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WFP Chad Country Brief October/November 2022



Operational Context

Chad is an arid, low-income, and land-locked country, suffering from chronic food insecurity and alarming levels of hunger. Over 2.1 million people were estimated to be food insecure requiring humanitarian assistance during the lean season (June to September 2022), which corresponds to the peak of food insecurity in the year. Chad ranks very low in the 2022 Global Hunger Index (117 out of 121 countries), the 2021/2022 Gender Inequality Index (190 out of 191 countries) and ranks high in the fragile states (9 out of 179 countries, 2022 Fragile State Index). The country is also among the world's most vulnerable to climate change and suffers from rapid desertification and environmental degradation, ranking last out of 182 countries in the 2020 Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index on climate change vulnerability.

Chad is affected by internal and external population movements driven by insecurity in the region. It hosts the largest refugee population in the Sahel: 577,237 people, including Sudanese in the East, Central Africans in the South and Nigerians in the province of Lac. Additionally, there are 381,289 internally displaced persons (IDPs) around Lake Chad and 101,550 Chadian returnees from Lake Chad Basin and the Central African Republic. The presence and critical needs of these populations put extra pressure on Chad's already limited resources.

As of 03 October 2022, 7,641 COVID-19 cases were reported in Chad, including 194 casualties (case fatality rate is 2.5 percent). Meanwhile, 3.9 million doses were administered, and at least 3.6 million people (21 percent of the population) were fully vaccinated.

WFP has been present in Chad since 1969.



Population: **17.4 million (2022)**

Human Development Index ranking: **190 out of 191 (2021)**

Income Level: **Lower**

Malnutrition: **10.9 percent of national prevalence**

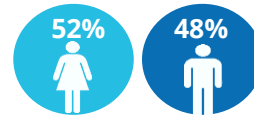
In Numbers

10,301 mt of food delivered¹

USD 11.75 million cash-based transfers made²

USD 206.9 million needed from December 2022 – May 2023 in net funding requirements

1,338,460³ people assisted



Operational Updates

- Without urgent funding, 525,000 Central African and Sudanese refugees in Chad will not have access to critical food assistance to meet their food and nutrition needs. Refugees are at high risk of using negative coping strategies to survive due to the absence of alternative livelihoods activities. Disruptions to food assistance directly affect the food security, nutrition needs of vulnerable populations and expose them to protection risks. A high malnutrition rate is already noted among under-five children in the refugee camps. WFP urgently needs USD 161 million to carry out all its crisis response activities for the next six months from December 2022 – May 2023.
- The floods in Chad have now affected over 1.2 million people in 19 out of Chad's 23 provinces. The impact of the floods is ongoing, as in the Lac region, where 100,000 people will potentially be affected by riverine flooding. This year marks the worst floods in Chad over the last 30 years and increases in extreme weather events are expected to continue.
- On a national level, over 1,140 schools have also been impacted by the floods, with 430,130 students affected, 48 percent of whom are girls. This has affected school-age children's access to education, along with their families whose livelihoods have been impacted, thus increasing their risk of food and nutritional insecurity. WFP plans to reach 274,500 students in the next three years and needs USD 16 million for the first year.
- WFP has reached a total of approximately 160,390 flood-affected people in Chad (which includes 104,000 in N'Djamena) with critical food assistance, including hot meals, high-energy biscuits and cash. Assistance is being scaled up in the South of Chad with a plan to reach 52,000 flood-affected people, and WFP is preparing to launch general distributions in the Lac region with a plan to reach a total of 11,000 flood-affected people.
- WFP plans to assist 300,000 people, in the framework of the National Flood Response Plan. However, USD 9 million is still needed to actualize this plan and provide urgent food assistance to people in crisis, some of whom belong to extremely vulnerable populations who have been affected by multiple crises.

¹ This is for October and November combined

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³ This is actual figure for total beneficiaries in October (highest month).

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2022 Total Requirement (in USD)	2022 Available Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) *
430.9m	213.4m	206.9m

*Net funding requirement as of November 2022.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected people in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of crises. **Focus area:** Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide an integrated assistance package to crisis-affected people, including food assistance (conditional and/or unconditional), school meals, and specialized nutritious food to children and PLW/Gs people living with HIV or TB for malnutrition prevention and treatment

Strategic Outcome 2: Food-insecure people in targeted areas have access to adequate and nutritious food all year round.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide seasonal food assistance to targeted food insecure people.
- Provide school meals to vulnerable children during the school year, in a way that relies on and stimulates local production.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable people in targeted areas have improved nutritional status all year round.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide a malnutrition prevention package of specialized nutritious food to children aged 6-23 months and PLWG; cash transfers to PLWG attending pre-/post-natal care; and SBCC measures for the latter and their communities.
- Provide a malnutrition treatment package of (i) specialized nutritious food to children aged 6-59 months and PLW/Gs; and (ii) SBC-measures to them and their wider communities.
- Provide adapted support to targeted people for local fortified nutritious food production.

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Food insecure populations and communities in targeted areas have more resilient livelihoods and sustainable food systems all year round. **Focus area:** Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide livelihood and asset support, including the development or rehabilitation of natural and productive assets and infrastructure and local purchases, to food insecure and at-risk people.

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 5: National institutions have strengthened capacities to manage food security, nutrition, and social protection policies and programmes, including programmes which support social cohesion and stability all year round.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide training and technical support to national institutions on the design and implementation of a permanent response-planning scheme for food security and nutrition with consolidated early-warning and coordination mechanisms, as well as a shock-responsive, nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative safety net; training and communication schemes for improved nutrition and resilient agricultural practices; and improved food and nutrition coordination mechanisms.

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 6: Humanitarian and development partners in Chad have access to common services that enable them to reach and operate in targeted areas all year.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide supply chain, ICT, information management and logistical services to the humanitarian and development community.
- Provide UNHAS flight services to enable partners to reach areas of humanitarian intervention.

Assessment and Monitoring

- WFP conducted a targeting exercise in the provinces of Logone Occidental, Mandoul, Tandjile, Kanem, Barh El Gazel and Guera that identified 51,500 people as the most affected by the floods for food assistance.
- WFP jointly facilitated the government in the registration for flood-affected people in Ndjamena, with the International Organization for Migration and Red Cross of Chad. In total 171,149 people were registered in seven relocation sites; 66 percent reported food as their first priority need, and 33 percent reported shelter as a second priority need.
- WFP also conducted post-distribution monitoring on 13,580 assisted households in September and October. Preliminary results revealed:
 - 67 percent of refugee and host communities have poor or borderline food consumption scores.
 - 36 percent of female-headed households have poor food consumption scores, compared to 26 percent of all male-headed households.
 - Results also showed that 28 percent of households were using negative coping strategies, such as selling assets, borrowing money and begging.

Challenges

- Limited availability of funds continues to present a challenge to WFP's ability to reach all people in need of food and nutrition assistance. WFP encourages donors to provide flexible unearmarked funding which allow WFP to adapt modalities based on needs and context.

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