



World Food Programme

SAVING
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2024 ANNUAL OVERVIEW



3.1 MILLION
people reached
53 percent women

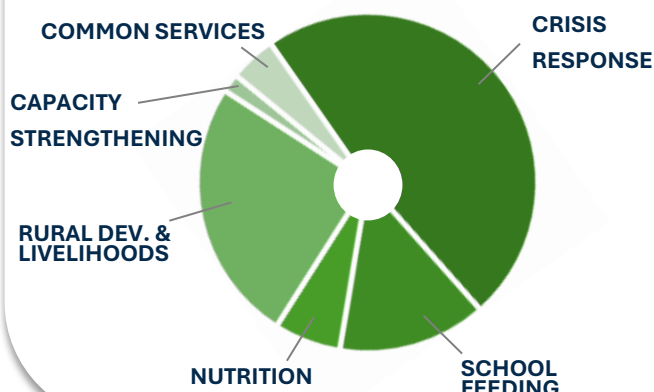


45,571 MT
of food distributed



49 MILLION US\$
cash transferred

PROGRAMME AREAS



WFP NIGER

In 2024, the World Food Programme (WFP) worked in coordination with the Government of Niger to accelerate its food sovereignty agenda, implementing community-led solutions for food systems transformation while simultaneously delivering emergency assistance to address urgent needs across the country.

An estimated 3.2 million people were acutely food insecure during the June–August 2024 lean season. Extreme flooding, which coincided with the lean season, affected over 1.5 million people, increasing needs and highlighting the country's fragility to climate shocks. The volatile security situation, agricultural production deficits in 2023, and food price inflation all contributed to elevated vulnerabilities throughout the year.

In response, WFP reached nearly 3.1 million people with targeted lifesaving and life changing support, working through national authorities and locally-led organisations to deliver assistance in all regions of Niger. Nevertheless, the operating environment remained challenging with partners facing access constraints, logistical difficulties and funding deficits resulting in operational delays.

Despite these constraints, WFP provided emergency food and nutrition assistance to the most food-insecure people, including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees and host communities as well as populations affected by extreme flooding. To sustainably address the underlying causes of food insecurity and malnutrition, WFP continued implementing its integrated resilience package. This multisectoral assistance seeks to transform food systems and bolster livelihoods while increasing households access to basic services and social protection systems.

Through the Global Assurance Plan, WFP implemented a comprehensive action plan to improve risk mitigation while ensuring maximum resources reach communities in need.

CRISIS RESPONSE

In coordination with the Government of Niger and partners, WFP provided lifesaving assistance in response to the urgent needs of the most vulnerable women, men, girls, and boys in all areas of Niger. WFP ensured that crisis-affected people including flood affected individuals, and internally displaced persons, had access to adequate food and nutrition in the immediate wake and aftermath of shocks



3.2 million people faced acute food insecurity at the peak of the 2024 lean season



1.5 million people reached with lifesaving food and nutrition assistance in all regions of Niger



1.5 million people affected by extreme flooding; WFP provided cash assistance to almost **350,000 people**



US\$ 20 million transferred to targeted populations through cash-based transfers where local markets permitted



31,068 MT of food commodities and specialized nutrition foods delivered to populations in urgent need



136,000 children under five received targeted supplementation for the treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition

SCHOOL FEEDING

WFP accompanies the Government of Niger's efforts to improve equitable access to quality education by providing daily, nutritious meals for school-age girls and boys in food-insecure and pastoral regions as well as educational bursaries for adolescent girls. All activities were accompanied by complementary activities to enhance children's access to vital services and strengthen technical counterpart's capacities.



Over **325,000 school children** in 1,666 school were provided with daily school meals



36,759 adolescent girls received attendance-based educational bursaries with \$1.7million in cash transferred



Over **600 smallholder farmers** identified with capacities to support the Home Grown School



Two new Memorandums of Understanding were signed with **UNICEF** and **UNFPA** for the Breaking Barriers to Girls Education project



3,590 local school canteen actors trained to enhance management and national ownership of school feeding programme.



NUTRITION SUPPORT

WFP delivered a comprehensive package of interventions to support communities to prevent and manage moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) as part of the integrated resilience approach. WFP supported health centers and communities across Niger to ensure nutritionally vulnerable people received targeted assistance while communities were equipped with skills to mitigate the risks of malnutrition.



487,812 children aged 6 – 59 months suffering from malnutrition received nutrition supplementation support



334,543 people supported through community-based Centers for Learning and Nutritional Rehabilitation (FARN)



10,454 MT of specialized nutritious foods (SNFs) distributed to health centers in all regions



Ten units for the fortification of local produce supported, producing **10 MT of fortified foods by 69 local cooperatives**



WFP supported the **National Social Behaviour Change protocol** development; trained 640 partner on positive nutrition practices and behaviours



RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LIVELIHOODS

Under a food systems approach, WFP strengthened the resilience and reinforced the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, enhancing their capacity to withstand shocks and restoring ecosystems to their full productive potential. This assistance was accompanied by market access support and the provision of adaptive social protection transfers for populations affected by climate shocks.

FFA

Over **1 million people** received Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) support throughout 2024, across all regions of Niger



38,100 hectares of land restored in 2024; the total land restored since 2014 is almost 305,000 hectares through FFA support



\$24.5 million cash transferred, including **2,691 households** receiving cash transfers through the adaptive social protection systems with UNICEF



More than **26,000 MT of** cereals and fodder produced through WFP's FFA activities



WFP **purchased 626 MT of local produce** from 8 local Farmer's Organizations valued at over **\$406,000**



UN University Study found that investing in drought adaptation measures **will save \$9.7 billion in humanitarian responses** by 2050

CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

WFP continued to strengthen the capacities of national institutions and stakeholders to progress sustainable and systems-based solutions to achieving food security in Niger. WFP supported the development of tools, systems, and processes to enhance emergency preparedness and response, shock-responsive social protection, education, nutrition, and resilience building.



Partnerships maintained with **21 national institutions** and **6 universities** through the REUNIR network



Over **1.6 million people** reached through the **integrated package of resilience** in **2,000 villages** across Niger



400,000 resilience beneficiaries in food insecure areas **did not require humanitarian assistance** in the lean season



Over **59,000 people** at risk of flooding received cash assistance through **Anticipatory Action** framework activation



Conflict sensitivity strategy produced and trainings delivered to **97 people** from UN, Government and partners



COMMON SERVICES

Through the provision of UNHAS, WFP supports the humanitarian and development community in Niger with sustained, safe and efficient access to the populations they serve. In 2024, the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) activated a community center in Diffa to enhance conflict-affected populations' access to digital skills, internet, and communication channels.



Over **14,500 passengers** from **180 user organizations** transported by UNHAS services throughout 2024



A total of **6 MEDEVACS** conducted by UNHAS within 24 hours of a request being received



Over **25,000 visits** to the ETC centre for data connectivity in Diffa; **421 people completed data literacy course**



Fleet of two aircraft with 85-seat capacity served **6 regular and 1 ad-hoc destinations** across Niger



30 MT of light cargo was transported including communications equipment and medical supplies





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