In Numbers

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<td>Food assistance distributed</td>
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<td>Cash-based transfers</td>
<td>USD 0.68 m, 6 months (April-September 2020)</td>
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<td>Funding requirements</td>
<td>USD 38.7 m, net, 46,1027 people assisted in March 2020</td>
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Operational Context

An estimated forty percent of Cameroon’s 25.3 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 409,409 refugees and 976,773 IDPs, in addition to vulnerable local host communities, affected by crises requiring food assistance for long-term livelihood recovery.

The first COVID-19 case in Cameroon was detected on 6 March and WFP activities were suspended in mid-March. Sensitization messages on COVID-19 contamination modes were shared with beneficiaries, WFP staff and partners, including measures of raising awareness to prevent the spread of the disease.

The number of people facing food insecurity in Cameroon is projected at 2.1 million, including 254,371 severely food insecure, for the period of June to August 2020 (Cadre Harmonisé, March 2020).

Operational Updates

Unrestricted Resources Transfers (URTs)

- WFP provided in-kind food assistance to a total of 394,658 affected people in the Far North, North West, South West, Adamawa and East regions. WFP food basket consists of cereals, specialized nutritious food, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.
- A total of 59,229 received food assistance through cash-based transfer (CBT) in East, Far North and Adamawa regions.

Food assistance for assets (FFA)

- In the Far North region, WFP and its cooperating partners provided technical support to 95 beneficiaries (61 women and 34 men) to prepare 14.5 ha of community fields for the agricultural season.
- In the Adamawa region, beneficiaries threshed 14.9 mt of sorghum and harvested and sold 80 liters of honey at USD 85. At the end of the harvest season, a part of the incomes is saved into the community fund through the village loans and credit association while some part is shared among the participants.
- In the East region, beneficiaries ensured proper maintenance of assets such as cassava fields and fishponds.

School Feeding

- In the Far North region, 42,586 pupils (25,669 boys and 16,917 girls) received hot meals at primary schools. Over 50 mt of food was distributed.

Nutrition activities

- In March, a total 54,242 children aged 6-59 months were assisted through malnutrition treatment and prevention programme, amongst which 2,477 children were treated for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in the Far North, North, East and Adamawa regions.
- A total of 5,157 children aged 6-23 months and 4,451 pregnant and lactating women received food and nutrition assistance in the North West and South West regions.

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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

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<td>89.9 m</td>
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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 behavioral change communication for vulnerable households affected by disaster.

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.

Gender and Protection

- WFP staff participated in activities in March to celebrate the International Women’s Day and several focus group and round table discussions were organized to raise awareness of staff, partners, beneficiaries and host community members on the importance of gender equality and the promotion and protection of women and girls’ rights.

UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 398 passengers, 1.4 mt of light cargo and served 62 organizations.

Challenges

- Difficulty in organizing and coordinating movements of trucks and staff in the North West and South West regions due to regular “ghost-town” days, roadblocks, checkpoints and the volatile security situation, hampering freedom of movement for eight days.
- Due to restrictions announced by the Government to tackle the spread of COVID-19 on 17 March, WFP activities and UNHAS flights were consequently suspended.

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