



# WFP Nigeria Country Brief February 2020

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## Operational Context

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

There are two million internally displaced persons (IDPs) reported in Nigeria (IOM/DTM Round 28), of which most are in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States. The October 2019 Cadre Harmonisé (CH) reports nearly three million people in need of food assistance in these states. WFP operations are focused on crisis response to prevent further deterioration of food and nutrition security, reduce malnutrition and minimize gender inequalities. WFP activities are concentrated in IDP camps and host communities in rural areas of northeast Nigeria that are more vulnerable and food insecure.



Population: **191 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **158 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Estimated that >1m children (6-59 mths) in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States are undernourished, 367,000 SAM & 727,000 MAM. (HRP 2019-2022)

## In Numbers

**6,717 mt** of food assistance distributed

**USD 5.7 m** cash-based transfers made

**USD 60 m** six-month net funding requirement (March – August 2020)

**724,445 people** assisted in February 2020



## Operational Updates

Unconditional **food assistance** reached 650,348 internally displaced people and host communities in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States. WFP provided in-kind food to 355,957 people and reached 294,391 more through mobile money and e-vouchers.

WFP **nutrition assistance** activities for the prevention of malnutrition reached 180,988 children and pregnant and lactating women and provided treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) to 4,091 children 6–59 months. Pregnant and lactating women and caregivers of children under 2 received cash-based transfers of NGN 5,000 conditioned on participation in UNICEF-supported maternal, newborn and child health services, maternal support groups, and income generating activities. Cash transfers enabled 21,419 mothers and caregivers to improve daily diets during the critical 1,000-day window of opportunity from conception to a child's second birthday.

WFP provided food or cash **livelihoods support** for 38,833 households. This assistance helps vulnerable households meet their immediate food needs and create or rehabilitate assets that strengthen resilience of individuals and communities to future shocks. Assets include improved land resource management, establishment of tree nurseries and community forests, community infrastructure development, and income generating activities.

**WFP Regional Director** for West Africa Chris Nikoi travelled to Abuja and Maiduguri from 9 to 13 February. During the mission he met with senior Government officials, partners and WFP staff to hear updates on the northeast crisis and review priorities. The Regional Director especially emphasized the importance of strengthening partnerships with the Government to achieve zero hunger in Nigeria.

A team from Nigeria was one of 9 out of 714 applicants selected to attend the **WFP Innovation Bootcamp** that was held in Munich, Germany from 10 to 14 February. WFP is building synergies with **Thrive Agric**, a Nigerian private sector start-up, to promote access to markets for smallholder farmers in northeast Nigeria. The effort strengthens national capacity by improving skills and leveraging partnership with efforts at federal and state-level to encourage home-grown school feeding and help address the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition.

The next **Cadre Harmonisé** analysis will be conducted across 17 states from 2-14 March. In anticipation of the Cadre Harmonisé findings, WFP plans an emergency food security assessment for the northeast.

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**Photo:** WFP/ Adriane Ohanesian

**Caption:** A woman receives cash via mobile money in the Mohammed Goni Stadium IDP Camp in Maiduguri

## Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)

Total Requirement (in USD) 2020*	Allocated Contributions (in USD) Six Month	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
288 m	113 m	60 m

\* Includes USD 23m for current budget revision pending approval

### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Internally displaced persons, returnees, refugees and local communities affected by crisis in Nigeria are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of shocks

**Focus area:** Crisis response

**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

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Nutritionally vulnerable people in chronically food insecure areas have enhanced nutritional status in line with the achievement of national and global targets by 2015

**Focus area:** Resilience building

**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

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Vulnerable populations in targeted areas become more resilient to shocks and are able to meet their basic food needs throughout the year.

**Focus area:** Resilience building

**Activities:**

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

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

**Strategic Outcome 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.

**Focus area:** Root causes

**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 6: Policies to support sustainable development are coherent

**Strategic Outcome 5:** Government and partner efforts to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030 are supported by effective and coherent policy frameworks

**Focus area:** Root causes

**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

**Strategic Outcome 6:** Humanitarian community is enabled to reach and operate in areas of humanitarian crisis throughout the year

**Focus area:** Crisis response

**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

WFP urgently needs USD 60 million to cover the most critical needs through August 2020. If no funding is received, WFP will be forced to re-prioritize locations for assistance and also reduce rations, leaving vulnerable populations at greater risk of increased food insecurity and malnutrition.

## Sectors

The **Food Security Sector** Inaccessible/Hard-to-Reach Area Task Force comprised of WFP, FAO, FEWSNET, REACH, Nutrition Sector, IOM-DTM and Government stakeholders, collected data on new arrivals in reception centres or camps at 12 field locations. Analysis will inform Cadre Harmonisé planning, resource mobilization, strategic prepositioning of food stocks and advocacy for humanitarian access.

**Emergency Telecommunications Sector** provided Internet connectivity services to 2,455 humanitarians from 90 organizations.

**Logistics Sector** processed 550 humanitarian cargo movement notifications from 28 organizations to 43 destinations using 1,937 vehicles.

**UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)** served 90 agencies and organisations, transported 5,767 passengers, 19,693 mt of cargo, and medevacked 3 passengers.

## Communications, Advocacy and Marketing

As part of preparations to celebrate International Women's Day #IWD2020, on 8 March, WFP shared these stories via the @WFP\_Nigeria Twitter channel:

- ❖ [WFP Nigeria for Generational Equality](#)
- ❖ [Hafsatu Buba inspiring us with her resilience](#)
- ❖ [Aisha Zanna, Field Assistant with partner IMC Worldwide](#)
- ❖ [Bintu Mustapha, WFP Programme Associate](#)
- ❖ [Alicia James shows how to assemble a weaving machine](#)

## Committed contributions in 2020

Germany, Sweden, UN Funds and Agencies, United States, United Kingdom