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Anticipatory Action to Mitigate the Impact of Flooding in Nigeria

In September 2025, the World Food Programme (WFP), in collaboration with the Government of Nigeria, activated its Anticipatory Action Plan (AAP) to mitigate the impacts of flooding in Yola North, Yola South, Girei, and Fufure Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Adamawa State, Northeast Nigeria.

Recurrent flooding in Nigeria poses a serious threat to lives and livelihoods, particularly in low-lying areas along the Benue River. These communities face heightened risks of displacement, illness, and loss of life during the rainy season.

This activation was guided by the [Interagency Framework for Anticipatory Actions against flood risk](#), developed in 2025. The formulation and endorsement of the framework were a result of strategic collaboration between UN agencies, government authorities and key partners, including the Office of the Vice President, the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction (FMHAPR), the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NiHSA), and the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMET). The process was further supported by NGOs and other stakeholders, with coordination led by OCHA and the Cash Working Group (CWG).

On September 8, the pre-agreed climatic trigger threshold for flooding along the Benue River was exceeded, triggering the release of funding and the implementation of anticipatory actions. This decision was based on predictive models: GloFAS forecasted a discharge of at least 3,132 cubic meters per second at Wuroboki within five days. The CERF framework for Nigeria specifies a critical lead-time trigger of 14 to 20 days before expected flooding.

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Key facts

Location: Four Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Adamawa State, namely Yola North, Yola South, Girei, and Fufure.

Number of people supported with anticipatory cash transfers	83,539
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As part of this activation, WFP implemented the following anticipatory action:

Distribution of multi-purpose anticipatory cash transfers

WFP is providing Multi-Purpose Cash (MPC) transfers to vulnerable households, enabling them to purchase essential food and non-food items ahead of the crisis. Each household will receive NGN 208,182 (approximately USD 135), representing 100 per cent of the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) for a six-person household. As part of the activation, WFP also provided the Nigeria Red Cross (NRCS) with tailored messaging to be shared with beneficiary households, offering actionable guidance on how to use the cash received effectively.

This anticipatory support helps families prepare adequately, reducing the impact of flooding on their lives, livelihoods and food security. WFP deployed its digital payment platform, PlugPAY, which integrates beneficiary registration, verification, and payment processing to ensure fast, transparent, and accountable cash transfers.

The timely implementation of these anticipatory actions was made possible through multi-year investments in early warning systems, technical support to government emergency response and social protection systems, and robust preparedness activities.

This activation was supported by USD 1.75 million in funding from the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), providing critical assistance to protect the most vulnerable from the harmful impacts of riverine flooding in Adamawa State, Northeast Nigeria.

