrition activities

- In total, 105,459 children aged 6-59 months were reached by the WFP nutritional support and prevention programme, amongst which 6,323 children were treated for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in the Far North, North, East and Adamawa, 9,288 children were vaccinated, 7,689 supplemented with vitamin A, and 6,010 dewormed. During the preventative nutrition programme sessions, 155,867 care-takers were sensitized by WFP and partners on appropriate infant and young child feeding (IYCF) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) practices. In June, 40,763 persons participated in culinary demonstrations.
- 574 malnourished ART clients (75 men, 322 women and 167 children) were provided with nutritional care. 1,943 new beneficiaries living with HIV/AIDS were sensitized on appropriate feeding practices. As WFP globally halted distribution of Super Cereal due to quality concerns, nutritional support for ART clients has been suspended.
- Some areas of Logone and Chari division in the Far North region did not receive nutrition assistance in June due to official restrictions on transportation of goods to certain areas classified as highly insecure.

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**Photo:** FFA activities in North Cameroon, WFP/Valerie Ada

**Caption:** FFA activity in East region, Cameroon.

**Further information:** [www.wfp.org/countries/Cameroon](http://www.wfp.org/countries/Cameroon)

## School Feeding

- At national and local level, WFP met with government's officials to prepare school feeding activities for the beginning of the new academic year in September. WFP also met with UNICEF, UNESCO and NGOs for potential joint intervention in WFP assisted schools.

## Protection

- 9 employees working for the operator in charge of the WFP's hotline and receiving complaints from beneficiaries were sensitized on gender and protection issues to enhance their ability to deal with sensitive complaints.
- In Buea, in the North West region, the Gender and Protection Unit met with beneficiaries to assess the protection issues within the region and trained new WFP's cooperating partners on gender and protection mainstreaming in food assistance in the wake of new distributions in the South West and North West regions.

## UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 807 passengers, 1.7 mt of light cargo and served 56 organizations (including Chad's requests), totalling 50 sorties and 51 flown hours. The steering committee and safety meetings were held respectively on 19 and 29 June 2019.

## WFP Country Strategy



### Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	2019 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
129 m	45 m	23 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 small holders' 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

- WFP contracted two NGOs for Third Party Monitoring in the South West and in the North West regions.

## Challenges

- Difficulty in organizing and coordinating movements in the North West and South West regions due to regular ghost-town days and lockdowns hampering freedom of movement.
- Restriction of movement due to insecurity in the Far North.

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