



WFP Niger Country Brief November 2025

In Numbers

835,000 people assisted in November*

153 mt of food distributed*

US\$ 260,000 of cash-based transfers made*

US\$ 64 million six-month net funding requirement
(Dec 25 – May 26)

*Preliminary figures



Operational Context

Niger is a vast, landlocked country located in the heart of the Sahel region in West Africa. Despite an abundance of natural resources, the country is ranked the fourth least developed country globally (Human Development Index, 2022). Chronic vulnerabilities persist due to a variety of compounding factors, including rapid demographic growth, an underdeveloped economy and a lack of access to basic services and infrastructure. The country's fragility has been amplified in recent years due to the convergence of conflict, climate and socio-economic shocks. Extreme gender inequalities further exacerbate vulnerabilities.

According to the November 2024 Cadre Harmonisé, 2.2 million people were projected to face severe food insecurity during the 2025 lean season (June - August). Forty-seven percent of children under 5 years of age in Niger are chronically **malnourished** and over **12.2 percent** are **acutely malnourished** (above the 10 percent alert threshold set by WHO). This represents 1.5 million children suffering from moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 0.4 million suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM). More than 50 percent of children under five suffer from at least one form of malnutrition.

The main drivers of food insecurity in Niger include the combined effects of the spillover of **conflict** from neighbouring countries - leading to an increase in insecurity and forced displacement - **climate shocks** (such as drought and floods) and **high food prices**. These pre-existing and complex humanitarian needs were compounded by the socio-economic impact of the 2023 **political crisis**, the subsequent sanctions and suspension of external assistance from several bilateral partners to Niger.

WFP has been present in Niger since 1968 and is currently implementing its activities under the 2020-2026 Country Strategic Plan. WFP provides emergency assistance to crisis-affected communities including refugees, internally displaced persons, and host communities. Simultaneously, through an integrated package of resilience-building activities, WFP supports communities to promote healthy food systems by revitalizing their ecosystems, enhancing livelihoods opportunities, and strengthening access to basic services (education and nutrition). This approach, increasingly being rolled-out in fragile areas, reduces humanitarian needs and contributes to strengthening social cohesion.



2024 HDI report: **Ranked 189th out of 193**

Chronic malnutrition: **47% of children aged 6 - 59 months**

Population: **27 million**

Income level: **Low income**

Strategic Updates

WFP Niger presented its CSP evaluation response at the Executive Board:

From 17–20 November, WFP Niger Country Director, Mrs Kinday Samba, participated in the second regular session of the Executive Board to present its management response to the evaluation of the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2020–2025. The evaluation, conducted between April 2024 and May 2025, focused on accountability and learning. The report highlighted that WFP Niger effectively adapted to a challenging operational environment marked by insecurity, access constraints, and funding gaps. WFP Niger endorsed all recommendations and developed a detailed action plan to implement them with several actions already underway. The Board took note of the evaluation summary and adopted the management response.

Discussion and Review on WFP Niger Country Strategic Plan (CSP):

Between 4–6 November, WFP Niger participated in a regional workshop in Dakar alongside Mali and Burkina Faso to kick off discussions on the upcoming Country Strategic Plans (2027–2031). Building on these exchanges, Niger CO convened a review of its current CSP (2023–2026) on 27 November with government representatives, donors, NGOs, and UN agencies. The review assessed progress over the past three years, highlighted best practices, and identified key adjustments to guide the next strategic cycle. The three country offices will present their new CSPs to the Executive Board in November 2026.

Cadre Harmonisé 2025 preparation: Ahead of the November 2025 Cadre Harmonisé analysis, WFP supported the Government's Early Warning System (SAP) to launch the national food security survey known as "Sentinel Sites." Data collection and analysis were completed in November, and findings will inform the Cadre Harmonisé exercise scheduled for 11–16 December. Final results will be released following the workshop and subsequent validation by the Government.

Strengthening evidence for community resilience: Between 25-27 November, WFP Niger partnered with the University of Niamey to organize two workshops aimed at advancing research and knowledge sharing on resilience. The first showcased studies by Master's and PhD students on topics such as soil fertility, food security, and socio-economic impacts of resilience interventions. The second focused on capitalizing on lessons learned, reinforcing WFP's commitment to integrate academic insights into program design and policy dialogue. These efforts form part of a broader knowledge management approach to strengthen evidence-based programming and inform future strategic planning.

WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2020 – 2025)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
1.9 billion	1.19 billion
2025 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (Dec 25 – May 26)
209.1 million	64 million

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis affected populations, including refugees, IDPs host communities and returnees in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of a crisis.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities: Provide integrated food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected populations (refugees, IDPs, host communities and returnees).

Strategic Outcome 2: School-aged girls and boys including adolescents in targeted food insecure and pastoral regions have access to adequate and nutritious food during the school year.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities: Provide an integrated school feeding package to boys, girls, and adolescents during the school year in a way that relies and stimulates local production (home-grown school feeding).

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Nutritionally vulnerable populations including children 6-59 months, pregnant women and girls, adolescent girls, in targeted areas have improved nutritional status by 2024.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities: Support national nutrition programme through provision of preventive and curative nutrition services (including SBCC, local food fortification, complementary feeding and capacity strengthening) to targeted populations.

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Food insecure populations and communities including those affected by climate shocks, in targeted areas have more resilient livelihoods integrated into sustainable food systems to ensure access to adequate and nutritious food by 2024.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities: Provide livelihood support to food insecure and at-risk men, women, boys, and girls, including the development or rehabilitation of natural and productive assets (FFA), climate risk management measures, and value chains.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 5: National institutions and other partners have strengthened capacities to design and manage integrated gender-responsive food security, nutrition and shock-responsive social protection policies and programmes by 2024.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities: Provide capacity strengthening to national, decentralized institutions and partners on: (i) coherent and gender-transformative intersectoral policies; ii) planning, (ii) coordination mechanisms, (iii) ownership and programme implementation, and (iv) knowledge management.

Strategic Result 8: Global Partnership

Strategic Outcome 6: Humanitarian and development partners in Niger have access to common services and expertise to access and operate in targeted areas until appropriate and sustainable alternatives are available.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities: Provide UNHAS flight services to partners, to access areas of humanitarian interventions. Provide logistics, ITC, and coordination services to partners in absence of alternative to ensure humanitarian assistance as well as other supply chain services and expertise on demand.

Operational update

- Emergency Response:** WFP's emergency response reached **38,717** individuals across the regions of Tillabéri, Diffa, Tahoua, and Maradi, compared to the initial target of 99,000 people. This figure includes assistance provided to 2,084 migrants at the Assamaka transit center. The implementation of planned activities was affected by several factors, notably access constraints in certain localities.
- School Meals:** WFP continued providing daily hot meals to support **323,224** schoolchildren across 1,655 schools. In addition, 334 newly identified schools by the Ministry of Education will now benefit from school meal activities.
- Nutrition:** WFP provided curative supplementation for moderate acute malnutrition to **102,220** children aged 6–23 months. These efforts were complemented by 9,983 sensitization sessions, which included cooking demonstrations and the screening of approximately 356,679 children at FARN (Foyers d'Apprentissage et de Réhabilitation Nutritionnelle) sites. Under the Cash for Prevention (C4P) programme, cash assistance was distributed to 1,937 children aged 6–23 months and 953 pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- Rural Development:** Asset creation activities resumed across four regions, engaging **370,104** beneficiaries for 15 days in Dosso, Zinder, Tahoua, Agadez, and Maradi. The activities primarily focused on clearing firebreaks to reduce the risk of wildfires, a recurrent challenge during this time of year.
- UNHAS:** UNHAS transported **1,283** passengers and 1.59 metric tons of cargo and conducted one medical evacuation. Current operations are funded through May 2026; however, a highly constrained funding outlook for 2026 may require reducing the fleet and routes, in consultation with the Steering Committee. Urgent resources are needed to maintain the service at its current capacity, particularly given the access challenges faced by partners in Niger.

Assessments, Market and Evaluation

- Markets:** WFP in partnership with the Agricultural Market Information System (SIMA), conducted market assessments using the Market Functionality Index-Nutrition (MFI-N) tool. This approach aims to analyze the feasibility, risks, and potential impact of different interventions, while identifying strategies to strengthen resilience and improve the performance of local markets.
- Monitoring:** A total of 315 sites were visited by Third-Party Monitors (TPM) and field monitoring assistants. Issues identified and monitoring findings are shared through the process monitoring platform and the monthly monitoring bulletin. In addition, the resilience Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) training was conducted during this month and data collection will take place in December.

Challenges

- Security and access constraints:** Access challenges continue to affect humanitarian operations in Tillabéri, northern Tahoua, northern Dosso, and Diffa, despite a temporary decline in incidents. Insecurity remains a major constraint, particularly in Tillabéri and the newly affected Dosso region, increasing operational risks and limiting partner engagement. Repeated attacks have made partners and contractors reluctant to operate in these areas.
- Government measures on NGO compliance:** At the end of November, the Government suspended NGOs that did not comply with financial reporting requirements for 2024 activities. None of WFP's cooperating partners were affected.