



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES



WFP NIGER

COUNTRY BRIEF

February 2026

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- On 26 January, WFP’s Assistant Executive Director for Programme Operations, Mr. Matthew Hollingworth, visited Niger for [high-level discussions with national authorities](#). He reaffirmed WFP’s commitment to strengthen community resilience through sustainable and national led solutions.
- A surge in displacement recorded through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in Niger is requiring rapid expansion of WFP’s emergency food assistance to meet the urgent needs of 72,000 people in Tillaberi region over the next three months.

IN NUMBERS



900,000 people assisted in January 2026



47%
Male



53%
Female



178 mt food distributed



USD 0.9M cash transferred



USD 66M (Feb – Jul 2026) net funding requirements

Photo Caption & Credit: Targeted food distribution, Maradi region. © WFP/Adamou DanSalaou

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Niger faces a combination of structural vulnerabilities and acute shocks linked to insecurity and climatic changes that drive food insecurity. According to the December 2025 Cadre Harmonisé results, published by the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), 2.4 million people are projected to face severe food insecurity during the June – August 2026 period. The 2025 IPC Nutrition analysis also revealed that 1.6 million children are suffering from acute malnutrition (MAM) including 0.4 million with severe acute malnutrition (SAM).
- Internal displacement shocks persist as threats and violence from terrorist groups continue particularly in Tillaberi, Tahoua, Dosso and Diffa regions. In January 2026 alone, over 110,000 people were recorded as newly displaced through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), with 81,000 people located in the Tillaberi region alone. Following needs assessments of newly displaced populations, RRM partners coordinate responses. WFP is preparing voucher assistance to support 58,000 people for three months and an additional 14,000 people for two months.
- WFP’s resourcing situation is critical in Niger. With current resources, WFP can only assist 350,000 people with emergency assistance through to April 2026. WFP will face a total suspension in its humanitarian responses beyond this without new contributions.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Emergency Response

- WFP reached 152,251 people with life-saving emergency assistance, including through RRM support and post-RRM to extremely vulnerable displaced populations. Assistance was delivered through in-kind food assistance and cash-based transfers, with a total of USD 198,486 distributed.
- WFP is preparing to respond to significant displacement alerts in Tillaberi region received in January 2026. Preparations are underway to ensure retailers are equipped for voucher distributions to start in February.
- In parallel, WFP activated an anticipatory action response assistance to 75,421 beneficiaries through cash-based transfers as part of flood preparedness and early action interventions.

Nutrition

- WFP provided curative supplementation for moderate acute malnutrition to 24,000 children aged 6–23 months, with 145.2 mt of specialized nutritious food (Plumpy'Sup) through health facilities. In parallel, social and behaviour change (SBC) sensitization sessions were carried out, reaching 46,000 people.
- Operational challenges persist in several regions, particularly regarding monitoring of nutrition activities due to insecurity and access constraints, as well as supply chain bottlenecks affecting timely delivery of nutrition commodities.

School Meals

- A total of 323,224 schoolchildren in 1,655 schools received school meals. Cash distributions continued for 33,573 adolescent girls who completed attendance for the first term of the 2025–2026 school year. In addition, 360 schools received direct cash transfers to procure food from smallholder producer organizations.

Rural Development

- In January, FFA activities were ongoing in all regions of the country, involving 339,108 beneficiaries in the 135 prioritized sites for 2026. As of January, the FFA ration has

increased from XOF 1,300 per HH/day to XOF 2,000 per HH/day aligning with national rations.

UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 658 passengers, 1.2 mt of light cargo, and conducted 4 medical evacuations in January. Passenger numbers dropped by 45 percent and cargo volumes by 20 percent compared to December 2025.
- UNHAS experienced a temporary reduction in operational capacity after the 28–29 January security incident at Niamey's airport, which damaged the Embraer 145-LR. A replacement aircraft has been operational since 9 February, restoring full operational capacity. Current operations are sustained until November 2026.

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FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2020-2026)



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