



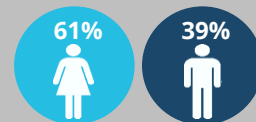
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## WFP Algeria Country Brief June 2022



## In Numbers



**133,672 rations distributed**

in June 2022

**550 mt** of food assistance distributed

**495 kcal/person/day** provided through the general food basket

**US\$19 million** six-month (July 2022– December 2022) net funding requirement.

## 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 June 2022, WFP distributed 133,672 food rations that included 2 kg of barley, 0.9 kg of rice, 0.2 kg of Corn-Soy Blend plus (CSB+) and 1 kg of Gofio (which represented 24.6 percent of the standard ration of 16.67 kg). Beneficiaries received about 495 kcal per person per day during this month. Due to funding shortfalls, WFP had to reduce its food assistance, which decreased the beneficiaries calorie intake.
- 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 783 women. In addition, 7,954 PLW in the refugee camps received fresh food e-vouchers to provide them with a more nutritious diet and to prevent MAM and anaemia. The e-voucher has the value of DZD 1,400 (USD 9.6) to purchase additional commodities from a pre-selected list of diversified products.
- For the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in children, there was no distribution of specialised nutritious food (PlumpySup) throughout June due to shipment challenges, while MAM prevention activities reached 13,857 boys and girls aged 6-59 months, who also received specialized nutritious food (Nutr butter) in health centres.
- School feeding in the refugee camps stopped during the month of June given that the schools in the refugee camps are closed for the summer holidays.

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**Photo caption:** WFP's stand during the joint exhibition for the World Refugee Day celebrations  
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# WFP Country Strategy

## Interim Country Strategic Plan (July-2019-February-2023)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received (in US\$)
<b>89 m</b>	<b>61 m</b>
2022 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (July 2022 –December 2022)
<b>32 m</b>	<b>19 m</b>

### 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 equally.

### 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

- WFP's field monitoring visits continued in June 2022.
- In coordination with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), WFP continues to assess the COVID-19 situation in the camps. The COVID-19 situation is stable, and no active cases were recorded in the refugee camps.
- The basic food and nutrition needs in the refugee camps continue to outpace levels of funding, widening the resourcing gap.

## Global Food Crisis Impact

- WFP is increasingly challenged by the rising prices of food commodities and shipping, as well as the lack of food in the local and international markets.
- Sahrawi refugees living in a context of weak health system and poor water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) situation, have been struggling with the COVID-19 consequences, now compounded by the increasing food costs induced by the impact of the global food crisis.

## Extension of WFP Algeria ICSP

WFP Algeria's Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP) was extended to February 2023 and a budget revision was approved accordingly in June. The ICSP continues to focus on crisis response to help meet the basic food and nutrition needs of the refugees in camps near Tindouf and improve their nutrition status.

## World Refugee Day, 20 June 2022

WFP joined UNHCR and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Algiers and Tindouf to celebrate the World Refugee Day on 20 June. WFP participated with a stand displaying its resilience activities in the refugee camps.



**Photo caption:** visitors to stands of UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP during the celebrations of the World Refugee Day in Algiers ©WFP/ Abderezak Bouhaceine

## Nutrition survey and Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) preliminary results

On 2 June, WFP and UNHCR presented the key findings and preliminary results of both the nutrition survey and the Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) conducted in refugee camps in March to the main donors.



**Photo caption:** donors attending the presentation of nutrition survey and Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) preliminary results ©WFP/ Kousseila Iberrakene

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