Operational Context
Confronted with a 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.

Operational Updates
• In November, WFP reached 50,158 beneficiaries through its various operations. Under the general food assistance (GFA), 24,668 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and non-displaced individuals were assisted through food-restricted prepaid card cash transfers, and 18,640 vulnerable Libyans received in-kind food rations. In addition, 6,673 vulnerable persons were provided with ready to eat (RTE) rations. After fulfilling their skills training classes, 177 trainees received cash assistance to support them with their career development.

• WFP continues to support around 620 farmers and agriculture specialists via the online Agriculture Information Network across 12 locations in Libya and facilitate their exchange on various agriculture-related information.

• On 17 November, the Greek Foreign Minister, Nikos Dendias, visited the Benghazi port as part of his mission to Libya. A ceremony was organized by WFP to launch WFP rehabilitation of the Benghazi port, generously funded by the Greek Government.

• On 18 November, WFP Libya Country Director met with the Charge d’Affaires of Japan to Libya/Special Coordinator for Libya and briefed him on WFP’s strategies and focus under the new Country Strategic Plan for 2023 – 2025. They also discussed the current and future cooperation in Libya.

• The rehabilitation of the Sebha Market is almost completed. WFP continues to monitor the implementation and conducts dialogues with the local authorities and smallholder farmers in Sebha.

Photo Caption: The Sebha Market in its final touches before completing its rehabilitation to serve as a local space for the community to improve their livelihoods as well as the local economy. Photo: ©WFP Libya/Yousef Sassi
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)

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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

- REACH Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI): In November 2022, market prices for food and non-food items were collected from 20 municipalities in Libya by WFP cooperating partners.
- As per the monthly market update for October 2022, the Ukraine crisis continues to push the prices of key food items up. In particular, the price of cereals such as Flour has increased by (+19%), Bread (+34%), Couscous (+76%), Pasta (+50%), while the price of Vegetable Oil has increased by (+36%). The overall cost of the food basket has increased by (+18%) since January 2022 (Pre-Conflict). The South region continued to record the highest cost of the food basket (865.4 LYD, +13% higher than the national average).
- Through its third-party monitoring (TPM), a total of 28 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 40 on-site visits to 17 GFA distributions in the East and South. The interviewed people expressed their concern with interrupting their food assistance. Moreover, 14 on-site visits were conducted to monitor the WFP-UNHCR RTE distribution for vulnerable people, where no security concerns were reported. The TPM also conducted visits to the Food for Assets (FFA) projects which were 14 solar pump sites, and 1 solar cooling container site all located in Alkufra. Based on the monitoring findings, the farmers benefiting from the water pump were satisfied because the project increased their agricultural crop production.
- WFP conducted a quick needs assessment to verify the vulnerability of 110 households from Benghazi, Zawiya, Alkhums and Zwara before enrolling them in WFP’s CBT beneficiary lists.

Common Services

- In November, the Common Feedback Mechanism (CFM) registered 6,738 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 25 percent of the callers were women, mostly from the West where most of the services are provided and where the majority of 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, an 18-meter communication tower was installed over Benghazi Hub office building, ready for the Telecommunication Security Standards (TESS) support mission which is scheduled by the end of Jan 2023.

Challenges

- WFP operations in Libya urgently requires USD 13.6 million from December 2022 to May 2023.

Donors

Czech Republic, EU Humanitarian Aid, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, WFP Multilateral Donors, WFP Private Sector Partners, World Bank.