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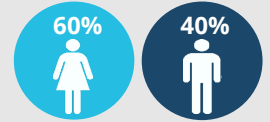
SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES

WFP Nigeria Country Brief May 2024



In Numbers

995,660 people assisted
in May 2024



6,193 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 1.6 million distributed through cash-based transfers

US\$ 152.1 million six-month net funding requirement
(June – November 2024)



Operational Context

Nigeria is Africa's most populous and the sixth most populated country globally. Over half of the people in Nigeria are multi-dimensionally poor, and 65 percent of them live in the North.

Nigeria's northern states – once surplus food production areas now grapple with poverty, recurring conflicts and a widescale humanitarian crisis resulting from the internal displacement of over 2.3 million people in the north-east in addition to 1.09 million people in the north-west and north-central states.

Disruption of traditional agricultural livelihoods and surging cost of food, fuel, and other essential items exacerbate the situation. By May 2024, the average cost of a healthy diet had surged by 107 percent compared to the previous year. Driven by dire security and economic shocks, vulnerable people are forced into extreme survival tactics, including risking abductions and killing to forage for food in insecure areas.

As the lean season peaks between June and August 2024, the March 2024 Cadre Harmonisé projects that 31.8 million people across Nigeria will face hunger at crisis and emergency levels.

WFP has collaborated with the Government since 2016 to provide emergency food and nutrition assistance. Currently, WFP is implementing a five-year Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027) that aims to deliver emergency food assistance and support recovery and resilience-strengthening efforts for vulnerable people and communities. WFP's strategy for lasting solutions is aligned with national priorities while enhancing the domestic capacity for Government-led solutions.



Population: **223.8 million**
(UNFPA 2024)

2023-2024 Human Development Report:
161 out of 193

Income Level: **Lower middle income**

Northeast and northwest: **4.41 million**
children aged 0-59 months acutely
malnourished; **1.04 million** with SAM
and **3.37 million** with MAM (IPC Analysis,
October 2023)

Strategic Updates

- In May, the Government of Nigeria launched four plans for durable solutions to be implemented in Adamawa, Benue, Borno and Yobe states. At the launch event attended by the Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement to the UN Secretary-General, the Borno State Governor committed 15 percent of the its annual budget to implement the state's [action plan](#) for durable solutions.

Operational Updates

- The dire macroeconomic condition characterised by the persistent downward trend in the value of the naira has continued to push food prices atypically high. Pricing poor families out of the market and widening food consumption gaps as food stocks from the previous harvest season become depleted. To support crisis-affected, acutely food-insecure people in meeting their basic food needs despite high food inflation, WFP has reviewed the transfer values for food assistance across all activities upwards by 51.2 percent (to NGN 11,800 per capita).
- In May, beneficiaries of WFP activities including emergency food assistance, malnutrition prevention and treatment as well as livelihood support, received US\$ 1.6 million through e-vouchers and cash transfers in areas where local markets could absorb cash-based assistance. In areas where markets were less functional, 6,193 mt of mixed food commodities were distributed. A total of **800,909 people received emergency food assistance through WFP's crisis response programming in May.**
- WFP's malnutrition prevention activities delivered 14.8 mt of specialized nutritious foods and US\$ 21,578 in cash-based transfers to complement the basic food entitlements provided to caregivers of 7,993 children aged 6 – 23 months and 2,260 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls.
- In a double-pronged approach to advance national rice fortification and strengthen the Kebbi State School Feeding Programme, WFP collaborated with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), to onboard 207 schools. **These schools will integrate the locally fortified rice into the school-provided lunches, reaching 204,014 schoolchildren.**
- Utilizing a food system integrated approach to livelihood assistance, WFP supports smallholder farmers to adopt best practices aimed at improving farm yields and reducing post-harvest losses. In May, WFP trained 20 smallholder farmers (comprising mostly women and youths) to produce low-cost,

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Photo Caption: Smallholder farmers preparing vegetables for post-harvest management. ©WFP/Nigeria.

zero-energy cooling chambers using locally available materials.

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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
2.2 billion	439 million
2024 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (June – November 2024)
442 million	152.1 million

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*

Activities:

- Provide food assistance and an integrated package of gender-transformative malnutrition prevention alongside social and behaviour change communication, asset-creation, skills development, and complementary livelihood activities to crisis-affected, food-insecure people
- 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

Strategic Outcome 2: People have better nutrition, health and education outcomes

CSP Outcome 2: Nutritionally vulnerable people in Nigeria benefit from better access to healthy diets and complementary services to improve their nutrition status in line with national targets by 2027

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activity:

- Support the provision of an integrated, multisectoral, gender-transformative, nutrition-sensitive package to nutritionally vulnerable groups

Strategic Outcome 3: People have improved and sustainable livelihoods

CSP Outcome 3: By 2027, targeted vulnerable households and smallholder farmers in Nigeria have improved sustainable livelihoods and enhanced social cohesion derived from food systems that are resilient to shocks and thus facilitate enhanced access to nutritious diets all year round

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activities:

- Provide an integrated package of nutrition and climate adaptive livelihood activities to vulnerable households, especially those with nutritionally vulnerable groups, to improve diets
- Provide support on gender-transformative, climate-smart, youth-inclusive food production, post-harvest and commodity quality management and marketing to smallholder farmers

Strategic Outcome 4: National programmes and systems strengthened

CSP Outcome 4: National actors have strengthened capacity and an enhanced enabling environment for the development and management of food security and nutrition policies, strategies, processes, and programmes in line with national targets to achieve zero hunger by 2030

Focus area: *Root causes*

Activity:

- Provide nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative technical support on emergency preparedness and response, social protection, food systems, digital solutions, policy development and coherence and other innovative approaches targeting SDG 2 to national actors, including

Strategic Outcome 5: Humanitarian and development actors are more efficient and effective

CSP Outcome 5: The humanitarian community in Nigeria is enabled to reach and operate in areas of crisis throughout the year.

Focus area: *Crisis response*

Activities:

- Provide common logistic services to government, United Nations, and non-governmental organisation partners to facilitate effective field operations
- Provide common emergency telecommunications services to the Government, humanitarian partners and crisis-affected communities to facilitate effective field operations, provide for staff security and support the protection of affected communities
- Provide United Nations Humanitarian Air Service services (UNHAS) to all humanitarian partners
- Provide on-demand services to humanitarian actors

Monitoring

- In May, WFP collaborated with Partners in Food Solutions (PFS), TechnoServe and its implementing partner GAIN, in a quad-partite supported assessment of the technical capacity of rice millers in Nigeria. The assessment is anticipated to provide insight into the capacity gaps of domestic rice millers, forming the basis for capacity strengthening initiatives planned for the coming periods.
- WFP also participated in a joint assessment on the availability of suitable structures to support resilient food production in Borno state. The assessment, planned for piloting in Konduga, Monguno, and Ngala Local Government Areas, is anticipated to provide insight into land availability, accessibility, hydrological levels, potential for irrigation, and other sustainability factors necessary to support a food production initiative.
- WFP tracks the prices of food commodities through its routine (monthly and weekly) market monitoring activities. WFP's [recently](#) published monthly market monitoring report, indicates that compared to January, the price of the Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket increased between the ranges of 23 - 48 percent across the seven markets surveyed in Borno and Yobe states.

Challenges

- The intersection of multiple drivers of food insecurity, including armed violence, conflict and economic crisis, is driving humanitarian needs beyond seasonal projections. Meanwhile, humanitarian access continues to be affected by insecurity including the illegal vehicle checkpoints and ambushes by armed groups along supply routes leading to rural areas.
- For the next six months (between June and November), WFP requires USD 152.1 million to assist acutely food-insecure people living in conflict-affected areas.

Donors in 2024

European Union, France, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Nigeria, United Kingdom, United States, United Nations Pooled Funds, Sweden, and private donors.