

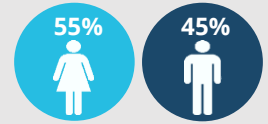


SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES



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In Numbers



262,656 people assisted

828 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 1,695,445 in cash-based transfers made

US\$ 59.1 million six-month net funding requirements (November 2024–April 2025)

Operational Context

According to the [Cameroon Humanitarian Response Plan 2024](#), 3.4 million people will require humanitarian assistance in 2024 – a 28 percent decrease from 2023.

Cameroon has been significantly affected by three complex crises: armed conflicts between non-state armed groups (NSAGs) and state security forces in the Northwest and the Southwest Regions; the insurgency of NSAGs, as well as climate-related disasters in the Far North Region; and an influx of Central African Republic refugees in the Adamawa, East and North Regions. These crises led to over 1 million internally displaced persons and 410,000 refugees (UNHCR, Oct 2024).

Furthermore, the inflationary effects of the Ukraine crisis on commodity markets and global supply chain disruptions contributed to increased living costs, which prevented vulnerable populations from meeting their basic needs. The March 2024 *Cadre Harmonisé* analysis projected that 2.5 million people would be severely food-insecure between June–August 2024 (slightly higher than in 2023 – 2.4 million).

WFP operations in Cameroon focus on crisis response, resilience building and mitigating the root causes of food insecurity. WFP also supports national institutions to strengthen capacities to manage food and nutrition programmes, and to further develop the social protection system. WFP has been present in Cameroon since 1978.



Population: 28.6 million

2023/2024 Human Development Report: Ranked 151st out of 193

Income Level: Lower-middle

Chronic malnutrition: 28.9 percent of children aged 6 to 59 months

Operational Updates

- **Food assistance during emergencies:** In October 2024, WFP assisted 117,440 internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees and vulnerable host populations, distributing 387 mt of food and US\$ 832,822 in cash and through value vouchers. This includes 63,800 people assisted under flood response.
- WFP ramped up **flood response** interventions, disbursing more than US\$ 708,000 as cash-based food assistance and 376 mt of assorted commodities to people affected by floods in the Logone et Chari and Mayo Danay divisions in the Far North Region. WFP used the hybrid cash delivery mechanism (combination of mobile money, direct cash and e-voucher) for assistance in communities with functional markets. For a full report of WFP’s flood response in October, read [here](#).
- **Malnutrition prevention and management of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM):** WFP assisted 21,340 children aged 6-23 months (including 2,400 children under flood response) and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBW/G) with 75 mt of specialised nutritious foods (SNFs) and US\$ 2,715. The beneficiaries included about 11,520 people under prevention of acute malnutrition and 9,820 people supported under MAM supplementation. Children aged 6-23 months comprise 85 percent of people assisted. Cash assistance was provided to 245 PBW/G in the Southwest Region to provide them flexibility to get a wider range of assistance and adhere to pre- and post-natal care.
- **School feeding activities:** WFP provided school meals to about 34,280 primary school children in the Adamawa and Far North regions among whom 14,600 of these learners were served school meals valued at US\$ 92,850 which was paid to local cooperatives supplying the schools with home-grown products.
- The **United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)** operated flights to Maroua and N’Djamena (Chad) from Yaounde. This included 13 return flights for 329 passengers from 34 partner organisations.

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Photo Caption: WFP delivering food assistance in form of hybrid cash delivery mechanism to vulnerable flood-affected victims in Maga (Mayo Danay, Far North Region)
Credit: WFP/Precious Talla (October 2024)

Country Strategic Plan (2022–2026)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
729.6 million	238 million
2024 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (Nov 2024–Apr 2025)
149.9 million	59.1 million

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 aged 6-23 months, adolescent girls, pregnant and breastfeeding women and other nutritionally vulnerable people in prioritised 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

- In October, 1,309 cases (including 10 sensitive cases) were received through community feedback mechanism (CFM) channels (hotline, helpdesks, complaints management committees, direct feedback). WFP achieved an 86.3 percent resolution rate, with an average closure time of 2.7 days. Overall, most cases were linked to entitlement claims (42 percent), appreciation for WFP's support (19 percent) and assistance requests from non-assisted persons (19 percent).
- WFP also launched the Joint Humanitarian CFM which unites different organisations under one feedback mechanism using the same hotline number. Two UN agencies (IOM and WHO) and four non-governmental and civil organisations were on-boarded in October.

Flood response in the Far North

- By the end of October, the effects of the heavy torrential rains aggravated, affecting five divisions. OCHA reported around 459,100 affected people (including 38 deaths), 56,100 houses wrecked, 85,300 hectares of arable land destroyed, and 5,510 livestock lost.
- Consequently, access to sites in the Logone et Chari and Mayo Danay divisions became more challenging. WFP resorted to the use of multimodal transportation and remote monitoring to monitor distributions in areas made inaccessible by the rising flood waters.

Challenges

- **Limited humanitarian access** remained one of WFP's biggest operational challenges in the Far North, Northwest, and Southwest regions, primarily due to security concerns. Furthermore, the floods in the Far North disrupted regular humanitarian activities.

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