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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 (CSP 2023 - 2025), effective from March 2023, WFP continues 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 CSP 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. This approach aims to set the stage for transitioning beneficiaries from direct assistance to resilience building among individuals and institutions and supporting the progressive building of sustainable food 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: **6.9 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



16,710 people assisted in April 2023

191 mt of food assistance distributed

No cash-based transfers (CBT) provided in April (see the second point under "Operational Updates")

US\$ 14 m six months net funding requirements (May - October 2023)

Operational Updates

- WFP provided in-kind food rations to vulnerable Libyans reaching 16,710 people through general food assistance (GFA). However, school meals were temporarily suspended in April in observance of Ramadan and resumed in May.
- WFP faced challenges with food-restricted prepaid card CBTs in April due to delays in reconciliation and financial service provider's technical issues. However, the redemption process was resumed in May for April's caseload.
- In April, WFP received a temporary supply of 40 mt of mineral/vitamin-fortified date bars from Italy, specifically designated for the School Feeding Programme to support the nutritional needs of students, for distribution starting May.
- On 03 April, WFP participated in the data analysis and assessment working group meeting at the IOM office in Tripoli. As a member of the working group, WFP shared the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) data extracted from its active beneficiary caseload that will be used for the upcoming IOM IDP profiling exercise.
- On 06 April, WFP presented the Alkufra Sustainable Agriculture project, implemented under its livelihood activities, to other UN agencies and INGOs during the Area Coordination Group meeting in the East of Libya. The presentation focused on highlighting the project's outputs and benefits, such as WFP's [handover of additional 10 solar-powered water pumps to Alkufra and Rubiana municipalities](#), its conflict sensitivity approach, and the reduction of CO2 emissions.
- In response to the Sudan crisis that broke out on 15 April 2023, WFP worked with IOM and UNHCR to prepare a Concept Note of Operations. On 25 April, WFP activated the Libya country-level task force for coordinated communication and action to prepare for humanitarian requirements for anticipated arrivals from Sudan. As at end of April no unusual movements into Libya were reported by the IOM Data Tracking Monitor.
- On 25 April, WFP, together with the Embassy of Japan in Libya and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Tunisia, co-facilitated a debriefing session for the

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Photo Caption: WFP supporting smallholder farmers in the South by providing solar-powered assets such as cooling storages and water pumps.

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Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the efficiency improvement training that WFP and JICA had provided to Libyan youth and Libyan government officials back in March 2023. WFP and the Japanese charge d'affaires to Libya echoed the Libyan Government's appreciation for the given session and their request for more training for Libyan government officials and youth in 2023 – 2025.

WFP Country Strategy



Libya Country Strategic Plan (CSP) (March 2023 – December 2025)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received (in US\$)
130 m	7 m
2023 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (May 2023 – October 2023)
42.4 m	14 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.

resources, capacity building, and implementing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

- On 17 April, Maysaa Al Ghribawy , WFP Libya Country Director, and [the United States Institute of Peace \(USIP\) Libya](#) Country Manager, Mehdi Bchir, signed an extension of the strategic partnership agreement between WFP Libya and USIP until 31 December 2025.

Common Services

- WFP's Common Feedback Mechanism recorded 4,941 cases, primarily related to protection services including addressing home eviction due to inability of meeting rental payments and expense cuts done to cover medications. Women accounted for approximately 29 percent of the callers. Majority of the calls received were from the West of Libya, which is where the majority of non-Libyan vulnerable communities reside.
- WFP worked with the UN Information Communication Technology working group to establish reliable and secure networks for humanitarian responses in Libya. In April, WFP programmed a total of 47 VHF radios for sister UN agencies, namely IOM, UNDP and OCHA. Additionally, WFP's Technology Division (TEC) unit is also actively monitoring the progress of fiber optics installation civil work with the UN Benghazi Hub internet service provider to ensure more reliable and stable Internet connectivity for all UN staff based in Benghazi.

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Partnerships

- On 12 and 13 April, WFP collaborated with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop the School Feeding National Scale-up strategy for the Libyan Government. The participants created a roadmap with key actions such as establishing a legal framework, developing an implementation plan, strengthening partnerships, securing financial