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CHANGING LIVES



Operational Context

Nigeria, a federal constitutional republic with over 500 ethnic groups, is the most populous country in Africa and the seventh most populated country in the world. The crisis induced by non-state armed groups remains the principal driving factor of instability in northeast Nigeria. In May 2013, the Government declared a state of emergency in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States (BAY states) of northeast Nigeria.

There are currently over two million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Nigeria (IOM/DTM Round 32), most of them in the BAY States, where the October 2020 Cadre Harmonisé (CH) finds 3.4 million people require food assistance (IPC/CH Phase 3 & 4).

WFP operations focus on crisis response to prevent further deterioration of food and nutrition security, reduce malnutrition and minimize gender inequalities. The spread of COVID-19 in Nigeria has imposed challenges for WFP food assistance operations, including accessing urban populations in need, and restrictions on movement of WFP and cooperating partner staff, transporters and financial service providers.



Population: **201 million**

2019 Human Development Index: **161 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower-middle**

In BAY states, more **than 1 million children aged 6-59 months** are undernourished in 2021

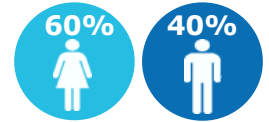
In Numbers

9,498 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 8.9 m cash-based transfers made

USD 125 m six-month net funding requirement (December 2020 – May 2021)

1.2 m people assisted in November 2020



Operational Updates

- **Food assistance** reached 1,090,921 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and people in host communities of the BAY states. WFP provided in-kind food to 529,800 people and reached 561,121 through mobile money and e-vouchers.
- **Nutrition** activities reached 153,011 vulnerable children and pregnant and lactating women. This includes treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) activities provided to 5,621 children aged 6–59 months.
- As part of **livelihoods support**, WFP provided food or cash to 78,582 vulnerable households to meet their immediate food needs and create or rehabilitate assets that strengthen resilience of individuals and communities to future shocks.
- WFP undertook a fact-finding mission to conflict-affected areas of **northeast Nigeria** with representatives of United Nations organisations and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development. The mission found high levels of food insecurity and associated negative coping strategies among affected people. In line with mission findings, WFP is seeking stakeholder consensus in support of a Government-led shock-responsive social protection framework to address these urgent needs.
- The October 2020 **Cadre Harmonisé (CH)** highlighted that 3.4 million people in the BAY states are food insecure (CH Phase 3 and 4) in the October-December 2020 post-harvest period, an increase of 16 percent compared to the same period in 2019. CH projects this figure will increase to 5.1 million food insecure people during the June-August 2021 lean season.
- WFP is taking action to expand **accountability to affected people** by building a more holistic and interactive understanding of beneficiary needs and WFP's impact on communities. Opportunities include strengthening food procurement through expansion of suppliers to include aggregators working with smallholder farmers.

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Photo: Zainab Abdullahi carries nutritious food for her son at Government Secondary School, Gwoza IDP Camp, Borno. Credit: WFP Nigeria

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)

Six-month requirement (in USD)	Six-month allocated contributions (in USD)	Six-month net funding requirement (in USD)
193 m	68 m	125 m

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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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

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).
- Provide common logistic services to government, United Nations and non-governmental partners to facilitate effective field operations (CPA: service provision and platforms). Provide humanitarian air services to all partners until appropriate alternatives are available. (CPA: service provision and platforms).

Challenges

- Operations in November were slowed by a combination of systemic and context-specific bottlenecks, including scarcity of military escorts and unavailability of commercial trucking services. WFP is strengthening analytics to quickly detect such bottlenecks and take preventive action.

Sectors

- **Food Security Sector** is supporting the Government of Borno State to advocate for the safe return of IDPs to 20 locations in 12 Local Government Areas of the State. The 2021 humanitarian programme cycle has begun.
- **Emergency Telecommunications Sector** provided internet connectivity and secure communication services to 4,401 users from 113 organizations in 10 sites of northeast Nigeria.
- **Logistics Sector** processed 711 humanitarian cargo movements for 31 organizations to 27 destinations. Sector-managed storage facilities in six locations received 1,371 mt of humanitarian cargo.
- **United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)** continued to provide safe and efficient air transportation to humanitarian actors in northeast Nigeria. In November, UNHAS transported 4,335 passengers and 13,906 kg of air cargo. A monthly average of 80 humanitarian organizations used UNHAS in 2020.

Communications

- In cooperation with the Government of Nigeria, WFP has expanded operations beyond northeast Nigeria to serve families affected by the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 in urban hotspots of Abuja, Kano and Lagos. Nigerian media recently ran an article about vulnerable families of the Karmajiji community, Federal Capital Territory, receiving food assistance from Government representatives, donor partners and WFP. [🔗 Read more](#)

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