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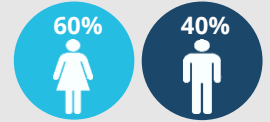
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WFP Nigeria Country Brief November 2024



In Numbers

1,285,763 people assisted*
in November 2024



195.9 mt of food assistance distributed*

US\$ 4.9 million distributed through cash-based transfers*

US\$ 119.5 million six-month net funding requirement
(December 2024 – May 2025)

*Estimated data from preliminary distribution report dated 11 December 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 1.3 million people in the north-west and north-central states.

Disruption of agricultural livelihoods and surging cost of food, fuel, and other essential items exacerbate the situation. By July 2024, the average cost of a healthy diet had surged by 114 percent compared to the previous year. Driven by violent conflicts and economic shocks, Nigeria has consistently ranked top ten in terms of population affected by a major food crisis for the past eight years.

As the lean season peaks between June and August 2025, the October 2024 Cadre Harmonisé projects that 33.2 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)

Situation and Operational Updates

- **General Food Distributions:** WFP is providing beneficiaries with double rations of food entitlements in November and December as part of efforts to ensure that targeted beneficiaries have enough food to meet their basic food needs during this insecurity-prone period. Historically, the end of the year period comes with increased risks of security incidences. WFP had provided the double rations of food entitlements to 1,232,335 beneficiaries at the time of this report- 69 percent of the targeted beneficiaries for the ongoing distributions.
- **Flood Response:** WFP has been dynamic in its support to the Borno State government's priority to ensure that vulnerable people affected by the floods are supported to rebuild their lives from the effects of the devastating floods. WFP has planned to complement the delivery of take-home rations for flood affected people with one-off multi-purpose cash transfers of NGN100,000 (approximately USD 60) that are made directly to the bank accounts of the targeted beneficiaries. In Yobe state, where the Government has begun the payment of NGN50,000 (approximately USD 30) one-off cash transfers to 25,500 vulnerable individuals across the state, WFP is providing complementary food assistance.
- **Institutional Capacity Strengthening:** National Identity Numbers (NIN) are a prerequisite for vulnerable people to benefit from the government-led social safety net programme. WFP has been collaborating with the Nigerian Identity Management Commission (NIMC) to ensure that more people particularly the most vulnerable are enrolled for NINs. In Banki and Bama Local Government Areas of Borno state, WFP has facilitated the NIN registrations for 120,500 internally displaced people, with plans to scale up to more areas including in Yobe state. The NIN registrations are integrated with the opening of bank accounts which give the beneficiaries access to financial services beyond the social protection programmes.
- Additionally in November, WFP facilitated an emergency preparedness training workshop for staff from 17 Yobe state Local Emergency Management Committees and the Yobe State Emergency Management Agency. The training centred around enhancing the participant's skills in emergency preparedness, anticipatory action, risk analysis and information management.
- **Climate and Shock Resilient Food Systems:** In November, WFP facilitated a 12-day bootcamp on climate-smart and innovative agricultural practices in Yobe state. The training participants (which comprised of 82 representatives from the community, government agencies and academic institutions) were taught to use adaptive planting methods like the half-moon with zia pits to reclaim land lost to desertification.

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Photo: WFP provided capacity building to stakeholders on climate-smart and innovative agricultural practices.
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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
2.2 billion	557.5 million
2024 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (December 2024 – May 2025)
442 million	119.5 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 institutions

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

Operational Updates (Continued)

- **Protection from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation:** WFP co-facilitated a four-day Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) training-of-trainers for SEA focal points in Yobe state and staff from the Yobe State Emergency Management Agency. WFP is also supporting flood response activities by members of the PSEA Network by providing community outreach monitoring support and developing sensitization messages in the three major local languages to be used by members of the PSEA Network.
- **Gender Mainstreaming:** Recognizing the link between gender-based violence and food insecurity, WFP is committed to creating safer, more equitable food programmes. In November 2024, WFP conducted a six-day training aimed at equipping WFP and partner staff on how to use strategies like the EMAP (Engaging Men in Accountable Practices) model to stimulate transformative behaviour change that mitigate the interconnected issues of food insecurity and gender-based violence (GBV).

Monitoring

- In November, WFP received 3,771 feedback through its community feedback mechanism with 58 percent of actionable feedback received resolved on the spot or through internal escalation to the case managers. A third of the feedback received were commendations for the ongoing double distributions. WFP also received requests for specialized services outside its programme to which referrals to partner agencies were provided.

Funding

- WFP Nigeria requires US\$119.5 million to sustain operations from December through to May 2025. Shortfalls for the treatment of malnutrition is highest – with a 69 percent gap in the funding necessary to facilitate this lifesaving activity.

Donors in 2024

Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Sweden, UN CERF, United Kingdom, United States, United Nations Pooled Funds, and private donors.

Turning Challenges into Opportunities.

WFP is empowering communities in Yobe state to adapt their agricultural practices for climate-resilience.

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