



World Food Programme

SAVING
LIVES
CHANGING
LIVES

WFP Libya Country Brief March 2024

Operational Context

Since 2011, Libya has faced political instability, economic decline and institutional fragmentation. Despite an improved humanitarian situation with a reduction in the number of people in need of assistance from 1.5 million in 2021 to 803,000 in 2022, Libya continues to struggle with food insecurity, malnutrition, multidimensional poverty, income inequity, low agricultural production and climate change.

Since September 2023, Libya has also been grappling with the aftermath of Storm Daniel that devastated Eastern Libya causing mass internal displacements. Furthermore, as the conflict in Sudan continues, displaced people are increasingly seeking refuge and assistance in Libya, with Al Kufra city receiving the largest number of refugees due to its location on the border with Sudan.

Contributing to Libya's long-term recovery, peace and stability, WFP Libya's CSP (2023 -2025) directly addresses the needs of the most vulnerable households and communities through targeted emergency food assistance and sustainable livelihood opportunities while working with the Government in strengthening national systems to meet the food and other essential needs of vulnerable people in Libya.

This approach aims to set the stage for transitioning beneficiaries from direct assistance to resilience building, supporting the progressive development 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.



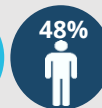
Unemployment:
19.6 percent

Income Level:
**Upper middle
Income**

Population: **6.9 million**
(**0.7 million** migrants/
persons of concern)

In Numbers

40,546 people assisted
in March 2024



USD 478,765 cash-based transfers made

USD 14.1 m six-month net funding requirements
(April to September 2024)

Operational Updates

- In 2023, WFP reached **209,118** vulnerable people through its various food assistance activities across Libya. Read more about WFP's achievements in the newly launched [2023 Libya Annual Country Report](#).

Flood emergency recovery response

- In March 2024, WFP provided cash-based assistance to **19,254** flood-affected Libyans in 13 locations in the East, with a total of USD 478,765, through food-restricted e-cards. This modality gives them the flexibility to purchase food of their choice in select supermarkets while contributing to the local economy.
- Continuing its support towards the early recovery of flood-affected areas, WFP started the rehabilitation of **37 bakeries in Derna city**. By supporting the reopening and strengthening of the bakeries' production capacity, WFP aims to meet the increased demand resulting from the decline in operational bakeries following Storm Daniel.

National school feeding support

- In March, as a pilot exercise, WFP supported Libya's Ministry of Education efforts in launching its [Full Education Day initiative](#) by providing two healthy school meals (light breakfast and lunch) to 2,500 students in nine schools across Libya per day.
- In parallel, WFP in collaboration with a local cooperating partner, assisted **18,752 students**, in 46 schools across Benghazi, Derna and Tawergha cities, with school meals for each school day, that are prepared in central kitchens.
- On 07 March, in support of Libya government's National School Feeding programme, WFP celebrated [International School Meals Day](#), by bringing together with the Ministry of Education, a wide range of government officials and stakeholders to discuss the importance of school meals in providing adequate nutrition to every child. The event was an opportunity for WFP to demonstrate its support through the sharing of global expertise and the building of staff capacities on nutritional school feeding topics.

Contact info: Clara Prip, clara.prip@wfp.org
Country Director: Tarek Elguindi, tarek.elguindi@wfp.org
Further information: www.wfp.org/countries/Libya

Photo Caption: In Tawergha, WFP support 2900 school children with healthy meals prepared in the Tawergha central kitchen.
Photo: ©WFP Libya

- On 8 March, WFP celebrated International Women's Day with a storytelling session, featuring the first female staff member of WFP Libya, back in 2008, highlighting the progress of gender inclusion and equality throughout the years.

Refugee situation

- WFP visited Al Kufra district in eastern Libya to conduct an assessment, including interviews with newly arrived Sudanese refugees and community leaders. The visit indicated the presence of some **21,000 Sudanese refugees in Al Kufra**, as estimated by a local actor on the ground, and highlighted the challenges and needs of this population for immediate food, health and sanitation assistance. In response, emergency pre-positioning was undertaken in Tripoli and eastern Libya to meet the urgent food needs of Sudanese refugees throughout the country.

Monitoring

- March Market Monitoring:**
In March 2024, the Minimum Food Expenditure Basket cost was LYD 847.83 (7 percent higher than in February). Furthermore, the weak performance of the Libyan dinar against the dollar on the parallel market will possibly affect the prices of goods and services available to the population, leading to an erosion of purchasing power, especially for the low-income population.
- Process monitoring:**
In March, third-party monitoring conducted about ten on-site visits to oversee school meal distributions in Al-Jafara, Gharyan, Misrata, Qasr Benghazi, Sabratha, and Tripoli. Monitoring findings revealed 90 percent student satisfaction with meal composition with minor feedback preferring juice over milk.

Common Services:

The Tawasul Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM), in March recorded 17,352 cases in the first three months of 2024, out of which 99 percent of those cases were resolved. Around 30 calls were received from WFP-supported beneficiaries, regarding inquiries and feedback, mostly regarding cash-based transfer matters.

Donors

AICS, Austria, Bank of America, BHA, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Japan Association for the World Food Programme (JAWFP), LDF, Malta, Mc Cutchen Foundation, Stop Hunger, Switzerland, United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security, UPS Foundation, and WFP Multilateral Donors.

Libya Country Strategic Plan (2023-2025)

Total Requirements (USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
131 m	25.7 m
2024 Requirements (USD)	Requirements (in USD) (April – September 2024)
47 m	14.1 m

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

Focus area: Crisis Response.

Activity 1: Provide targeted unconditional food assistance to food-insecure people in Libya.

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

Focus area: Resilience Building.

Activity 2: Provide livelihood opportunities and training to targeted vulnerable people and communities in a conflict-sensitive manner.

Activity 3: 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.

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

Focus area: Resilience Building.

Activity 4: Provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening to the Government.

CSP 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

Activity 5: Provide on-demand services to humanitarian and development partners in Libya.

Activity 6: Provide emergency telecommunications and other common services to humanitarian and development actors.

Supporting livelihoods

- Together with the Mayor of Sebha and the United Nations Country Team, WFP visited the [Aljadeed Community Market](#), a WFP rehabilitation initiative that commenced in 2023 to boost the local economy, support farmers and empower the community through improved infrastructures and facilities such as shaded areas for vendors, an administration building, a new car park for visitors and a playground for children.
- On 7 March, WFP, in partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), organized a ceremony for the top four youth participants of the **Kaizen training** in 2023 to present their innovative business plans and how they have used Kaizen techniques to transform their projects and take them to the next level. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the Embassy of Japan in Libya, the Libyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Industry.