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## WFP Libya Country Brief December 2022

### 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) 2019-2023, 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. Through the Budget Revisions, the Libya ICSP has been 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).

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

Income Level: **Upper middle Income**

Unemployment Rate: **19.6 percent**

### In Numbers



**51,529 people assisted** in December 2022

**343 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 642,030** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 13 m** six months (January -June 2023) net funding requirements

### Operational Updates

- WFP reached 51,529 people in December through its various operations. Under the general food assistance (GFA), 34,413 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and non-displaced individuals were assisted through food-restricted prepaid card cash transfers (CBT). Around 7,475 vulnerable Libyans received in-kind food rations. In addition, 9,641 vulnerable persons of concern were provided with individual in-kind food rations.
- On 1 December, WFP welcomed the Swiss delegation at the newly expanded CBT card distribution and redemption site in Benghazi.
- On 7-8 December, WFP Tunisia conducted a Climate Finance Readiness workshop in Tunis in partnership with the Libyan Ministries of Agriculture, Environment and Foreign Affairs. The workshop tackled the concept of Climate Finance Readiness and possible future projects that could be implemented jointly.
- On 4 – 8 December, WFP and the World Bank hosted the National Social Protection capacity development workshop in Tunis with the participation of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Labour, and Social Affairs, the National Economic and Social Development Board, the Social Solidarity Fund and Tripoli University. The Libyan Government partners commended WFP efforts and technical support.
- In December, WFP, together with the United States Institute of Peace and a local NGO, conducted the Conflict Sensitivity management training for the Sebha Market Committee and the Ubari Market Committee. By the end of December, the Sebha market project was almost completed.
- On 15 December, WFP participated in the Food Security and Consumer Protection workshop, organised by the Libyan [Center for Strategic and Future Studies](#) in Tripoli. WFP and other participants listened to the stories of the local Libyans who had suffered from food insecurity and discussed innovative approaches to avert food insecurity.

**Photo Caption:** WFP staff preparing food rations to be dispatched to different locations in the Libyan regions.

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## Country Strategic Plan (2019- February 2023)

| Total Requirements (in USD) | Allocated Contributions (in USD)                                          |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>164 m</b>                | <b>95 m</b>                                                               |
| 2023 Requirements (in USD)  | Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)<br>(January 2023 – June 2023) |
| <b>42 m</b>                 | <b>13</b>                                                                 |

## 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

- On 12 – 17 December, WFP [Libya's Social Protection](#) team joined WFP Iraq in visiting Odisha/WFP India for a knowledge exchange trip to study the innovative methods adopted by the Odisha State Government in end-to-end computerisation & Targeted Public Distribution System (TDPS) transformation.
- On 19 December, WFP participated in the [workshop](#) for the dissemination of [SMART nutrition survey](#) key results. The workshop was led by the Bureau of Statistics and UNICEF in close partnerships with Action Against Hunger and WFP and attended by a few government representatives. The survey covered the prevalence of malnutrition among children and women of reproductive age in six regions, serving as a good baseline for the nutritional situation in Libya.

## Monitoring

- WFP monitors its food assistance activities through its third-party monitoring ([TPM](#)) partner. In December, a total of 52 visits were conducted to monitor the ongoing food distributions in the East, West and South under the three food assistance modalities; the CBT pre-paid card distribution, food distributions to vulnerable people of concerns implemented in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ([UNHCR](#)), as well as GFA distributions to vulnerable Libyans.
- In December 2022, market prices for food and non-food items were collected from 41 municipalities. Data analysis is ongoing for the REACH Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI).

## Gender and Disability Inclusion

- During the 16 days of activism campaign, WFP Libya organized [multiple activities](#) in commemorations of the cause. The [events also celebrated the International day of People with Disabilities](#) by hosting a female Libyan artist with disabilities, Ms. Zahra Albibas, to share her stories, inspire the staff and present her artworks. The event was also attended by the UNFPA and OCHA staff.

## Common Services

- In December, the Community Feedback Mechanism ([CFM](#)) registered 7,390 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 where most of the services are provided and the majority of the non-Libyan vulnerable communities reside as the region provides more job opportunities.
- As part of WFP's efforts to support the humanitarian response in Libya through reliable and secured networks, WFP continued 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, all required equipment and tower are ready for the planned Telecommunication Security Standards (TESS) support mission by the end of January.

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