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Operational Context

Confronted with multi-layered and volatile crisis in Libya, WFP has maintained its ability to rapidly adapt and respond to needs. Under its Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP) 2019-2022, WFP assists food-insecure and vulnerable people in Libya, including crisis-affected internally displaced persons, returnees, non-displaced populations, persons of concern, and migrants in urban settings. The ICSP encompasses general and emergency food assistance as well as complementary programmes such as school feeding and food assistance for training to build resilience and empower youth and women. WFP also engages across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and supports the review and rehabilitation of social protection systems. The Libya ICSP is expected to be extended until February 2023 to facilitate the development of a new CSP in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023 – 2025.

WFP co-leads the Food Security Sector, UNSDCF Result Groups 2. "Economic Recovery", 3. "Social & Human Capital Development", and 4. "Climate Change" as well as the UN Communication Group. To strengthen the humanitarian community's capacity, WFP also manages the UN Hub in Benghazi.



Population: **8.2 million** Libyans & **0.8 million** migrants/persons in need of international protection (estimated).

Human Development Index: **104 out of 191** in 2021

Income Level: **Upper middle Income**

Unemployment Rate: **19.6 percent**

In Numbers



250,576 people assisted between January – September 2022 (estimated)

21,319 people assisted in October 2022

93 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 112,000 cash-based transfers made

US\$ 14.9 m six months (November 2022-April 2023) net funding requirements

Operational Updates

- Since the beginning of 2022 and until September, WFP reached 250,576 unique beneficiaries throughout its various food assistance programmes. In October, WFP reached 21,319 beneficiaries through its various operations. This accounts for 50 percent of the monthly plan mainly as a result of access constraints since August due to insecurity, and related clearance and accessibility restrictions. Under the general food assistance (GFA), 12,641 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and non-displaced individuals were assisted through food-restricted prepaid card cash transfers, and 8,478 vulnerable Libyans received in-kind food rations. In addition, 200 persons-of-concern were provided with in-kind individual food rations.
- In October, WFP Libya Country Director visited Benghazi to discuss potential partnerships with different stakeholders in the fields of women and youth empowerment, health and nutrition, education and livelihoods.
- On 11 October, WFP participated in the [Seventh Libyan Conference for Medical Sciences](#). As per the Libyan Medical Research centre request, the conference organizer, WFP will support in developing and delivering training materials to post-graduate volunteers conducting research on "School Health and Nutrition and the Affection of Heavy School Bags on Children's Physical Health" in Libya.
- On 13 October, WFP, in coordination with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Tawergha Crisis Committee, distributed one-off emergency food assistance to 403 displaced people from Tawergha.
- On 19 and 20 October, [WFP conducted training sessions](#) on the prepaid card cash transfers and beneficiary sensitization for LibAID, a local NGO partner, in Benghazi in preparation for expanding the modality in the East.
- On 30 October, WFP facilitated the UN Trust Fund For Human Security project steering committee meeting at the Ministry of Local Government with the participation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) and UN

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Photo Caption: "Sanad" ("support") is WFP Libya's Cash Based Transfer (CBT) card which allows beneficiaries to purchase food items of their choice from certain local stores.

Photo: WFP cooperating partner Kafaa

Resident Coordinator's Office. WFP will follow up the finalisation of the Committee's ToR, while arranging the operations in coordination with the local authorities.

- On 31 October, WFP Libya, in coordination with REACH initiative, held [a mini workshop](#) where they discussed the preliminary findings of the Consolidated Livelihood Exercise for Analysing Resilience (CLEAR) assessment with the Ministry of Environment.

WFP Country Strategy



Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
156 m	93 m
2022 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (November 2022 – April 2023)
50 m	14.9 m

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 services to humanitarian partners in Libya
- Provide common ICT to humanitarian partners in Libya
- The opening of the UN Hub in Benghazi, a UN compound shared by UNSMIL and UN agencies

Monitoring

- In October, WFP shared a series of monitoring, assessment, and analysis reports with the Food Security Sector (FSS) member agencies. The reports and key findings are as follows;
 - The [Food Security Outcome Monitoring](#) report revealed higher prevalence of food insecurity among persons-of-concerns (23.9 percent) and migrants (31.4 percent) compared to the overall (12.47 percent) under the non-beneficiary group.
 - WFP [market update report](#) in August 2022 uncovered an increase in the median cost of the

food portion of the Minimum Expenditure Basket by 12 percent compared to the pre-Ukraine crisis level (January 2022).

- Through its third-party monitoring ([TPM](#)), a total of 29 visits were conducted to the cash-based transfers (CBT) pre-paid card distribution sites in the West and the East. The beneficiaries expressed their satisfaction with the modality since it offers them the freedom to choose their preferred food items. In addition, the TPM conducted 20 on-site visits to 10 GFA distributions.
- WFP conducted a quick need assessment to verify the vulnerability of 45 households in Benghazi before enrolling them in WFP's GFA beneficiary lists.

Common Services

- In October, the Community Feedback Mechanism ([CFM](#)) registered 6,582 cases and resolved 98 percent of them, most of which were requests for protection-related services such as dealing with home eviction and expenses cuts to cover medications. Around 24 percent of the callers were women, mostly from the West (6,470) where most of the services are provided and the majority of the non-Libyan vulnerable communities reside as the region provides more job opportunities.
- WFP TEC team continues to work with the ICT Working Group to find the adequate location for the VHF repeater antenna in Tripoli.
- For Benghazi's VHF network rehabilitation plan, a micro purchase order was placed to erect a communication tower over the Benghazi hub as per the Telecommunication Security Standards (TESS) recommendations. A TESS support mission for the VHF rehabilitation is planned in January 2023.

Challenges

- WFP operations in Libya urgently requires USD 14.9 million from November 2022 to April 2023.
- WFP continues to negotiate with the authorities to access the South to distribute in-kind food assistance to some 16,000 vulnerable Libyans through NGO partners, which was suspended since August 2022 due to the instable situation.

Donors

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