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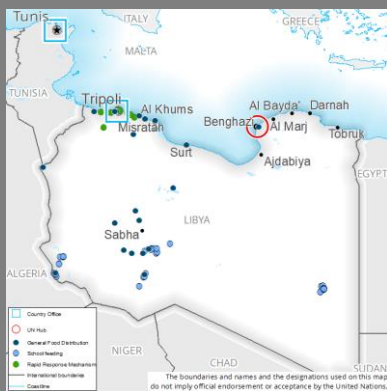
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Operational Context

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 + 0.67m migrants/refugees (estimated)

In Numbers



103,985 people assisted in October 2019 (estimate)

1147 MT of food assistance distributed in October

US\$ 7.4m six months (December 2019 – May 2020) net funding requirements

Operational Updates

- In October 2019, WFP reached about 103,985 people in need through its regular food distributions in Libya. The Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator and Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General, Mr. Yacoub El Hillo, visited a distribution point in Tripoli. [You can hear his observations on how the team, partners and people receiving food all play a part in the operation in this video.](#)
- WFP, in coordination with the Sudanese embassy in Libya, and IOM, distributed its food assistance to 72 Sudanese migrants in Tripoli under the [Rapid Response Mechanism \(RRM\)](#)
- WFP, along with its local implementing partner and a representative from the municipal council of Zawiya city, on 8 October held the graduation ceremony for 34 women who took part in the first Food-for-Training programme, comprised of cooking and sewing classes. This Food-for-Training programme has been implemented in collaboration with the local Ministry of Social Affairs, local non-governmental organizations, and community leaders. The trainings were complemented with focuses on marketing and business skills to allow participants form a well-rounded skillset for running their own future small businesses. Following this successful initial session and a lessons learned exercise based on trainee and local community feedback, WFP is now planning to scale up and replicate this project in other locations in order to help provide local communities affected by crisis with skills tailored to both what they want to focus on, and the job market needs of their own areas.

Monitoring

- WFP monitors its activities through a Libyan Third-party Monitor (TPM). In October, WFP and its TPM partner conducted 103 on-site monitoring visits to monitor food distributions in all three regions across Libya.
- During the month of October, and through the RRM, two days of food distributions took place in the western region (Tripoli) that supported IDPs and a group of Sudanese migrants.

Photo Caption: WFP staff with graduates at the WFP Food for Training closing ceremony. ©WFP/Sara Salem

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Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
64.4 m	23.9 m
2019 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (December 2019 – May 2020)
32.2 m	7.4 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
- As the FFT initiative graduation ceremony took place during the reporting period, the WFP team interviewed 22 percent of the total participants using mobile data collection to gauge their perception and satisfaction of the training. 100 percent of the participants expressed satisfaction with both training and food received.
 - The Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI) October 2019 report was released; [it can be read at this link](#).

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.
- UNHAS is a critical service which continues to connect the country, ensuring safe, reliable air access for the humanitarian and development community 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.
- 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.

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.

Success Story

Supporting a family can be challenging at the best of times, and the conflict in Libya adds additional pressures and obstacles. Nour, a 23-year-old married mother of one, is one of the women who has faced those challenges head on. Before joining WFP's Food Assistance for Training programme during the summer of 2019, Nour was already making sweets, but needed product marketing knowledge.

"I've learned so much from this training, first and foremost how to market my products, which has helped me very much in the start of my business." Nour has also learned to make a new kind of sweet that is more requested in the local market. She has always wanted to join a training like this one, but before now has never had the opportunity to do so.

"Trainings of this type are expensive, and we can't afford them. This training was provided by WFP and therefore didn't cost me anything. It has been the best opportunity I have ever had in my life. It gave me a huge push forward and encouraged me to start my own business." Nour has now opened her small baking business and has started generating much-needed income for her family. "This training opened a door for me, to improve my and my family's living standards. Like many other Libyan families, we have been affected by the crisis and conflict on an economic level, but now I can do something about that myself, which is very empowering."

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