In Numbers

5,601 mt of food assistance distributed
USD 4.9 m cash-based transfers made
USD 77 m six months (January 2020 – June 2020) net funding requirements
624,807 people assisted in December 2019

Operational Updates

- In December, WFP assisted 624,807 beneficiaries in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States.
- WFP provided in-kind food to 268,504 internally displaced people and members of host communities and reached 286,687 people through mobile money and e-vouchers in the three States.
- WFP provided nutrition and prevention treatment assistance to 117,143 children aged 6 to 23 months, 4,589 children with moderate acute malnutrition, and 66,545 pregnant and lactating women. Therapeutic nutrition support was also provided to 2,797 children aged 6 to 59 months.
- To break the cycle of food and nutrition insecurity while addressing chronic vulnerability in Nigeria, WFP continued to invest in long-term hunger solutions through livelihood-resilience building activities. In December, 27,284 households, mainly food insecure people, including women, young people and smallholders, benefitted from livelihoods support through conditional transfer of food or cash.
- WFP continued to support the multi-sectoral delivery of health services and nutrition for pregnant and lactating women and caregivers of children under two years with cash-based transfers of Naira 5,000 000. Cash-based transfers are conditional and delivered upon participation in UNICEF-supported maternal, new-born and child health services, maternal support groups, and income generating activities. WFP’s cash transfers enabled the mothers and caregivers to enrich their daily diets through the purchase of eggs, milk, fruits, vegetables, meat and other nutritious foods for themselves or their children in the first 1,000 days. During the reported period, WFP reached 12,620 women and caregivers.
- WFP continued to consult with the Government and its partners to support 30,000 people in Rann, which remains cut-off from life-saving food assistance due to security constraints and severe flooding.

Operational Context

Nigeria is a federal constitutional republic, the most populous country in Africa and the seventh most populous country in the world. With over 500 ethnic groups, the crisis induced by non-state armed groups in the country, remains the principal driving factor of instability in northeast Nigeria. Since 2010, they have increasingly expanded their operational capabilities, while a state of emergency was declared in May 2013 by the Government in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States.

Two million internally displaced persons (IDPs) are reported to be in Nigeria (IOM/DTM Round 27), of which the majority are in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States. The November 2019 Cadre Harmonisé (CH) reports nearly three million people in need of food assistance in these states from Oct-Dec 2019 while the number of food insecure are projected to rise to 3.8 million during the upcoming lean season (Jun-Aug 2020). WFP operations are focused on crisis response to prevent deterioration of food and nutrition security, reduce malnutrition and minimize gender inequalities. WFP activities are concentrated in rural areas of northeast Nigeria that are comparably more vulnerable and food insecure than the rest of the country.

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Photo: WFP Nigeria
Caption: Actors from BINTU the musical, a production supported by WFP, dramatizing the ongoing conflict in northeast Nigeria.
Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Activities:
- Provide unconditional food assistance and income-generating activities to food-insecure internally displaced persons, returnees, refugees and host communities affected by crises (URT: Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food)
- Provide nutrition prevention and treatment packages to children 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women and girls, other nutritionally vulnerable populations and persons with caring responsibilities (NPA: Malnutrition prevention activities)

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Activities:
- Support improving the nutrition status of children, pregnant and lactating women and girls, adolescents and other nutritionally vulnerable groups (including people living with HIV) through an integrated malnutrition prevention package, including access to nutritious food and quality care, social and behavioural change communication and capacity strengthening (NPA: Malnutrition prevention activities)

Strategic Result 3: Smallholders productivity and incomes

Activities:
- Provide conditional transfers to food-insecure persons, including women, young people and smallholders (ACL: Asset creation and livelihood support activities)

Strategic Result 4: Federal, state and local actors have strengthened capacity to manage food security and nutrition programmes in line with national targets in the short, medium and long term.

Activities:
- Support the technical capacity of federal, state and local actors in information management systems, vulnerability assessment and mapping, monitoring and evaluation, safety net management, food technology and fortification, supply chains, nutrition and emergency preparedness and response, integrating gender.

Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

Strategic Result 6: Policies to support sustainable development are coherent

Activities:
- Support the Zero Hunger Forum and food and nutrition security coordination and advocacy in line with the recommendations of the zero-hunger strategic review (CSI: Institutional capacity strengthening activities)

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Activities:
- Provide common emergency telecommunications services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations and provide for staff security (CPA: Service provision and platforms activities)
- Provide common logistic services to government, United Nations and non-governmental partners to facilitate effective field operations (CPA: Service provision and platforms activities)
- Provide humanitarian air services to all partners until appropriate alternatives are available. (CPA: Service provision and platforms activities)

Challenges
- Insecurity persists in northeast Nigeria, disrupting food supplies, impeding access to basic services and markets, while limiting agricultural activities as well as livelihood opportunities. Insecurity is expected to continue in 2020 as non-state armed groups push to expand their areas of influence in less affected areas.

Sectors

Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS): ETS provided Internet connectivity services to 4,709 humanitarian workers from 115 organizations at hubs deployed across northeast Nigeria.

Logistics Sector: The Logistics Sector supported 25 organizations through common services (storage, cargo movements), coordination and information management activities.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS): UNHAS served 90 agencies, transported 5,046 passengers and 19,353 mt of cargo.

Communications
BINTU the musical, a production supported by WFP, dramatizes the ongoing conflict in northeast Nigeria and shows how families are rebuilding their lives. Read full story here: https://www.wfp.org/news/bintu-musical-brings-crises-nigerias-northeast-stage

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