

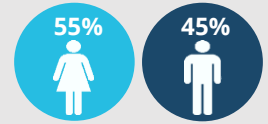


SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES



WFP Cameroon Country Brief December 2024

In Numbers



449,774 people assisted

1,444 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 2.9 million in cash-based transfers made

US\$ 58.6 million six-month net funding requirements (January–June 2025)

Operational Context

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 411,000 refugees (UNHCR, Dec 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). According to the *Cameroon Humanitarian Response Plan 2024*, 3.4 million people required humanitarian assistance in 2024 – a 28 percent decrease from 2023.

WFP operations in Cameroon focus on crisis response, resilience building and addressing the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition. 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 December 2024, WFP assisted 320,810 internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees and vulnerable host populations, distributing 1,190 mt of food and US\$ 2.5 million in cash and through value vouchers. This includes 131,000 people assisted under flood response and 56,600 refugees in Minawao Camp.
- Flood response:** WFP continued to assist people affected by the floods in the Logone et Chari and Mayo Danay divisions (Far North Region). By the end of December, WFP had provided 131,000 people (71 percent of the plan) with three months food rations (919 mt) and hybrid cash-based transfers (US\$ 2.9 million).
- Malnutrition prevention and management of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM):** WFP assisted 66,760 children aged 6-59 months (99 percent of whom aged 6-23 months) and 5,025 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBW/G) with 204 mt of specialised nutritious foods (SNFs) and US\$ 53,560 in CBT. These included 13,244 people supported under prevention of acute malnutrition and 58,544 people under moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) management. Flood response incorporated in-kind supplementary nutrition assistance to 10,810 children and cash assistance to 3,870 PBW/G (US\$ 41,075).
- School feeding activities:** WFP provided school meals to about 44,200 primary school children in the Adamawa, East, Far North, North and Northwest regions. Of these students, 27,650 were served school meals using products sourced from local farmer cooperatives, valued at US\$ 137,400.
- Resilience-building activities:** In December, WFP continued supporting communities through early recovery and resilience-building activities in all areas of operation. WFP supported over 12,975 activity participants with US\$ 192,360 under food assistance for asset creation activities. Activities are ongoing to create and manage agricultural assets such as community fields, fishponds, and small animal breeding units. Together with implementing partners and technical services of government ministries, WFP also trained 71,265 people in improved production techniques and post-harvest management.

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Photo Caption: Children with SNF packs distributed for malnutrition prevention during flood response in Kawadji, Kousseri (Far North Region)
Credit: WFP/Halimatou Saadia (December 2024)

Country Strategic Plan (2022–2026)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
729.6 million	246.2 million
2024 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (Jan–Jun 2025)
149.9 million	58.6 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

- The **United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)** operated flights to Maroua and N'Djamena (Chad) from Yaounde throughout 2024. A total of 3,175 passengers and 12 mt of small cargo were transported in 150 flights from January to December 2024.
- **Sudan support:** From the onset of the crisis until the end of December 2024, the Global Commodity Management Facility (GCMF) dispatched 48,350 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 119,660 mt and dispatched 98,930 mt of food commodities to Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Nigeria and Sudan in 2024.

Monitoring

- The number of cases received through community feedback mechanism (CFM) channels in 2024 decreased by 25 percent compared to 2023. In 2024, a total of 9,450 cases were recorded, with 115 of them classified as sensitive. WFP achieved a 93 percent resolution rate, with an average closure time of 2.9 days. Overall, most non-sensitive cases were linked to entitlement claims (45 percent) and assistance requests (35 percent), while sensitive cases were mostly about the amount of the entitlements (31 percent), allegations of fraud (30 percent) and issues with targeting (28 percent).
- WFP continued managing the Joint Humanitarian CFM under the same hotline number, which comprises five UN agencies (WFP, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM and WHO) and four non-governmental and civil organisations.

Challenges

- **Limited humanitarian access** due to floods in the Far North and security incidents in the Northwest and Southwest including abductions and armed confrontations involving civilians.

Donors

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