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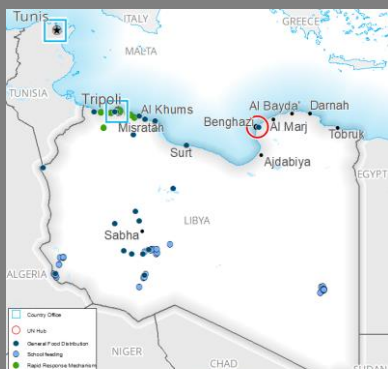
## WFP Libya Country Brief February 2020

### 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 worsening since April 2019 to the present day.

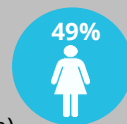
WFP assists food insecure and vulnerable people in Libya, including crisis-affected internally displaced people (IDPs), returnees, non-displaced populations, refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants living in urban settings. The operation works under its Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP), which helps WFP and its partners to work with the Libyan people to achieve zero hunger by 2030, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The ICSP includes general food assistance and emergency food assistance as well as the implementation of programmes that include school feeding and food-for-training for resilience-building and the empowerment of youth and women. 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. In 2020, WFP plans to reach 182,000 people in need.

In Libya, WFP leads the Food Security Sector, the Logistics Sector, the Emergency Telecommunications Sector, and manages the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) and the UN Hub in Benghazi.



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

### In Numbers



107,780 people assisted  
in February 2020 (estimate)

961MT of food assistance distributed in February

USD 10.2 m six-month (April-September 2020) net funding requirements

### Operational Updates

- In February 2020, WFP reached approximately 107,780 people in need through its programmes in Libya: general food distributions, emergency food distributions as packages for migrants in urban settings, emergency food distributions through the Rapid Response Mechanism to internally displaced people, school feeding, and food for training initiatives in Sebha.
- On 24 February, [WFP Libya issued a news release](#) calling for support to its operation as humanitarian needs continue to rise. The release follows the launch of the [Libya 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan](#), and highlights WFP's response in the country through various assistance modalities and related funding requirements to ensure continued assistance for the coming six months.
- WFP Libya has introduced SCOPE, WFP's flexible cloud-based digital beneficiary information and transfer management platform, for the management of beneficiary data. SCOPE responds to operational priority in ensuring data protection, transparency and accountability. SCOPE helps WFP better understand the people it serves to be able to provide them with more personalised and better assistance. It facilitates the tracking of distributions with greater assurance, ranging from beneficiary registration to reconciliation and reporting.
- WFP and its local Libyan partner organized graduation ceremonies for 150 graduates from the WFP food-for-vocational training courses in Zwara, Regdalen, Zolton, and Aljamil municipalities. Through diverse training courses specific to the needs of local job markets, participants improved their skills in areas such as cooking, haircutting, car maintenance, and refrigerator/air conditioner maintenance. When possible, WFP also supports graduates in finding work. The ceremonies were attended by municipality officials as well as local businesses.

**Photo Caption:** A vocational training graduation ceremony held in February. ©WFP

## Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
<b>64 m</b>	<b>29 m</b>
2020 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (April-September 2020)
<b>32 m</b>	<b>10.2</b>

### 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
- The opening of the UN Hub in Benghazi, a UN compound shared by all UNSMIL and UN agencies

## Monitoring

- WFP monitors its activities through a Libyan third-party Monitor (TPM). In February, WFP's TPM partner conducted 78 on-site monitoring visits to monitor food distributions across the western, southern and eastern regions of the country including two WFP warehouse visits.

## Challenges

- Continuing armed clashes and a highly unstable political, security and economic situation make it hard for WFP and its partners to access certain areas of the country, which poses a challenge to the implementation of projects. Nevertheless, the operation continues to provide the needed assistance.
- As the economic situation in the country continues to suffer due to a series of factors which tie into the political instability such as the blockage of oil ports, WFP has noted

a rise in partner requests for food assistance. The operation responds accordingly, but will require more funding in order to ensure it can continue to respond proactively to subsequent upsurges in needs.

- Access constraints have been an issue for the safe operation of flights, including those of 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 to adopt negative coping strategies, such as spending savings, cutting the number of daily meals, and reducing non-food related expenses, particularly in health and education.

## Core Common Services

- As part of the Libya Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and on behalf of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), the Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) launched the ETS-managed common feedback mechanism (CFM) on 16 February. The CFM is a toll-free, country-wide number that affected populations can call to obtain information on humanitarian assistance programs, submit their feedback and obtain referrals to the humanitarian organizations that are best suited to handle their concerns. The CFM will enable the humanitarian community to collect feedback directly from the affected populations, better understand the needs on the ground, and take even better-informed programming decisions.
- The UN Hub in Benghazi is fully operational. 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, operated by WFP, is a critical service which continues to connect the country, ensuring safe, reliable air access for the humanitarian and development community in Libya. In January, UNHAS served 21 organizations with 46 flights in Libya.

## Donors

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