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Operational Context

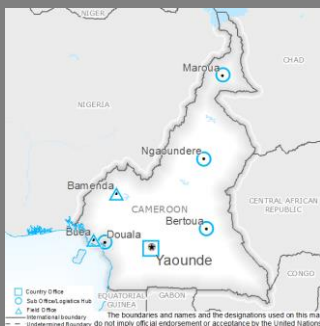
An estimated forty percent of Cameroon's 26.5 million people live below the poverty line and human development indicators remain low. Poverty has a strong regional dimension concentrated in the Far North, North, Adamawa and East regions.

The country has been significantly affected by recent crises and instabilities including presence of non-State armed groups (NSAGs) on both sides 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 as of 30 July, a total of 17,255 cases was reported. Most of WFP activities successfully resumed in April and measures were taken to ensure safe provision of food assistance to beneficiaries. Sensitization messages on COVID-19 contamination modes were shared with beneficiaries, WFP staff and partners.

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).

WFP has been present in Cameroon since 1978.



Population: 26.5 million (UNFPA 2020)	2018 Human Development Index: 150 out of 189
Income Level: Lower middle	Chronic malnutrition: 31% of children between 6-59 months

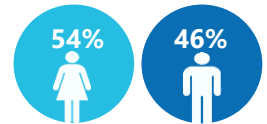
In Numbers

4,250 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 0.11 m cash-based transfers made

USD 27.1 m six months (August 2020-January 2021) net funding requirements

466,732 people assisted
in July 2020



Operational Updates

Unrestricted Resources Transfers (URTs)

- WFP provided in-kind food assistance to a total of 348,825 affected people in the Far North, North, Adamawa, North West, South West and East regions. WFP food basket consists of cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.
- A total of 22,017 received food assistance through cash-based transfers (CBT) in North West and Far North regions.
- A total of 25,813 persons benefited from seasonal in-kind food assistance in Logone et Chari, Mayo Tsanaga and Mayo Danay districts (Far North region).
- Due to lack of funding, rations distributed to Central African Republic's refugees were reduced to 50 percent of the food basket until further notice.

Food assistance for assets (FFA)

- In the Far North, some FFA activities resume and activities such as sowing, weeding, rehabilitation of rural tracks, improvement of ponds and monitoring of fishponds were carried out. A total of 2,231 mobile phones and SIM cards were distributed to 2,231 households to enable money transfers during the month of August.

Nutrition activities

- A total of 27,185 children in the East region and 109,414 children in the far North were screened for acute malnutrition.
- In June, a total of 87,772 children aged 6-59 months were assisted through malnutrition treatment and prevention programmes in the Far North, North, East, Adamawa, North West and South West regions and a total of 202 mothers received assistance in the Far North.
- In the North West and South West, a total of 7,207 pregnant and lactating women and girls received food assistance.
- In the East region, food by prescription distributions benefited to 4,674 antiretroviral therapy clients.

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Main photo. Caption: In-kind food distribution in the Far North
 Credit: WFP/Glory Ndaka

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
89.9 m	63.3 m	27.1 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 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 broadcast messages through SMS to sensitize on the COVID-19 pandemic as well as on good nutrition practices. Further awareness messages on good nutrition and hygiene practices for infants were shared in French and local languages.

UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 153 passengers, 3.3 mt of light cargo, totalling 27 sorties and 37 flown hours. One user group meeting was held on 15 July 2020.

Challenges

- With the spread of the COVID-19, WFP has had to adapt to a new context. WFP and its partners managed to install safety measures and set up handwashing stations at distribution sites. WFP is reviewing its logistics capacities to procure enough food items to be able to provide two-month food assistance.
- Difficulty in organizing and coordinating movements of trucks and staff in the North West and South West regions due to regular "ghost-town" days, road blocks, checkpoints and the volatile security situation.

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