

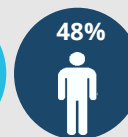


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WFP Libya Country Brief January 2025

In Numbers



70,279 people assisted in January 2025.

623 mt of food distributed.

USD 62,580 in cash-based transfers distributed.

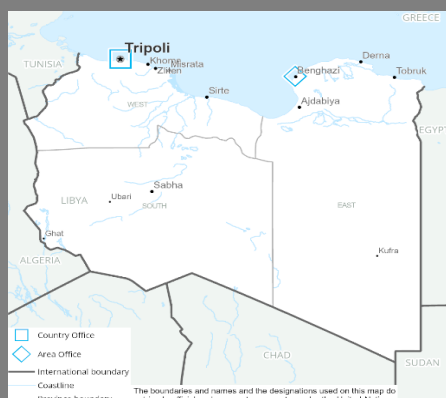
USD 18.6 six-month funding requirement from February to July 2025.

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.



Unemployment: **20.6 percent**

Income Level: **Upper middle income**

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

Operational Updates

Emergency Sudanese Refugee Response

- By the end of January, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ([UNHCR](#)) estimated that nearly **240,000 Sudanese refugees** had arrived in Libya since the start of the conflict in April 2023.
- According to UNHCR, needs are increasing due to continuous Sudanese arrivals, specifically in health, WASH, cash, food and shelter sectors. Refugees show concerning health conditions and require immediate assistance, including nutritional support.
- In January, in line with the **Libya Sudanese Refugee Response Plan for 2025**, WFP continued to expand its support for Sudanese refugees in Libya, reaching over **69,500 Sudanese refugees and host communities** with life-saving food assistance and cash-based transfers through the following interventions:
 - In-kind food assistance to over 53,500 people (10,707 households) across 30 distribution points in the east, west and south regions.
 - Nutritional assistance to over 8,000 children under five and over 3,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women through lipid-based nutrient supplements and date bars.
 - Cash-based transfers (CBTs) to 5,500 vulnerable Libyans as part of its planned support to host communities.
- The [2025 Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan](#) is expected to be launched next month, requiring USD 107 million to support 446,000 Sudanese refugees and host communities in Libya, **including USD 13.5 million allocated for WFP's food assistance to reach 50,000 refugees per month throughout 2025.**

Additional Emergency Assistance

- In early January, WFP launched a project in **Al Qatroun** to help the local community strengthen its capacity to absorb the **increasing influx of Sudanese refugees** into the municipality by **rehabilitating five community-based bakeries**. These bakeries will produce bread for the host community and Sudanese refugees (targeting approximately 450 families), providing livelihoods opportunities and increasing the self-reliance of the host community.

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Photo Caption: WFP continue to support vulnerable Sudanese families that has fled to Libya as part of the crisis response by providing emergency food assistance. ©WFP Libya/Naim Jrid

Libya Country Strategic Plan (2023-2025)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
131 m	35 m
2025 Requirements (in USD)	Requirements (in USD) (February – July 2025)
49 m	18.6 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.

Emergency School Feeding Response

- During January, WFP, in coordination with the Ministry of Education (east), continued its school feeding project in Derna, providing **daily meals to some 14,900 school children across 29 schools**, including expansion for a school for 35 students with special needs.
- WFP's School Feeding Programme in Libya is planned to be handed over to the Government in the end of February 2025.

Livelihoods Activities

- For the third and final time since 2023, WFP partnered with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Tunisian Ministry of Industry to train 25 youth, including women entrepreneurs, in the innovative Japanese management technique of 'Kaizen'. The week-long training, held in Tunis from 27-31 January, aimed to support livelihoods through job creation by enhancing participants' skills to develop their businesses or business ideas. The trainees included participants from previous WFP livelihoods activities.
- The training was opened in the presence of H.E.

the Ambassador of Japan, representatives of the Italian Embassy in Libya, the WFP Libya Country Director and the Chief Representative of JICA Tunisia, who all offered words of encouragement to the participants for their future journey. The training also included field trips to Tunisian companies that have successfully implemented and benefited from Kaizen techniques.

Assessment and Monitoring

- Preliminary findings from **WFP 2025 January market price report** showed a 2.7 percent nationwide decrease in market prices, bringing the national Full MEB price to LYD 928.7. The biggest change has been observed in the East, falling 5.2 percent to LYD 866.8, with decline in the Full MEB also experienced in the west (2.1 percent to LYD 970.4) and south (1.6 percent to LYD 934.4)
- WFP's Community Feedback Mechanism** continues to provide direct engagement and support to beneficiaries, with **1,700 calls** received in January. 99 percent of calls were from Sudanese refugees (73 percent female), of which 89 percent were for food assistance.
- During the reporting period, WFP's third-party monitoring partner, Moomken, conducted **50 on-site visits** across the eastern and western parts of Libya in coordination with Organization of Development Pioneers and LIBAID Tripoli, Benghazi, Ejkherra, Almarj, Owjla, Tazerbo, Jalu, and Ajdabiya (East and West) to the emergency food distribution points to the Sudanese refugees.

Donors

African Development Bank, Australia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ericsson, Germany, Iceland, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, Italy, Japan, Japan Association for the World Food Programme, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security, United States Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (US-BHA), and WFP Multilateral Donors.