



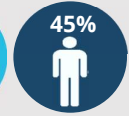
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WFP Cameroon Country Brief November 2024

In Numbers



403,934 people assisted

1,333 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 2,325,147 in cash-based transfers made

US\$ 68.9 million six-month net funding requirements (December 2024–May 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, Nov 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 October 2024 *Cadre Harmonisé* analysis revealed that 3.1 million people are severely food-insecure between October–December 2024 (slightly higher than in 2023 – 2.9 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 November 2024, WFP assisted 277,280 internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees and vulnerable host populations, distributing 1,088 mt of food and US\$ 1,838,000 in cash and through value vouchers. This includes 33,640 people assisted under flood response with US\$ 337,854.
- **Malnutrition prevention and management of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM):** WFP assisted 46,125 children aged 6-59 months (88 percent of whom were aged 6-23 months) and 6,325 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBW/G) with 145 mt of specialised nutritious foods (SNFs) and US\$ 50,265. The beneficiaries included about 27,750 people under prevention of acute malnutrition and 24,700 people supported under MAM management. The significant increase in the number of people assisted resulted from the flood response which incorporated supplementary nutrition assistance to the most vulnerable groups. Cash assistance (US\$ 50,226) was provided to 4,760 PBW/G in the Far North Region under malnutrition prevention as part of flood response.
- **School feeding activities:** WFP provided school meals to approximately 47,830 primary school children across the East, Far North and Northwest regions. Out of these, 21,123 learners received meals worth US\$ 193,000, which were sourced from local cooperatives supplying home-grown products.
- **Resilience-building activities:** In November, WFP continued supporting communities through early recovery and resilience-building activities. Productive assets created and managed included the construction of warehouses, poultry farms, fishponds, and culverts, as well as the harvesting of farm products. In addition, water retention activities are ongoing in 17 sites, and 10 hectares of land are being reforested. Over 26,375 people (66 percent women) were supported with US\$ 243,900 under food assistance for asset creation activities mostly in the Far North Region.
- The **United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)** operated flights to Maroua and N'Djamena (Chad) from Yaounde. This included 13 return flights for 362 passengers from 36 partner organisations.

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Photo Caption: WFP staff and partners during a field visit to an integrated farm in Nkambe, under WFP's food assistance for asset programme
Credit: WFP/Marvis Asah (November 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\$) (Dec 2024–May 2025)
149.9 million	68.9 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

- **Sudan support:** From the onset of the crisis until the end of November 2024, the Global Commodity Management Facility (GCMF) dispatched more than 48,270 mt of assorted food commodities to Chad for scheduled distributions to Sudanese refugees, comprising sorghum, rice, vegetable oil, pulses, fortified cereal, and specialized nutritious foods. Additionally, the Douala Corridor that hosts the GCMF received 99,270 mt and dispatched 86,240 mt of food commodities to Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Nigeria and Sudan.

Monitoring

- The number of cases received through community feedback mechanism (CFM) channels dropped from 1,309 in October to 991 in November. However, the number of sensitive cases increased from 10 to 25 in November, mostly from the Far North Region related to fraud and corruption allegations (flood response and resumption of food assistance in Minawao were ongoing). WFP achieved an 89.2 percent resolution rate, with an average closure time of 1.8 days. Overall, most cases were linked to assistance requests (36 percent) and entitlement claims (22.4 percent).
- WFP continued managing the Joint Humanitarian CFM under the same hotline number. UNFPA joined WFP, IOM and WHO to bring the number of UN agencies involved to four, while maintaining four non-governmental and civil organisations.

Flood response in the Far North

- WFP continued to assist populations affected by the floods in the Logone et Chari and Mayo Danay divisions. By the end of November, approximately 50 percent of the distributions for the second month had been completed. WFP planned to reach 180,000 people with cash and food assistance.

Challenges

- **Limited humanitarian access** with floods in the Far North and security incidents in the Northwest and Southwest including abductions, civilians caught in crossfires and armed confrontations.

Donors

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