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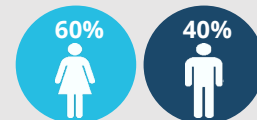
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WFP Nigeria Country Brief August 2025



In Numbers

690,386 people assisted*
in August 2025



4,302 mt of food assistance distributed*

US\$ 2.5 million distributed through cash-based transfers*

US\$ 96.6 million six-month net funding requirement
(September 2025 – February 2026)

*Data culled from preliminary distribution reports

Operational Context

Nigeria is Africa's most populous and the sixth most populated country globally. Over half of the people in Nigeria are multi-dimensionally poor, and 65 percent of them live in the North.

Nigeria's northern states – once surplus food production areas now grapple with poverty, recurring conflicts and a widescale humanitarian crisis resulting from the internal displacement of over 2.3 million people in the north-east in addition to 1.3 million people in the north-west and north-central states.

Disruption of agricultural livelihoods and surging cost of food, fuel, and other essential items exacerbate the situation. By November 2024, the average cost of a healthy diet had surged by 95 percent compared to the previous year. Driven by violent conflicts and economic shocks, Nigeria has consistently ranked top ten in terms of population affected by a major food crisis for the past eight years.

As the lean season peaks between June and August 2025, the March 2025 Cadre Harmonisé projects that 30.6 million people across Nigeria are now facing hunger at crisis and emergency levels.

WFP has collaborated with the Government since 2016 to provide emergency food and nutrition assistance. Currently, WFP is implementing a five-year Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027) that aims to deliver emergency food assistance and support recovery and resilience-strengthening efforts for vulnerable people and communities. WFP's strategy for lasting solutions is aligned with national priorities while enhancing the domestic capacity for Government-led solutions.



Population: 223.8 million
(UNFPA 2024)

2023-2024 Human Development Report:
161 out of 193

Income Level: Lower middle income

Northeast and northwest: 5.44 million children aged 0-59 months acutely malnourished; 1.76 million with SAM and 3.67 million with MAM (IPC Analysis, November 2024)

Situation and Operational Updates

- Unconditional Resource Transfers:** WFP provided basic food assistance to over 653,634 people in August. Most of the support was delivered using electronic vouchers that were redeemable for food commodities from WFP pre-approved food retailers. 39,413 children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls received top-ups on the basic food assistance they received to support their dietary needs and prevent malnutrition.
- Malnutrition Treatment Programme:** WFP is providing nutrient dense local food (Tom-Brown) for the supplementation of moderately malnourished children with lower mortality risk. In August, WFP assisted 76,165 acutely malnourished children and pregnant and breast-feeding women using both specialized nutritious food and Tom-Brown.
- Food Systems Strengthening:** WFP is leveraging its network of partners to empower smallholder farmers with the tools and skills necessary to boost farm yields despite the recurrent climatic shocks. In Borno state, WFP has collaborated with the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources as well as the State's Agriculture and Development Programme to establish demonstration hubs in 14 communities where local farmers can learn improved agricultural techniques through hands-on experimentation. In Yobe state, WFP is also working with Maleri seeds to provide 25 youth farmer groups with linkages to a stable market where farm produce can be sold at stable prices across the seasons. The supported farmers will also benefit from trainings, improved seeds and linkages to financial services.
- WFP is strengthening the national capacity for social protection in Nigeria as part of its strategy to address the immediate and underlying causes of malnutrition.** In Kebbi state, WFP's support to produce locally fortified rice is being leveraged to deliver school meals to 53,000 primary school children. WFP is also supporting the education of about 1,738 children in Borno state. This support builds on the joint project by WFP and the Borno State Government to provide conditional cash-based food assistance and educational supplies to children across three communities (Wadiya, Fori and Gwange). Households that were assisted in the project's pilot have been transitioned into WFP's early recovery programme where they are receiving livelihood training and cash transfers to strengthen long-term resilience and self-reliance.

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Photo: WFP supports primary health centres in northeast Nigeria to prevent wasting and support the treatment of moderately malnourished children. ©WFP/Nigeria.

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
2.2 billion	639.8 million
2025 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (September 2025 – February 2026)
475 million	96.6 million

Strategic Outcome 1: People meet their urgent food and nutrition needs

CSP Outcome 1: Food-insecure internally displaced persons, refugees, returnees, and host community members in crisis-prone and conflict-affected areas of Nigeria have access to adequate nutritious food and early recovery activities that meet their immediate food needs and live in cohesive households and communities during and after shocks.

Focus area: *Crisis response*

Activities:

- Provide food assistance and an integrated package of gender-transformative malnutrition prevention alongside social and behaviour change communication, asset-creation, skills development, and complementary livelihood activities to crisis-affected, food-insecure people
- Provide malnutrition treatment activities, alongside gender-transformative social and behaviour change communication, to children 6–59 months of age and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls

Strategic Outcome 2: People have better nutrition, health and education outcomes

CSP Outcome 2: Nutritionally vulnerable people in Nigeria benefit from better access to healthy diets and complementary services to improve their nutrition status in line with national targets by 2027

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activity:

- Support the provision of an integrated, multisectoral, gender-transformative, nutrition-sensitive package to nutritionally vulnerable groups

Strategic Outcome 3: People have improved and sustainable livelihoods

CSP Outcome 3: By 2027, targeted vulnerable households and smallholder farmers in Nigeria have improved sustainable livelihoods and enhanced social cohesion derived from food systems that are resilient to shocks and thus facilitate enhanced access to nutritious diets all year round

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activities:

- Provide an integrated package of nutrition and climate adaptive livelihood activities to vulnerable households, especially those with nutritionally vulnerable groups, to improve diets
- Provide support on gender-transformative, climate-smart, youth-inclusive food production, post-harvest and commodity quality management and marketing to smallholder farmers

Strategic Outcome 4: National programmes and systems strengthened

CSP Outcome 4: National actors have strengthened capacity and an enhanced enabling environment for the development and management of food security and nutrition policies, strategies, processes, and programmes in line with national targets to achieve zero hunger by 2030

Focus area: *Root causes*

Activity:

- Provide nutrition-sensitive and gender-transformative technical support on emergency preparedness and response, social protection, food systems, digital solutions, policy development and coherence and other innovative approaches targeting SDG 2 to national actors, including institutions

Strategic Outcome 5: Humanitarian and development actors are more efficient and effective

CSP Outcome 5: The humanitarian community in Nigeria is enabled to reach and operate in areas of crisis throughout the year.

Focus area: *Crisis response*

Activities:

- Provide common logistic services to government, United Nations, and non-governmental organisation partners to facilitate effective field operations
- Provide common emergency telecommunications services to the Government, humanitarian partners and crisis-affected communities to facilitate effective field operations, provide for staff security and support the protection of affected communities
- Provide United Nations Humanitarian Air Service services (UNHAS) to all humanitarian partners
- Provide on-demand services to humanitarian actors

Monitoring

- Report from the monitoring of food prices across 20 markets in Borno and Yobe states indicate decreases in the cost of the Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB) in July. The cost of the SMEB decreased by an average of 9 percent across the survey markets between June and July. The reduction is primarily attributed to improved grain supply in local markets driven by the reopened borders for grain imports. More details are available in the Borno and Yobe Market Monitoring reports for [July](#) and [August](#).

Funding

- WFP has an 89 percent shortfall in the resources necessary to sustain emergency food assistance between September 2025 and February 2026. Low stocks of specialized nutritious food have already led to the suspension of support to 150 malnutrition supplementation clinics, placing 300,000 children at increased risk of severe wasting and mortality. **Overall, WFP's net funding requirement** for the next six months — September 2025 to February 2026 — **is USD 96.6 million.**

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