In Numbers
455,405 people assisted in May 2023
3,078 mt of food assistance distributed
USD 877,559 cash-based transfers made
USD 55.1 million six-month (June-November 2023) net funding requirements

Operational Updates

- **Emergency food assistance**: WFP assisted 414,000 people including refugees, IDPs, and crisis-affected host communities through both in-kind and cash-based transfer distributions (USD 738,000 and 2,885 mt distributed in the Adamawa, East, Far North, North, Northwest, and Southwest Regions).

- Support included assistance to 766 newly displaced by recent conflicts in the Far North under the rapid response mechanism. Furthermore, WFP is collaborating with the Ministries of Basic Education and Women’s Empowerment and the Family to provide basic literacy and numerical training to heads of households who benefit from WFP’s cash-based transfers in the Far North Region.

- **School Meals Programme**: in the Far North Region, 10,819 pupils from 14 schools received hot meals.

- Furthermore, WFP’s home-grown school feeding programme provided 945 learners from five schools in the Adamawa Region with nutritious meals prepared with locally procured products. The school community contributed to the initiative.

- **Early Recovery and Resilience Building**: WFP assisted almost 30,000 smallholder farmers and community members in the Far North Region in the creation of productive assets including fishponds, compost pits, and preparation of land for sowing. More than half of the beneficiaries received value vouchers redeemed in vetted shops owned by community members. Furthermore, 70 percent of the beneficiaries were women, which empowered them in decision-making about household food consumption.

- **UNHAS**: After a challenging resumption of flights at the end of April 2023 and some flight cancellations, UNHAS flights are now on schedule. UNHAS operates three flights a week on the Yaounde-Maroua-N’Djamena (Chad). In May 2023, UNHAS transported 59 passengers from 17 partner agencies on nine flights to Maroua and one Medevac.

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Operational Context

According to the Cameroon Humanitarian Response Plan 2023, 4.7 million people in the country need humanitarian assistance in 2023, an increase of 21 percent from 2022.

Cameroon has been significantly affected by three complex crises: armed conflict between non-state armed groups (NSAGs) and state security forces (SSF) in the Northwest and the Southwest Regions; NSAGs insurgency and climate-related disasters in the Far North Region; and the influx of Central African Republic (CAR) refugees in the East, Adamawa, and North Regions. These resulted in over one million internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 470,000 refugees (UNHCR, May 2023).

Furthermore, the inflationary effect of the Ukrainian crisis on commodity markets and global supply chain disruptions contributed to increased living costs, preventing vulnerable populations from meeting their basic needs. Consequently, the Cadre Harmonisé (March 2023) indicates that more than 3 million people are severely food-insecure between January and May 2023, a five percent increase compared to the same period in 2022.

WFP operations in Cameroon focus on crisis response, resilience building, and mitigation measures to address the root causes of food insecurity while building the capacities of national institutions to manage food/nutrition programmes and develop social protection systems.

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Photo Caption: Women waiting to confirm their value voucher codes to enable them purchase goods from vetted local vendors
Credit: WFP/Emily Pinna
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2022-2026)

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**Strategic Result 1:** Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Crisis-affected populations including refugees, IDPs, returnees and the host population in Cameroon have safe access to adequate and nutritious food during and in the aftermath of crises.

**Focus area:** Crisis response

**Activities:**
- Provide integrated food and nutritional assistance to crisis-affected populations to support their self-reliance and recovery needs.
- Provide capacity strengthening on emergency preparedness and response to local authorities and humanitarian partners working in crisis-affected areas.

**Strategic Result 2:** No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Children 6-23 months, adolescent girls, pregnant and breastfeeding women and other nutritionally vulnerable people in prioritized regions have improved nutrition status and resilience in line with national standards by 2026.

**Focus area:** Resilience building

**Activities:**
- Provide an integrated nutrition package to beneficiaries, including access to nutritious food, quality care, SBCC, and capacity strengthening to prevent malnutrition.

**Strategic Result 3:** Food systems are sustainable

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Food-insecure and climate-affected populations and smallholder farmers have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to shocks by 2026.

**Focus area:** Resilience building

**Activities:**
- Provide livelihood support to targeted groups including through productive asset creation and regeneration, and value chain development.

**Strategic Result 4:** Countries have strengthened their capacity to implement the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 5:** National institutions and partners have strengthened their capacities to manage food and nutrition programmes and social protection systems by 2030.

**Focus area:** Root causes

**Activities:**
- Provide capacity strengthening to national institutions and partners on the management of food and nutrition programmes, social protection, emergency preparedness and response, disaster management, and supply chain services.

**Strategic Result 5:** Sharing of knowledge, expertise, and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 5:** The government, humanitarian, and development partners in Cameroon can reach vulnerable populations and respond to emergencies throughout the year.

**Focus area:** Crisis response

**Activities:**
- Provide UNHAS to the Government and humanitarian partners
- Provide on-demand supply chain, ICT, and coordination services to the Government, humanitarian, and development partners through WFP service provision

**Monitoring**

- WFP is carrying out vulnerability-based targeting exercises in the regions affected by the three crises in the country. These exercises aim at updating beneficiary lists for efficient emergency response in the Northwest, Southwest, and Far North regions and seasonal assistance in the Adamawa Region.

**Challenges**

- Access constraints in the Northwest, Southwest, and Far North regions remain a main challenge to humanitarian operations. These are driven mainly by widespread insecurity and poor road conditions, which limit the delivery of assistance in the worst affected and hard-to-reach areas. As a result, food movement to Momo Division (NW) was still on hold because of NSAG-imposed roadblocks. Similarly, the Maroua-Kousseri highway frequently used to transport humanitarian commodities to the Logone et Chari Division has been temporarily suspended, and the alternative route requires a convoy of at least two vehicles and an overnight stay. This will further increase the cost of operations, which increased by about 80 percent after the fuel pump price increased in February 2023. Despite those challenges, WFP continues to provide assistance to about 28,000 beneficiaries monthly in the Kousseri area (Logone et Chari Division).
- WFP is facing a critical funding gap of USD 55 million (67 percent requirements) from June to November 2023. If this situation persists, WFP’s first recourse will be to reduce the number of people assisted based on their vulnerability levels. Unfortunately, WFP has already had to implement ration cuts of 70 percent to Nigerian refugees and 50 percent to the remaining targeted populations.

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