



World Food Programme

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WFP Libya Country Brief October 2024



In Numbers



17,431 people assisted in October 2024.

88.9 mt of food distributed.

USD 77,916 in cash-based transfers distributed.

USD 18.1 m six-month funding requirement from November 2024 to April 2025

Operational Context

To contribute to Libya's long-term recovery, peace and stability, WFP Libya's country strategic plan (CSP, 2023-2025) directly addresses the needs of the most vulnerable households and communities through targeted emergency food assistance, sustainable livelihoods and school feeding activities, while working with the Government to strengthen national systems to meet the food and other basic needs of vulnerable people in Libya.

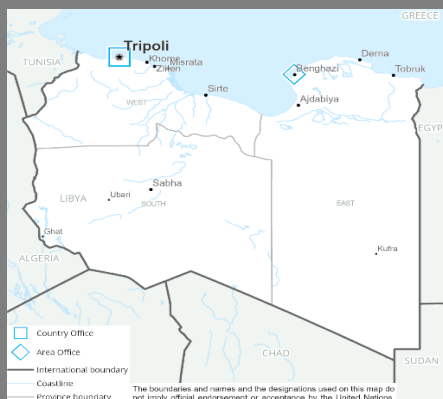
This approach aims to set the stage for transitioning beneficiaries from direct assistance to resilience building, supporting the progressive development of sustainable food systems. The CSP aligns with the Libya United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF, 2023-2025) and aims to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 2, 4, 5 and 17 through four CSP outcomes.

Since September 2023, Libya has 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 at the border with Sudan. In recent months, inter-agency missions observed critical challenges faced in Al Kufra and affected areas, including poor living conditions, lack of health facilities, and food insecurity among children and families. With the recent access granted by the eastern authorities, the United Nations continues to work with the authorities to streamline access, coordination, and support to meet the growing humanitarian needs.

Operational Updates

Emergency Sudanese Refugee Response

- As the conflict in Sudan persists, Libya is experiencing a significant influx of refugees, prompting an urgent need for a scaled-up humanitarian response.
- As of October, [UNHCR](#) estimates that nearly 100,000 **Sudanese** refugees have arrived in Libya since the start of the conflict in April 2023, of which 28,000 have been registered by UNHCR.
- In October, WFP's Sudan Refugee Response reached **15,010 individuals** across ten locations in the country with **88.9 mt** of food, as follows:
 - 30 mt** of wheat flour and date bars were provided to support **5,000 individuals** in Al Kufra, marking the first distribution there since August. These efforts were made possible through continued engagement with relevant authorities to secure access. More deliveries are underway.
 - A further **45 mt** of food was delivered to Ajdabiya, Al-Brega, Mrada, Zwetina Sultan, Awjlah, Jalu, Ejkhara, and Derna for distribution by LibAid to support **7,515 food-insecure Sudanese refugees**.
 - In partnership with the Organisation Development of Pioneers (ODP) and LRC, WFP distributed **13.9 mt** of food to **2,495 individuals** in Azzawya, along with non-food items (NFIs) provided by LRC.
- Overall, several WFP's distributions in October experienced significant delays due to the complicated clearance process of consignments. WFP has engaged with authorities at all levels, to work towards more efficient and streamlined process in the future.
- After a successful two-month pilot of the SCOPE beneficiary registration tool, **WFP has efficiently registered 10,500 beneficiaries**, including 3,348 Sudanese in October across Alkhums, Azzawya, and Zliten. In November, WFP will expand the registration with Cooperating Partners and pilot SCOPE for in-kind food distributions as part of the Sudanese Refugee Emergency response.



Unemployment: **20.6 percent**

Income Level: **Upper middle income**

Population: **6.9 million**
(**0.7 million migrants/refugees**)

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Photo Caption: WFP teams are working around the clock to support vulnerable Sudanese families who have fled to various regions in Libya. ©WFP Libya

Libya Country Strategic Plan (2023-2025)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
131 m	33 m
2024 Requirements (in USD)	Requirements (in USD) (November 2024 - April 2025)
46.8 m	18.1 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.

South Libya Flood Emergency Response

- WFP's assistance to flood-affected Libyans in the South concluded in October with the distribution of cash-based transfers (CBTs) **totalling USD 77,916 to 2,421 flood affected Libyans** in Ghat, Tahala and Alberket through unrestricted prepaid cards.

Libya-Chad Humanitarian Corridor

- A shipment of 500 mt of food that arrived at the port of Benghazi in August was transported by trucks and finally reached Abeche, Chad via the Humanitarian Corridor on 17 October. The journey faced numerous challenges, including roadblocks caused by flooding from Al Kufra through the Sahara to Chad.

Emergency School Feeding Response

- WFP is finalizing its planning for a **new school feeding project in Derna** to support approximately **9,000 students** in November and December. However, the start of the new school year in Derna was postponed to mid-November due to delays in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of schools conducted by the Ministry of Education.

National Food Security Programme

- From 14 to 18 October, WFP, in partnership with the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) and the Islamic Development Bank Group, **hosted a Capacity Strengthening Workshop** in Tunis. Co-funded by the African Development Bank Group (AfDB), the workshop convened government officials and international experts to equip Libya's national team with the necessary tools and insights for the development of its first National Food Security Strategy, expected to be launched in December 2024.

Water-Food Nexus Project

- WFP is developing a water-food nexus project called **'Hayat'**, which translates to 'life', for implementation by the end of 2024 as part of the United Nation's Joint Peacebuilding Project in the South. It aims to address the pressing issue of water scarcity in several communities, including Tahala, Alberkit, Ghat and Ubari. The project will directly benefit over 30,000 beneficiaries by rehabilitating existing water infrastructure and installing new desalination plants.

Assessment and Monitoring

- According to [WFP's October Market Price Monitoring report](#), the Full Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) decreased by 1.7 percent from September to October, averaging USD 197.60 nationwide. This improvement was mainly driven by a 7 percent price drop in the southern region, due to the reopening of supply routes previously disrupted by heavy rains and flooding. Prices in the western region however rose by 1.6 percent to USD 205.22, reflecting the impact of ongoing political, social, and military unrest.
- In October, WFP launched its new Community Feedback Mechanism hotline, a direct communication channel for beneficiaries to share feedback and complaints, operating five days a week. During its first month, the WFP **hotline received 1,119 calls**, 72 percent related to WFP's assistance with 96 percent requesting registration for emergency food distributions for Sudanese refugees. Female callers accounted for 66 percent of calls and 93 percent of callers were Sudanese.

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