**In Numbers**

- **4,877** people assisted
- **US$ 50,435.31** of cash-based transfers made
- **US$ 7.3 million** six-month (August–January 2024) net funding requirements

**Operational Updates**

**Nutrition in Retail Project:** Nutrition education is one of the key activities conducted in July. Targeting people in two Districts in the Ashanti Region and two Districts in the Northern Region of Ghana. Multiple channels including social media, TV, radio, counselling in health facilities and schools, and interactive voice response messaging, were employed to increase awareness of the people WFP assists.

**Youth Link Up Against Hunger:** WFP organized a youth forum on 8 July dubbed, “Youth Link Up against Hunger” at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi in the Ashanti region. The event had three objectives: to generate interest and identify opportunities in agribusiness for youth employment; to identify challenges in the sector; and to proffer solutions. The forum provided a platform for interaction between young people in agribusiness and aspirants. Four young participants who had overcome obstacles to excel in their spheres of agribusiness interactively discussed the importance of the youth playing an active role in agribusiness and shared their experiences to encourage other young people.

**South-South Triangular Cooperation:** WFP supported the Ghana Commodity Exchange (GCX) to conduct high-level stakeholder sensitisation meetings for government partners, local leadership, and private sector agencies as part of South-South Triangular Cooperation activities in Ghana. The sensitization meetings took the form of regional community engagements, training sessions and radio programmes in the northern and southern parts of the country. A series of workshops and trainings were held to enable smallholder farmers to trade on the GCX E-commerce platform.

**The Inter-Agency Working Group on Emergencies (IAWGE)** undertook a multi-sectoral rapid assessment of host communities of asylum seekers to provide humanitarian and development organizations with timely information and analysis on the impact of asylum seekers from Burkina Faso on the needs of host communities, especially those with significant levels of pre-existing vulnerabilities. Key recommendations from the mission included: Providing cash and/or food assistance to the host communities to enable them cope with situation before harvest: Need for farm inputs support. Harness the available water resources (White and Red Volta rivers) into an irrigation scheme for all-year-round food crop

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production while providing sustainable jobs for the unemployed youth in both districts: Provide capacity building for the unemployed youth to engage in Climate-Smart Agriculture with the potential of improving food security while maintaining environmental sustainability.

WFP Country Strategy

**Country Strategic Plan (2019 – 2023)**

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### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food
#### Strategic Outcome 5: Crisis-affected populations can meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of shocks.

**Focus area:** Crisis Response

**Activities:**
- Provide food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected populations including COVID-19 crisis-affected patients in containment and quarantine centres, refugees, adolescent girls to return to school and other vulnerable groups.

### Monitoring

WFP is strengthening its complaints and feedback mechanism from programme participants, starting with the development of a comprehensive Community Engagement (CE) Action Plan involving the Accountability to Affected Population (AAP) and Research, Assessment and Monitoring (RAM) units. The CE Action plan would support ongoing efforts to improve AAP mechanisms and address bottlenecks impeding participants’ access to information about WFP’s programmes.

**Market Price Monitoring:** Ghana’s year-on-year inflation rate for July 2023 was 43.1 percent. Month-on-month inflation between June 2023 and July 2023 was 3.6 percent. Food, housing, and transportation remain the major drivers of the increased inflation rate. Prices for key staples and agricultural inputs rose in July. The average monthly prices of key staples, such as maize and rice, were 3.8 percent higher than in June 2023 and over 120 percent higher than the five-year average. Due to the high cost of nutritious foods, nutrition activities are reduced to only one highly food insecure district, Karaga, as per the CFWSA 2020; thus, fewer pregnant and lactating women, adolescents and children will receive assistance through the value voucher interventions for the year.

### Highlights

A picture of Premium Foods Limited factory which was supported by WFP with funding from Canada.

Super Cereal by Premium Foods Limited. Thanks to WFP technical and financial support, Ghana became the first country in West Africa to export specialized nutritious Foods.

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