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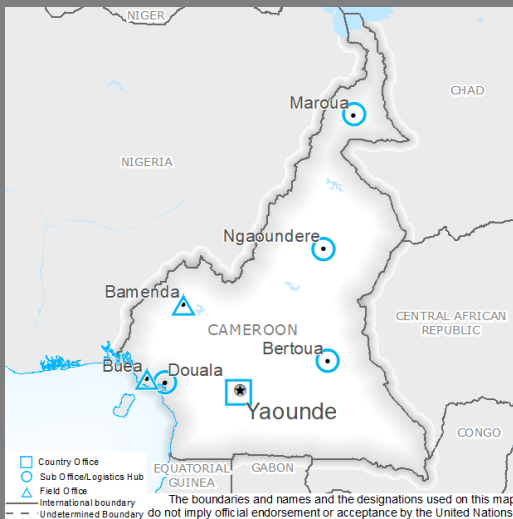


Operational Context

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.



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**

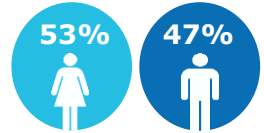
In Numbers

3,217 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 562,000 cash-based transfers made

USD 22 m six months (November 2019- April 2020) net funding requirement

413,307 people assisted



Operational Updates

Food assistance

- WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 413,307 affected people (195,097 men and 218,210 women) in the Far North, North, Adamawa, East, North West and South West regions. They received food ration consisted of rice, specialized nutritious food, pulses, vegetable oil, salt and sorghum.
- A total of 47,863 beneficiaries received food assistance through cash-based transfer (CBT) amounting to a total value of USD 562,000.

Food assistance for assets (FFA)

- In Adamawa and North regions, 205 mt of food were distributed to 13,000 beneficiaries (5,835 men 7,165 women). Participants from 30 cooperatives were trained on reducing crop losses and thus increasing income of smallholder farmers.
- In the Far North, the construction of well/drilling, bays, irrigation canal and artificial ponds, that were halted in August and September due to excessive rainfalls, resumed in October. In Logone and Chari, a total of 114 mt of wood was distributed to 10,000 participants, who had not received food in June and July due to inaccessibility and insecurity. A total of 210 beneficiaries including 110 women were trained on techniques of processing and marketing of agricultural products.
- In the East region, harvesting of community fields produced 625 kg of vegetables, watermelon, okra, peanut, maize and vegetable. A total of 188 mt of food was distributed to 16,790 beneficiaries (9,914 women, 6,876 men).

Nutrition activities

- In total, 110,891 children aged 6-59 months were reached by the malnutrition prevention programme, amongst which 6,264 children were treated for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in the Far North, North, East and Adamawa, 7,453 children were vaccinated, 6,474 supplemented with vitamin A, and 4,654 dewormed. During the prevention of acute malnutrition sessions, 205,766 care-takers were sensitized on appropriate infant and young child feeding (IYCF) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) practices. In October, 55,216 men and women participated in culinary demonstration sessions.
- A total of 1,844 antiretroviral therapy (ART) clients (447 men, 1,190 women and 207 children) received nutritional assistance through the food by prescription (FbP) programme. A total of 1,008 newly enrolled people living with HIV (PLHIV) were sensitized on appropriate feeding practices. In October, 28 new beneficiaries were enrolled into the livelihood support programme, which now includes 850 participants.

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Caption: Nutrition sensitization in the East Further information:

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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	54 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, 46,127 pupils from 84 schools were assisted in October, out of the 50,159 children within 88 targeted for the month. Four schools in Kolofata district in Mayo Sava Division were not supplied because of the access difficulties due to the impracticality of the roads and also the transporter encountered some logistic issues.

Gender and Protection

- In Batouri and Bertoua, East region, 45 WFP and cooperating partners staff (19 women and 26 men) were trained on how to integrate gender, protection and Accountability to Affected Population (AAP) perspectives in WFP's programmes.
- In Djohong, Adamawa, 23 members (7 men and 16 women) of the village saving loan association (VSLA) were trained on the different stages of creating income generating activities.

UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 920 passengers, 3 mt of light cargo and served 64 organizations, totalling 159 sorties and 110 flown hours. The steering committee and safety meetings were held respectively on 26 and 30 October 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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