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# WFP Algeria

COUNTRY BRIEF

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Nutrition situation deteriorating:** Preliminary findings from the **2025 Nutrition Survey** show **13.6 percent wasting** among children aged 6–59 months—the highest level in over a decade—alongside widespread anaemia (65 percent among children; 69 percent among women), underscoring the need to scale up both treatment and prevention services.
- **Funding shortfall expected:** Although full rations are currently provided, WFP assistance is at risk of suspension **by early July 2026** without additional resources. WFP is intensifying donor engagement to safeguard uninterrupted food and nutrition assistance.

## IN NUMBERS



133, 672 rations delivered in February 2026



50% Male



50% Female



2,093 mt food distributed



USD 220,130 cash transferred



USD 6.5M (March – August 2026) net funding requirements

**Photo Caption & Credit:** Sahrawi women supporting each other as they share rice provided through the GFA activity. ©WFP Algeria

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Algeria has been hosting refugees from Western Sahara since 1975 in camps near the town of Tindouf in South-Western Algeria. Situated in harsh and isolated desert environment, opportunities for self-reliance in the camps are limited, forcing people to depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.
- The latest 2024 Food Security Assessment confirmed that over 80 percent of the Sahrawi camp populations depend on humanitarian food assistance to meet their needs, with 6.5 percent severely food insecure, 57.2 percent moderately food insecure, and 14.6 percent vulnerable to and/or at risk of food insecurity.
- WFP currently provides the main regular and reliable source of food, including fortified food, in the camps. Upon the request of the Algerian Government, WFP has been present in the country since 1986. WFP Algeria [Interim Country Strategic Plan \(ICSP\) for 2019-2022](#) was extended to February 2027 to allow for additional consultations with the Government and other stakeholders on the new ICSP. The ICSP continues to focus on helping address the basic food and nutrition needs in camps.

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## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### General Food Assistance

- WFP distributed 133,672 food rations in February 2026, providing approximately 15.66 kg/person/month and ~2,040 kcal/person/day. The food basket consisted of fortified wheat flour, barley, lentils, rice, vegetable oil, and sugar. Operational delays persisted due to port congestion and lengthy clearance procedures, prompting enhanced coordination with authorities.

### Nutrition

- Children suffering from Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) enrolled in targeted supplementary feeding were assisted as follows: 689 children (6–59 months) received 100 g/day RUSF, and 647 PBWG received daily 200 g WSB+ with sugar plus 20 g oil.
- To support the prevention of acute malnutrition and Anaemia, 8,108 PBWG (93 percent of the target) redeemed monthly USD 19 nutrition e-vouchers at 76 retailers; 8,420 PBWG received micronutrient tablets; and 14,578 children received 50 g/day LNS MQ.
- These interventions address acute malnutrition, anaemia, and dietary gaps.

### School-Based Assistance

- WFP continued distributing sandwiches (bread, eggs and cheese) to 22,421 children and provided hot milk to 29,140 primary and Intermediate school children across the camps, contributing to attendance, retention and improved dietary intake.

### Assessment and Monitoring

- In February, WFP conducted process monitoring across the Sahrawi refugee camps, visiting ten General Food Distribution (GFD) sites, eight clinics, 13 schools, nine markets, the central warehouse, and 45 households.
- Overall, distributions proceeded smoothly, and beneficiaries reported high satisfaction with food quality, though some expressed concerns about the quantities received, particularly sugar and oil.
- On average, the monthly food basket lasts households around 22 days, and many families

continue to share part of their rations with relatives and neighbours, reflecting strong social cohesion within the camps. No beneficiaries perceived or had any issue with the distribution, and they believe they were treated with respect by WFP or its partners during distribution.

- Nearly all beneficiaries have received information about the assistance and their entitlement, and 75 percent knew the hotline number, but most did not use it.

### Story From the Field



As part of WFP's broader digital transformation agenda, the Country Office and its partners have initiated the rollout of a new WFP warehouse stock management solution, which is planned for implementation in March 2026. In this context, a Track and Trace training was conducted in February 2026, bringing together over 15 participants and equipping them with the skills and knowledge required to accurately record, follow, and monitor the movement of products across the supply chain. The training focused on enhancing visibility and traceability, ensuring timely detection of discrepancies or quality issues. It also covered the use of digital tools, documentation standards, and compliance requirements to maintain product integrity and operational efficiency.

### FUNDING OVERVIEW

#### Country Strategic Plan (2019-2027)



### Donors

Andorra, Brazil, Croatia, ECHO, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, USA.

**Photo Caption:** Track and Trace trainees gather outdoors near the warehouses during the February 2026 session to strengthen digital stock management and traceability skills.