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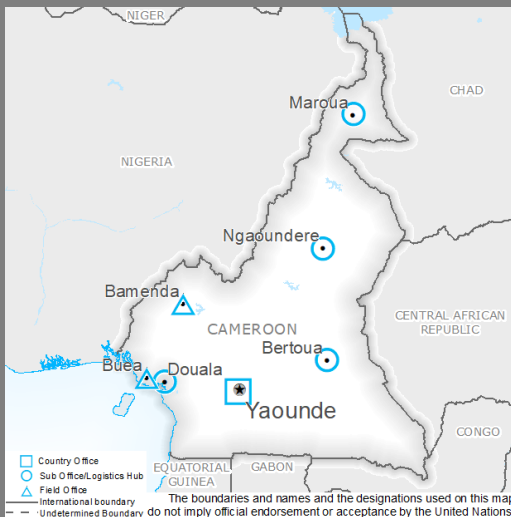


Operational Context

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 403,208 refugees and 806,977 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, April 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.



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Population: **24.1 million**
Income Level: **Lower middle**

2017 Human Development Index: **151 out of 189**
Chronic malnutrition: **31% of children between 6-59 months**

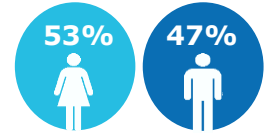
In Numbers

2,930 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 567,800 cash-based transfers made

USD 26 m six months (October 2019- March 2020) net funding requirement

369,286 people assisted



Operational Updates

Food assistance

- WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 369,286 affected people (173,517 men and 195,769 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 47,805 beneficiaries received food assistance through cash-based transfer (CBT) amounting to a total value of USD 567,800.

Food assistance for assets (FFA)

- In the East region, 18,970 persons (8,023 men and 10,947 women) received food assistance for their participation in the development of farmland and maintenance of community assets. A total of 282 persons were sensitized gender and protection issues and on good nutritional practices, with the support of the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Family.
- In the Far North, a total of 49 mt of food was distributed to 3,080 beneficiaries (1,479 men and 1,601 women) after their participation in the construction and rehabilitation of community assets. A total of 180 persons were sensitized on nutrition and health practices and on gender-based violence issues, and 70 women were trained on the improved use of stoves.
- In the North and Adamawa regions, 120 women were trained on leadership to enable them to occupy management positions with the newly created cooperatives.

Nutrition activities

- In total, 94,988 children aged 6-59 months were reached by the malnutrition prevention programme, amongst which 5,296 children were treated for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in the Far North, North, East and Adamawa, 7,514 children were vaccinated, 4,441 supplemented with vitamin A, and 1,728 dewormed. During blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP) sessions, 155,022 care-takers were sensitized on appropriate infant and young child feeding (IYCF) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) practices. In September, 32,629 men and women participated in culinary demonstration sessions.
- A total of 1,851 people living with HIV (PLHIV) received nutritional assistance through the food by prescription (FbP) programme. A total of 876 newly enrolled beneficiaries were sensitized on appropriate feeding practices.

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Caption: CBT 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	53 m	26 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

- The beginning of the school year started on 2 September and WFP distributed 22 mt of food to 9,390 pupils within 52 schools in Mayo Sava and Mayo Tsanaga, in the Far North region. Further 36 schools are included in the activity for this academic year and food was dispatched for distributions to take place in October.

Gender and Protection

- In Adamawa, 823 persons benefiting from cash-based transfer activities (512 women and 311 men) were trained on the use of their phones for financial transactions, to reduce risk of fraud while buying from retailers.
- WFP and its partners managed to train a growing number of men on infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices: in September, 61 men in the Adamawa region and 1,005 men in the far North region were sensitized, in comparison to respectively 22 men and 363 men for the month of August.

UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 868 passengers, 1.7 mt of light cargo and served 58 organizations, totalling 75 sorties and 84 flown hours. The steering committee and safety meetings were held respectively on 13 and 28 September 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 thirteen days.
- Restriction of movement due to insecurity in the Far North.

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