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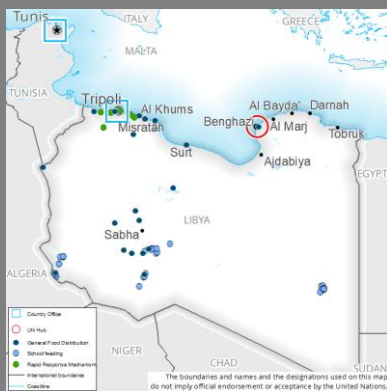
WFP Libya Country Brief September 2019

Operational Context

Efforts to reach a peaceful conclusion to the conflict in Libya continue amidst persisting political instability and a volatile security situation. Unrest since 2011 has caused the economic and humanitarian situation in the country to deteriorate significantly. Ongoing violence between multiple factions further aggravates an unstable environment, with ongoing political rivalries and violent struggles within the country.

WFP resumed operations in Libya in September 2014. WFP's General Food Assistance (GFA) is comprised of in-kind food assistance provision. Each family receives two food parcels, enough to support five people for one month. The parcels consist of rice, pasta, wheat flour, white beans, vegetable oil, sugar and tomato paste. In 2019, WFP plans to reach 147,000 people in need every month. WFP is increasingly engaging across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus to support the review and rehabilitation of pre-crisis social protection systems. This will be crucial in a post-conflict scenario to ensure social cohesion.

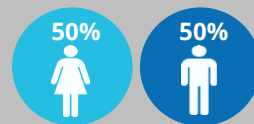
WFP co-leads the Food Security Sector in Libya, as well as leading the Logistics Sector, the Emergency Telecommunications Sector, and managing the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) and the UN Hub in Benghazi.



Population: 6.6 million Libyans + 0.67 million migrants/refugees (estimated)

In Numbers

84,600 people assisted*
in September 2019



1,025 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$5.2 million six month net funding requirements (November 2019 – April 2020)

*Estimated figure

Operational Updates

- In September 2019, WFP reached about 84,600 people in need through its regular food distributions in Libya. These distributions are in addition to the 31,000 people in need that have been assisted through the [Rapid Response Mechanism \(RRM\)](#), since its inception in April of this year (from August in the Southern region). This joint initiative between the four agencies (IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, and WFP) has seen determination and success as the mechanism continues to provide much-needed assistance and see very real results.
- As part of the close cooperation between WFP and the Libyan Ministry of Education to develop a national school feeding strategy as well as continue capacity building efforts, in September WFP successfully concluded the two-week nutrition summer camp in September for 600 Libyan schoolchildren throughout Tripoli, during which they took part in activities that taught them, and their parents, about nutrition and health. The closing ceremony involved local partners, businesses and was also attended by His Excellency Mr. Othman Abduljaleel, the Libyan Minister of Education.
- In parallel with responding to crises with life-saving assistance, WFP Libya implemented some exciting new initiatives that fall under support for the western region. Working with the local Ministry of Social Affairs, local non-governmental organizations, and community leaders, WFP launched a vocational training in sewing and cooking, initially targeting 38 local women whose lives have been affected by the ongoing crisis. A key aim of the programme is to provide participants with skills needed in the local labour market so that they can earn money from their newly-developed skills, enabling them to strengthen the resilience of their families and communities. The first business skills sessions began at the end of August, where participants learned how to undertake market and cost analyses for the products they would like to sell, and how to manage their future business and finances in a sustainable way.

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spending savings, cutting the number of daily meals, and reducing non-food related expenses, particularly in health and education.

Monitoring

- WFP monitors its activities through a Libyan Third-party Monitor (TPM). In September WFP and its TPM partner conducted 40 on-site monitoring visits to monitor food distributions across the western and southern regions of the country.
- During the month of September, and through the RRM, four days of distributions took place in the southern (monitored by WFP), eastern and western regions of the country in response to the Murzuq crisis.

Core Common Services

- The Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) has launched the Common Feedback Mechanism (CFM), a common hotline and information package for conflict-affected populations.
- The UN Hub in Benghazi is fully operative. The Hub enables all UN agencies to operate in the East of the country.
- The Logistics Sector continues to provide Sector-wide updates on relevant issues in Libya as they unfold.
- UNHAS is a critical service which continues to connect the country, ensuring safe, reliable air access for the humanitarian and development community in Libya.

The Way Forward

- The operation is committed not just to the current emergency response but also to continuing the initiatives and commitments planned in its recently approved Interim Country Strategic Plan 2019-2020 (ICSP), which works across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus to support the review and rehabilitation of pre-crisis social protection systems. The ICSP helps WFP and its partners to work with the Libyan people to achieve zero hunger by 2030, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Interventions include school feeding; cash-based transfers linked to social safety net programmes and government-led subsidy programmes, as well as food-for-training for resilience-building and the empowerment of youth and women.

Donors

Canada, CERF, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF).

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)	
Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)
64.4 m	23.9 m
2019 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (November 2019 – April 2020)
32.2 m	5.2 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected vulnerable populations in Libya, including schoolchildren, have access to sufficient and nutritious food during and in the aftermath of crises
Focus area: Crisis Response

- Activities:**
- Provide assistance to food-insecure and vulnerable people in Libya, including schoolchildren, and pilot complementary interventions that improve food security and nutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable populations across Libya have strengthened livelihoods and restored access to basic services all year.
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Provide skills strengthening to vulnerable communities and enhance national and local safety nets

Strategic Outcome 3: The humanitarian community in Libya has strengthened capacity to assist vulnerable populations during and in the aftermath of crises.
Focus area: Crisis Response

- Activities:**
- Provide logistics sector services to humanitarian partners in Libya
 - Provide air services for personnel and light cargo (United Nations Humanitarian Air Service - UNHAS)
 - Provide common ICT to humanitarian partners in Libya

Challenges

- Continuing clashes and a deeply unstable security and economic situation cause deep rifts in the country, making certain areas difficult to access for WFP and its partners and challenging the implementation of projects that require stability.
- Access has also been an issue for the safe implementation of flights, including the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), which despite challenges continues to connect the country from East to West.
- Food insecurity remains a challenge due to protracted displacement, disruption to markets, and dwindling food production. Livelihoods and access to basic social services have been affected by the conflict, exposing the most vulnerable people to inadequate food consumption and forcing people into negative coping strategies, such as