



WFP Chad Country Brief

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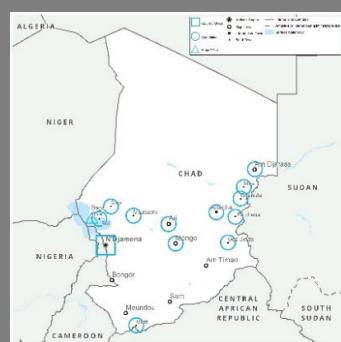
Operational Context

Chad is a largely arid, landlocked Sahelian country in central Africa, with a population of 19 million people. It is a low-income country – 42 percent of its population live below the poverty line – with one of the highest levels of hunger and malnutrition in the world. According to the March 2025 Cadre Harmonisé, 3.3 million people are food insecure, in addition to over 450,000 refugees and returnees who also face severe food insecurity.

Chad ranks very low on the 2024 Global Hunger Index (125 out of 127 countries), the 2023 Humanitarian Development Index (190 out of 193 countries) and highly on the 2023 Fragile State Index (9 out of 179 countries). Chad is also among the world's most vulnerable countries to climate change and suffers from rapid desertification and environmental degradation. The country ranks last out of 185 countries in the 2021 Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index measure of a country's vulnerability to climate change and other global challenges in combination with its readiness to improve resilience.

Chad is affected by internal and external population movements, driven by regional insecurity. As the host of one of the largest and fastest growing populations in Africa, with over 1.4 million refugees, the country is experiencing enormous pressure on already limited resources since the beginning of the Sudan crisis in April 2023. As humanitarian access in Sudan remains limited, it is expected that the influx of arrivals crossing the border into Chad will continue.

Therefore, supporting Chadians, host communities, returnees and refugees is critical to stave off rising food insecurity and malnutrition rates, as well as to handle conflict sensitivity by reducing tension among communities over resources. WFP has been present in Chad since 1969.



Population: **18.9 million**

2023/4 Human Development
Index: **190 out of 193**

Income Level: **Lower**

Moderate Acute Malnutrition: **1.5
million children** (2024/2025)

In Numbers



1,014,911 people assisted*

3,996 mt of food assistance delivered*

US\$ 9.7 million in cash-based transfers made*

US\$ 128.9 million six-month net funding requirements (January- June 2026)

* Based on estimated monthly data (January 2026)

Operational Updates

- WFP Chad continues to face a **complex humanitarian environment**, with a persistent influx of new refugee arrivals from Sudan placing increasing pressure on limited natural and humanitarian resources. The preliminary results of the November 2025 Cadre Harmonisé show some improvements compared to 2024, however Chad remains among the countries with the highest numbers of food insecure people, especially during the lean season between June and August 2026, as the analysis projects 3 million people will be food insecure (CH/IPC Ph3+).
- WFP currently assists around **2.5 million people** across all activities, including about **1.2 million** each month under crisis response interventions.
- The crisis in Sudan continues to reshape the humanitarian landscape.** Since April 2023, over 1.2 million people have crossed into eastern Chad (896,745 new arrivals from Sudan and 424,661 returnees) bringing the total refugee population to about 1.5 million, one of the largest in Africa. This influx has placed immense pressure on an already fragile food system, heightening the risk of further deterioration in food and nutrition conditions. With conflict in Sudan showing no signs of abating, new arrivals are expected to continue into 2026. The recent escalation of violence in El Fasher has triggered large-scale displacement across Darfur, raising concerns about additional refugee movements into Chad. While approximately 20,000 new arrivals have crossed the border, the volatile situation requires continued readiness. New arrivals are concentrated in Wadi Fira (Tiné), Ouaddaï (Adré), and EnnediEst (OureCassoni), where WFP is providing immediate assistance and closely monitoring developments.

WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2024 - 2028)

Total CSP Requirements (US\$)	Total Received for CSP (US\$)
2.1 billion	704.3 million
12-month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (US\$) (Jan 2026 - Dec 2026)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (Jan 2026 - June 2026)
273.9 million	128.9 million

Strategic Result 1: People are better able to meet their urgent food and nutrition needs.

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected people in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs before, during and in the aftermath of crises. **Focus area:** Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide packages of food and nutrition assistance to people affected by crises or shocks, including anticipatory action and support for activities that build self-reliance.

Strategic Result 2: people have better nutrition, health and education outcomes.

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable people at risk of malnutrition, including school-aged children, are better able to contribute to the development of Chad's human capital by 2028. **Focus area:** Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide inclusive nutritious school meals for vulnerable children in a way that relies on and stimulates local production.
- Provide nutrition assistance for vulnerable people in targeted locations, including pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, children aged 6–59 months and people living with HIV/tuberculosis to improve their access to and the availability of nutritious foods.

Strategic Result 3: people have improved and sustainable livelihoods.

Strategic Outcome 3: Food-insecure communities in targeted areas have improved livelihoods and more resilient food systems by 2028.

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide food- and nutrition-insecure people with an integrated package of livelihoods support including activities aimed at empowering women

Strategic Result 4: national programmes and systems are strengthened.

Strategic Outcome 4: Local and national institutions in Chad have strengthened systems and capacity for implementing policies and programmes, including shock-responsive social protection, by 2028. **Focus area:** Resilience-building

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening for national institutions, enabling them to develop effective and gender-sensitive food and nutrition security, social protection and early warning systems.

Strategic Result 5: humanitarian and development actors are more efficient and effective.

Strategic Outcome 5: Government actors and humanitarian and development partners have access to common services and to areas targeted for assistance all year round. **Focus area:** Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide partners with UNHAS services to enable them to reach the locations of humanitarian operations.
- Provide partners with supply chain, information and communications technology, management and other services to support an effective and efficient humanitarian response.

WFP assistance at the Border

- Provision of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) emergency rations to all children and pregnant/lactating women to prevent malnutrition while awaiting relocation.
- WFP response plan includes 15-day in-kind food distributions and two months of malnutrition prevention, followed by cash-based transfers, once refugees are relocated to official sites. WFP has developed a response plan to provide immediate assistance to the new arrivals and is currently implementing readiness measures to respond to this evolving situation, with food stocks prepositioned. If additional funding is not secured, WFP will not be able to sustain the current level of assistance.

Progressive Expansion of the Unified Social Registry

- Beyond its food assistance, WFP also collaborates with partners to **support the Government** for more sustainable solutions including technical assistance and advocacy for progressive expansion of the **Unified Social Registry** to strengthen national **social protection systems** and reinforce the populations capabilities through **livelihoods supports**.



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