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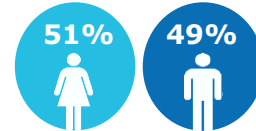
## In Numbers

3,244 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 925,000 cash-based transfers made

USD 22 m six months (September 2019- February 2020) net funding requirement

417,519 people assisted



## Operational Updates

### Food assistance

- WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 417,519 affected people (197,418 men and 220,101 women) in the Far North, North, Adamawa, East, North West and South West regions. They received food ration consisting of rice, specialized nutritious foods, pulses, vegetable oil, salt and sorghum. A total of 76,218 beneficiaries received food assistance through cash-based transfer (CBT) amounting to a total value of USD 925,000.

### Food assistance for assets (FFA)

- In the East region, 18,970 persons (10,152 women and 7,818 men) received food assistance for their participation in the development of 88.5 ha of farmland and maintenance of assets such as fish ponds and community fields. A total of 7,014 kg of vegetables was harvested.
- In the Far North, a total of 114 mt of food and FCFA 9.6 million (equivalent to USD 16,200) were distributed to 22,570 beneficiaries after their participation in the construction and rehabilitation of irrigation canals, forebay, livestock troughs, fishponds, cattle trails, and in reforestation activities.
- In the North and Adamawa regions, 13,000 beneficiaries participated in maintenance and monitoring of beehives.

### Nutrition activities

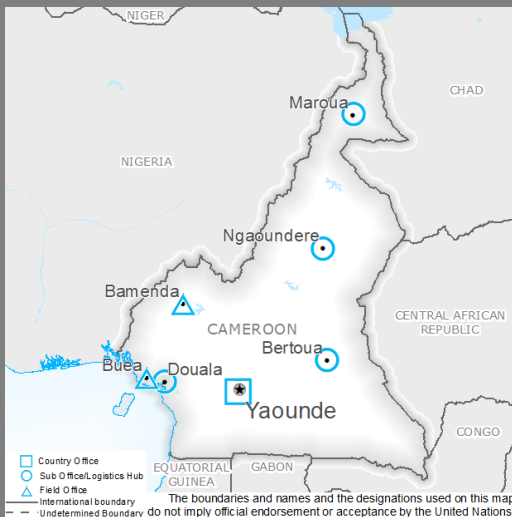
- In total, 93,910 children aged 6-59 months received assistance through the malnutrition prevention programme, amongst which 5,854 children were treated for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in the Far North, North, East and Adamawa. Overall 5,483 children were vaccinated, 4,070 supplemented with vitamin A, and 3,202 dewormed. During blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP) sessions, 137,672 care-takers were sensitized on appropriate infant and young child feeding (IYCF) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) practices. Several initiatives are being taken by WFP and its partners to strengthen and facilitate promotion of appropriate IYCF practices and other essential family practices: in August, 19,911 men and women participated in culinary demonstration sessions.
- A total of 822 people living with HIV (PLHIV) are enrolled in the livelihood activities programme, of which 147 new beneficiaries joined in August.

## 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 presence of non-State armed groups (NSAGs) on both side of the Nigerian border causing Nigerian refugees' influx and displacement of the local population, CAR refugees' influx in the eastern part of Cameroon, and the recent crisis in the North West and South West regions. These combined factors left 136,399 refugees and 437,354 IDPs, in addition to 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 1 million, including 47,424 severely food insecure (cadre Harmonisé, January 2019). The regions of Far North, North West and South West account for 85 percent of the total of food-insecure people in the country.



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

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Main Photo

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Caption: FFA activities in the East

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## Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
129 m	48 m	22 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.

## School Feeding

- In the Far North region, due to financial resource constraints, WFP will not be able to target the 75,000 pupils, as initially planned, and thus conducted a prioritisation of schools to be part of the School Feeding programme for the 2019/2020 school year.

## Protection

- In the Far North, twenty staffs of WFP's cooperating partners were trained on the integration of gender and protection issues across WFP's programmes and activities.
- In the Far North region, assessments show that 69 percent of women are now part of the decision-making process on the use of food of the households, in comparison to 53.3 percent in May 2019, prior to WFP sensitization on gender equality and women empowerment.
- In the Adamawa region, WFP continues to sensitize men and women on sexual gender-based violence and harmful traditional practices.

## UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 801 passengers, 1.4 mt of light cargo and served 57 organizations, totalling 52 sorties and 51 flown hours. The steering committee and safety meetings were held respectively on 22 and 31 August 2019.

## 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 for a total of four days.
- Restriction of movement due to insecurity in the Far North.

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