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Photo: Recycled wastewater from a WFP-supported sustainable fish farm irrigates vegetable gardens in Borno State.

Credit: WFP/ Joke Ekundayo
**WFP Country Strategy**

**Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)**

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**Strategic Outcome 1: People meet their urgent food and nutrition needs**

**CSP Outcome 1:** Food-insecure internally displaced persons, refugees, returnees, and host community members in crisis-prone and conflict-affected areas of Nigeria have access to adequate nutritious food and early recovery activities that meet their immediate food needs and live in cohesive households and communities, during and after shocks.

**Focus area:** Crisis response

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- Provide malnutrition treatment activities, alongside gender-transformative social and behaviour change communication, to children 6-59 months of age and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls

**Monitoring**

**In April,** the Government published its [Humanitarian Situation Update](#) which tracks food and nutrition security trends. The update reported 45.6 percent of surveyed households struggle to have sufficient food intake. Acute malnutrition reaching severe levels (IPC Phase 4) was found among newly displaced persons in locations inaccessible to humanitarian actors, indicating food insecurity, poor water and sanitation, and poor health conditions in those areas.

**Challenges**

- Access constraints caused by insecurity have worsened due to deteriorated road conditions and delays in obtaining clearance for commodity movement with military escorts. The community of Rann is still recovering from heavy flooding in 2022. Poor road conditions in Damasak, Michika, and other locations continue to hamper the delivery of food assistance to prioritized people in need.
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