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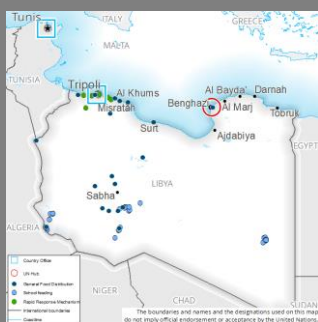
WFP Libya Country Brief October 2020

Operational Context

Efforts to reach a peaceful conclusion to the conflict 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 worsening since April 2019 to the present day. The effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions implemented to prevent its spread have deeply impacted Libya.

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 & 0.63 m migrants/refugees (estimated)

In Numbers

92,602 people assisted
in October 2020



300 MT of food assistance transferred in October

US\$ 7.5 m six-month (Nov 2020 – Apr 2021) net funding requirements

Operational Updates

- In October 2020, WFP reached approximately 92,602 people in need through its programmes in Libya, which include direct general and emergency food distributions, emergency food distributions through the inter-agency Rapid Response Mechanism, food support through an e-voucher modality, food for training activities and a healthy kitchen project.
- WFP [expanded its partnership with UNHCR to the provision of food assistance](#) to some 10,000 vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers nationwide from September until December 2020. In October, 3,917 individuals received ready-to-eat rations in Azawiya, Misurata, Tripoli and Zwara.
- Vocational and soft-skill training sessions were held in Rigdaleen, Sabratha, Zolten, Jmail, Tawergha, Zwara and Nalut in the West, as well as Ghadames and Benghazi in the East. Approximately 155 households will receive food assistance, having attended the majority of training sessions. Other trainings in Tawergha, Zwara and Nalut are ongoing.
- WFP also continued to engage with farmers and agriculture experts through the Agriculture Information Network. Approximately 540 people across multiple virtual groups are discussing agricultural problems and solutions.
- About 520 schoolchildren and their families were assisted with WFP-provided vitamin- and mineral-fortified date bars through a healthy kitchen pilot project in two education facilities in central Tripoli and Sook Aljuma. NGO INTERSOS provided hygiene and sanitation awareness raising sessions. Parents also attended the sessions on healthy food meals and received food parcels from WFP after completing the sessions.
- On 21 October, WFP, together with the World Bank, chaired the first Social Protection Platform meeting, with the participation of various humanitarian and development actors, and co-presented the planned Social Protection survey and Core Diagnostic Instrument.

Photo Caption: WFP food supplies being delivered in Awteeneya, Libya, as the WFP team prepares for distribution ©WFP/Khayal

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)
64 m	44 m
2020 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (November 2020 – April 2021)
32 m	7.5 m

N.b. The Interim Country Strategic Plan is currently undergoing a budget revision which will extend WFP's operation in Libya until December 2021.

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 and Assessment

- WFP's third-party monitoring partner conducted 97 on-site visits to monitor food distributions across 41 different points in the West, East and South of the country.
- The third-party monitoring partner completed 168 quick needs assessment surveys to assess the needs of newly identified vulnerable people, including refugees living in Benghazi, Toukrah, Sloug and Alkufra.
- WFP interviewed 300 people receiving assistance through quality control calls to collect feedback on the receipt of assistance and food delivery at distribution sites. Following the resumption of food assistance for training activities in September, WFP conducted observational monitoring of the four different training centers, and also carried out a participant feedback survey.
- WFP is carrying out a Gender Gap Analysis in Libya, aimed at better understanding the gender context. Data collection training started in October.

- Data collection for a WFP decentralized evaluation started with interviews and focus group discussions. Commissioned by WFP, the decentralized evaluation aims at assessing its general food assistance to vulnerable populations in Libya.

Challenges

- As a result of insecurity and the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19, humanitarian organizations, including WFP, have been receiving a high number of requests for food assistance from national and local authorities across Libya.
- Funding is urgently required to respond to rising needs and to ensure that this global health crisis does not also become a food crisis in Libya.

Core Common Services

- The WFP-managed Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) Common Feedback Mechanism, also serving as a national COVID-19 information channel and hotline, addressed 2,185 calls in October.
- In October, UNHAS performed weekly flights connecting the East and the West of the country at the same time - going from Tunis to Tripoli and Benghazi and then back - providing vital access for more than 150 passengers. On 10 October, [a dedicated flight for the donor community](#) was carried out between Tunis and Tripoli: eight European ambassadors were flown to Libya to present their credentials. UNHAS has also been supporting the Embassy of Libya in Tunisia to transport COVID-19 supplies into the country.
- Thanks to a stand-by partnership with Swiss Aid, WFP has been able to support humanitarian-development-peacebuilding nexus efforts with a dedicated coordinator who has been facilitating several meetings on an outreach & advocacy project on COVID-19 related threats among the task force for the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS) with the participation of IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNWOMEN and WFP.

Donors

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