WFP Nigeria
Country Brief
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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. Conflict in the northeast and criminality in the northwest remain important drivers of instability in Nigeria. In May 2013, the Government declared a state of emergency in the northeast States of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY).

UNHCR reports over three million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Nigeria, most of them in the BAY states. The March 2022 Cadre Harmonisé projected that 4.1 million people in the BAY states will face crisis or emergency levels of food insecurity during June to August 2022.

WFP operations focus on crisis response to prevent further deterioration of food and nutrition security, reduce malnutrition, and minimize gender inequality. WFP has been present in Nigeria since 2016.

In Numbers

12,385 mt of food assistance distributed
USD 6.7 m in cash-based transfers made
USD 171 m six-month net funding requirement (August 2022 - January 2023)
1,161,616 people assisted in July 2022

Operational Update

WFP continues to focus on the lean season response. WFP’s Mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping Bulletin for July finds 28 percent of households countrywide and up to 40 percent in the northeast have inadequate food consumption during the current lean season.

Major challenges for the humanitarian response in northeast Nigeria remain insecurity and access constraints, and socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, with their related effects on food security from inflation and higher food prices.

The Essential Needs Analysis Northwest and Northcentral Nigeria, published by WFP in July, also highlights household food insecurity caused by insecurity, high food prices, and displacement. Across both northwest and northcentral states, the analysis found greater food insecurity among returnees and IDPs, especially those living in camps or informal settlements.

WFP continues to provide life-saving food and nutrition assistance to conflict-affected communities, prioritizing IDPs in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe States of the northeast, and Katsina and Zamfara States of the northwest. WFP has committed to scale-up operations to reach 1.76 million people, 43 percent of the 4.1 million people estimated by the Cadre Harmonisé March 2022 analysis to be in IPC/CH Phase 3 or above.

Nigeria’s Food Security Sector, tasked with coordinating response among actors across the humanitarian community, continues to express urgent concern for the northeast’s unmet humanitarian needs.

In July, WFP food and nutrition assistance reached 1,161,616 people, 37 percent more than in June. WFP provided USD 6.53 million in unconditional resource transfers using e-vouchers redeemed by recipients at accredited retail outlets. Vouchers are a preferred modality, offering flexibility in food selection and support for local vendors. In crisis response locations where cash-based transfers were not feasible, WFP distributed 11,496 mt of domestically sourced food commodities.

WFP emergency support for prevention and treatment of malnutrition delivered 888 mt of specialized nutritious food to 195,991 children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women, and caretakers. WFP also continued changing lives by supporting livelihoods and helping to build the resilience of 13,176 people in Borno and Yobe States through asset creation activities and skills development.

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Photo: WFP/Emmanuel Bimba Sr
Caption: Yobe State Emergency Management Agency Executive Secretary Dr Goje Mohammed meets with WFP staff during distribution in July to people affected by flooding in Damaturu Local Government Area (LGA).

Population: 216.7 million
2019 Human Development Index: 161 out of 189
Economy: Lower middle income
Northeast: 1,376,000 children aged 6-59 months acutely malnourished; 377,000 with SAM and 1,060,000 with MAM (IPC Analysis: June 2022)

60% 40%
**WFP Country Strategy**

**Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)**

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**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 (URT: unconditional resource transfer).
- Provide nutrition prevention and treatment packages to children 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women, and girls, otherwise nutritionally vulnerable populations, and persons with caring responsibilities (NPA: malnutrition prevention).

**Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition**

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Nutritionally vulnerable people in chronically food insecure areas have enhanced nutritional status in line with the achievement of national and global targets by 2025

*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 (NPA: malnutrition prevention).

**Strategic Result 3: Smallholders productivity and incomes**

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Smallholder farmers 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: Resilience building*

**Activities:**
- Provide conditional transfers to food-insecure persons, including women, young people, and smallholders (ACL: asset creation and livelihood support).

**Strategic Result 4: Supporting the SDGs**

**Strategic Outcome 4:** Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

*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. (CSD: institutional capacity strengthening).

**Strategic Result 5: 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*

**Activities:**
- Support the Zero Hunger Forum and food and nutrition security coordination and advocacy in line with the recommendations of the zero-hunger strategic review (CSD: institutional capacity strengthening).

**Strategic Result 6: 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).

**Joint resilience and social cohesion project launched with UNICEF**

WFP and UNICEF have jointly launched a EUR 40 million resilience and social cohesion project with financial support from Germany’s Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and KfW, the German Development Bank. The three-year initiative builds on the ongoing humanitarian-development-peace “triple nexus” United Nations support to Bade Local Government Area (LGA), Yobe, and Shani LGA, Borno, to build community resilience to shocks and strengthen social cohesion. It prioritizes vulnerable families with children under five, pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls, female heads of household, and elderly people or people with disabilities. In these two LGAs, WFP plans to directly reach 156,888 people and indirectly reach another 362,307 people.

**WFP resets community feedback mechanism’s call 1333 hotline**

In July, WFP reactivated the 1333 hotline service, which supports the community feedback mechanism. The hotline was upgraded to enable free-of-charge access to recipients of WFP food assistance through all Nigeria-based mobile network providers. The call management system was improved to offer enhanced services, including an interactive voice response (IVR) system. Added IVR functionality ensures the hotline will be leveraged for not just receiving calls but also to supply information during non-working hours, further strengthening availability of essential information and accountability to conflict-affected people in need of assistance.

During the hours of operator-attended service, the hotline supports spoken queries in English and Nigerian Pidgin, Hausa and Kanuri languages. Efforts are ongoing to expand the hotline’s language options and increase days and hours of attended operation. The hotline will help identify current risks and emerging opportunities for improvement of WFP assistance. It offers an important new feedback channel to voice the daily concerns of recipients of WFP food assistance.

**Challenges**

With a six-month net funding requirement of USD 171 million, the number of vulnerable people requiring food assistance continues to greatly exceed currently available resources. Road damage caused by seasonal rains led to delayed dispatch of some food commodities. Extreme weather also affected frequency of UNHAS flights to conflict-affected communities.

**Donors in 2022**

Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Sweden, Switzerland, UN CERF, United Kingdom, United States, and private donors.