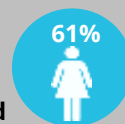




In Numbers



133,672 rations distributed
in October 2021

1,210 kcal/person/day provided through the general food basket

US\$ 6.4 m six-month (November 2021– April 2022) net funding requirement.

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WFP Algeria

Country Brief

October 2021

Operational Context

Algeria has been hosting refugees from Western Sahara since 1975. These refugees are in camps in the harsh and isolated desert environment of western Algeria, where opportunities for self-reliance are limited, forcing them to depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.

The latest 2018 Food Security Assessment confirmed the dependence of the Sahrawi camp population on food assistance; 30 percent of the population is food insecure, while 58 percent is vulnerable to food insecurity. A mere 12 percent of the Sahrawi population is food secure.

A nutrition survey conducted in 2019 indicated a deterioration of women's and children's nutritional status compared to 2018. Global acute malnutrition (GAM) among children aged 6-59 months increased from 4.7 percent in 2016 to 7.6 percent. The anaemia prevalence among children aged 6-59 months was 50.1 percent, and 52.2 percent among women of reproductive age.

WFP currently represents the main regular and reliable source of food for the Sahrawi refugees in Algeria. Upon the request of the Algerian Government, WFP has been present in the country since 1986.



Anaemia prevalence: **50%** among children 6-59 months

Global acute malnutrition: **> 7%** of children between 06-59 months

Anaemia prevalence: **52%** for women 15-49 years

Chronic malnutrition: **28%** of children between 6-59 months

Operational Updates

- In October WFP distributed 133,672 food rations that included 2.2 kg of rice, 2 kg of lentils, 750 g sugar, 920 g of fortified vegetable oil, 0.57 kg of dates and 0.8 kg of pasta for the Dakha refugee camp only. The ration provides 1,210 kcal per person per day.
- For the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and anaemia of pregnant and lactating women (PLW), WFP distributed daily rations of super cereal wheat soy blend, sugar and vegetable oil to 746 women. In addition, around 8,303 PLW received fresh food vouchers to have a more nutritious diet and to prevent MAM and anaemia.
- WFP continued the distribution of the Multiple Micronutrient Supplements (MMS) targeting 8,243 pregnant and lactating women (1 tablet per woman per day).
- For the treatment of moderate and acute malnutrition (MAM) in children, 576 children aged between 6-59 months received daily rations of specialised nutritious food (PlumpySup) throughout October, while MAM prevention activities reached 13,786 boys and girls aged 6-59 months, who also received specialized nutritious food (Nutrbutter) in health centres.
- Schooling in the refugee camps resumed with the start of the new school year. WFP introduced a new menu where 39,864 children receive every school day nutritious gofio porridge made from gofio, dried skimmed milk, vitamin-enriched oil and sugar. WFP will continue to distribute a daily 50g packet of high energy biscuits.

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Photo caption: WFP programme officer, Belen, interacting with Sahrawi refugee women.
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Interim Country Strategic Plan (mid-2019-mid-2022)

Total Requirements (in US\$)		Total Received (in US\$)
59 m		52 m
2021 Requirements (in US\$)	2022 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (November 2021 – April 2022)
23 m	13 m	6.4 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome #1: Targeted food-insecure Sahrawi refugees in camps near Tindouf meet their basic food and nutrition needs all year

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide general food assistance to targeted food-insecure refugees in camps near Tindouf.
- Provide nutrition-sensitive school feeding.
- Provide refugees with complementary livelihood opportunities that benefit women and men equitably.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome #2: Targeted Sahrawi refugees in camps near Tindouf have improved nutrition status by 2022

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide children aged 6–59 months and pregnant and lactating women and girls with assistance for the treatment and prevention of moderate acute malnutrition.

The situation in the camps

- UNHCR and Triangle Generation Humanitaire (TGH) maintained their decision for the Weather Haven Base to remain open and keep the normal working hours while respecting strict COVID-19 prevention measures.
- WFP’s field monitoring visits resumed in full in October 2021, after a long time of limited movement in the camps due to Covid-19.
- In coordination with UNHCR, WFP continues to assess the COVID-19 situation in the camps.
- The Covid-19 crisis with its many health, social and economic implications continues to pose a threat to the Sahrawi refugees who find themselves in a difficult context with a weak health system and problematic water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) situation.
- The COVID-19 vaccination campaign continues in the refugee camps.

The visit of the Nutrition Division’s Deputy Director, Mrs Allison Oman

Mrs Oman, Deputy Director of the Nutrition Division, based in WFP’s HQ in Rome, visited WFP Algeria. She had meetings in Algiers and visited the refugee camps in Tindouf. Mrs Oman was very pleased to visit most of WFP’s projects. As a nutritionist, she was impressed by the new nutritious mid-morning snack with diversified ingredients which every child receives every school day consisting of nutritious gofio porridge, dried skimmed milk, vitamin-enriched oil and sugar, in addition to the 50 g packet of high energy biscuits.



Photo caption: WFP’s Deputy Director of the Nutrition Division, Mrs Allison Oman with a refugee cook responsible for the preparation of the mid-morning snack. ©WFP/ Abderezak Bouhaceine

Donors’ mission resumed

After two years of absence due to Covid-19 pandemic, a large donors’ mission took place over the last week of October, with the participation of almost 40 delegates. The programme of the visit was organized jointly by the three humanitarian agencies present in the refugee camps (UNHCR, WFP and UNICEF) and it included most of WFP respective projects. A positive feedback was received from the participants as they praised the joint UN efforts (UNHCR-WFP-UNICEF) and the community-based approach adopted in all projects.



Photo caption: The donors mission’s participants visiting the WFP warehouse. ©WFP/ Abderezak Bouhaceine

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