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Operational Context

Libya is gradually transitioning from emergency humanitarian response towards the promotion of peace and long-term recovery and strengthening of national programmes and food systems, while maintaining a humanitarian response capacity for when needed. As part of WFP Libya's Country strategic plan (2023 -2025), effective March 2023, WFP will continue to invest in improving the implementation of its general food assistance, livelihood, strengthening of capacities and school feeding activities, enhancing targeting, needs assessments, and robust delivery systems. This approach aims to ensure that activities reach the most vulnerable, while setting the stage for a future reduction in direct assistance, emphasizing building resilience among individuals and institutions and contributing to sustainable and equitable national systems. The CSP aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for 2023-2025 and aims to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 2, 4, 5 and 17 through four country strategic plan outcomes.



Population: **7.1 million** Libyans & **0.7 million** migrants/persons of concern (estimated).

Income Level: **Upper middle Income**

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

Unemployment Rate: **19.6 percent**

In Numbers



66,120 people assisted in March 2023

98 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 13,800 cash-based transfers (CBT) made

US\$ 15 m six months net funding requirements (April - September 2023)

Operational Updates

- In March, WFP reached 66,120 people through General Food Assistance, providing in-kind food rations to 27,400 vulnerable Libyans. WFP distributed triple rations in January and February to cover the first quarter of 2023. Additionally, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, WFP provided daily nutritious school meals to 38,140 schoolchildren in the East. Moreover, 580 beneficiaries completed WFP-provided hydroponic training under the Food for Assets programme in Tawergha and received unrestricted CBT.
- On 01 March, WFP received endorsement from H.E. Mousa Almgaryef, the Minister of Education, for the country's commitment to [the School Meals Coalition](#). Libya became the 83rd country to join the School Meals Coalition which is led by its founding Member States and supported by a small secretariat powered by WFP.
- On 02 March, Maysaa Alghribawy, the WFP Libya Country Director presented [WFP Libya Country Strategic Plan \(CSP 2023 – 2025\)](#) at the Executive Board session in Rome and it was approved.
- On 10 March, WFP and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), celebrated the completion of [KAIZEN training, a Japanese management improvement technique](#), in partnership with the Libyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Tunisian Ministry of Industry. [The training](#) was attended by 28 Libyan youth, seven Libyan government officials and six national NGO personnel aimed at promoting economic recovery in Libya.
- On 21 March, WFP's Cooperating Partner, [Tatweer Research](#), and the Ministry of Agriculture held [a workshop to discuss the preliminary findings of the Fezzan Village Assessment](#). The workshop was attended by the Representatives of Brak, Ghat, Murzuq, Sebha and Ubari municipalities, government officials and international entities. As of 26 March, WFP had received village assessment data from 2,500 villages in these five municipalities.

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Photo Caption: Libyan youth, government official and NGOs personnel completed the KAIZEN training, a Japanese technique to promote Libya's economic recovery.
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Country Strategic Plan (March 2023 – December 2025)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)
130 m	4 m
2023 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (April 2023 – September 2023)
42 m	15 m

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected vulnerable populations in Libya can meet their basic food and nutrition needs all year round.

Focus area: Crisis Response.

Activities:

- Provide targeted unconditional food assistance to food-secure people in Libya.

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable communities in Libya have improved resilience and stability by 2025.

Focus area: Resilience Building.

Activities:

- Provide livelihood opportunities and training to targeted vulnerable people and communities in a conflict-sensitive manner.
- Support the Government in its efforts to enhance the national school meals programme through home-grown school feeding and an integrated package of health and nutrition services.

Strategic Outcome 3: National institutions in Libya have strengthened capacity to reach and support vulnerable populations by 2025.

Focus area: Resilience Building.

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening to the Government.

Strategic Outcome 4: Humanitarian and development partners have enhanced ability to support vulnerable populations in Libya in anticipation of, during and in the aftermath of crises.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Provide on-demand services to humanitarian and development partners in Libya.

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Partnership

- On 02 March, WFP facilitated the first inter-UN meeting of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Result Group 2 on “Sustainable Economic Development”. The meeting focused on key issues related to coordinating with the government-assigned focal points, working with donors and non-governmental organizations, and the actions required for the Common Country Analysis.
- From 5 – 9 March, WFP joined the [Resident Coordinator's Office-facilitated UN Country Team inter-agency mission to Sebha](#) to visit governmental institutions as well as sites like Sebha medical centre, Sebha communal market, Sebha University, and a language centre. This included visiting WFP's [newly](#)

[rehabilitated market in Sebha](#), which began its activities later on 12 March. The market now opens daily and features more than 100 smallholder farmers and wholesalers marketing a variety of products.

- On 06 March, WFP welcomed H.E. Mr. Amadera - the charge d'affaires of Japan to Libya at a [WFP-rehabilitated Central Kitchen and a beneficiary school of WFP's school feeding activities in Benghazi](#).
- From 26 – 30 March, WFP conducted site visits to Alkufra and Rebianah to hand over ten solar-powered water pumps as part of WFP's livelihood activities, earning appreciation from local mayors that encouraged continued support.

Monitoring

- WFP monitored its food assistance activities through its third-party monitoring ([TPM](#)) partner. In March, a total of 11 visits across six cities in East Libya were conducted to monitor the in-kind food distribution. Overall, the findings were satisfactory, with a few areas for improvement such as increasing the size of shaded areas and improving waiting area arrangements.
- WFP conducted four onsite monitoring visits to the school feeding programme (Central kitchen) in Benghazi. One visit was to monitor the food preparation at the central kitchen, while the other three visits were to monitor meal distribution at three selected schools. The programme's performance was overall satisfactory, and the teachers responsible for meal distribution were satisfied.

Common Services

- WFP's Common Feedback Mechanism ([CFM](#)) registered 6,357 cases, most of which were requests for protection-related services such as dealing with home eviction and expense cuts to cover medications. Around 27 percent of the callers were women. Majority of the calls received were from the West, which is where most of the services are provided and where majority of the non-Libyan vulnerable communities reside.
- WFP worked with the information communication technology (ICT) Working Group to install reliable and secure networks for humanitarian response in Libya. In Benghazi, a very high frequency (VHF) repeater with power backup and earthing was installed and tested for coverage throughout the city and up to Benina Airport. In Tripoli, a new VHF repeater has been established within the UN compound, and another VHF repeater is ready to be installed in a tower in Tripoli.

Donors

Czech Republic, EU Humanitarian Aid, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security, and WFP Multilateral Donors.