



WFP NIGER

COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026



994,000 people assisted in March 2026
(53% female)



700 mt food distributed in March 2026



USD 2.7M cash transferred in March 2026



USD 68.3M required in the next six months (Apr – Sep 2026)

* Preliminary figures

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Severe funding shortfalls are increasingly constraining WFP's ability to sustain critical assistance in the medium term. Recent directed and multilateral contributions enable WFP to cover a limited emergency response through to August. However, without additional resources, hard prioritisation decisions may be required in the coming months, further reducing coverage for vulnerable populations, including school feeding and nutrition responses.
- On 12 March, a Steering Committee meeting was held for WFP's Country Strategic Plan (CSP). The Committee, under the leadership of the Minister of Economy and Finance, approved the strategic direction for WFP's next CSP (2027-2031).

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- The food security and nutrition situation remains critical in Niger. According to the December 2025 Cadre Harmonisé, 2.4 million people are projected to face severe food insecurity in 2026. Malnutrition levels also remain high. The 2025 IPC Nutrition analysis estimated that 1.6 million children will be affected by acute malnutrition this year, including 400,000 suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM).
- The 2026 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) identified 3 million people in need, requiring USD 675 million to reach 2 million people targeted within the Plan. This includes a budget of USD 258 million for food security interventions targeting 1.5 million people.
- In March, the volatility of the security situation posed challenges for access. Temporary suspension movements of UN staff were imposed along key axis in Tillabéri while WFP faced delays due to timely access to escorts.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Emergency response

- In March 2026, WFP supported approximately **62,000** people across Niger through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), post-RRM assistance and support to migrants. Operations remained heavily constrained by insecurity, particularly in the Tillabéri region, where delays in targeting and registration affected around half of the planned beneficiaries.

- WFP, in coordination with IOM, provided short term food assistance to 1,290 Nigerian migrants in Niamey while voluntary repatriation arrangements were being facilitated, ensuring continuity of support for highly mobile and vulnerable populations.

Nutrition

- In March, **46,400** moderately malnourished children were treated through health facilities with the distribution of 141 mt of Plumpy'Sup, while community-based nutrition activities continued across FARN sites reaching 90,000 people.
- However, no distributions of specialized nutritious foods (SNF) for the prevention of malnutrition are currently ongoing due to limited resources. Urgent funding is required to enable the procurement and importation of SNF and resume preventive nutrition activities.

School Meals

- A total of **380,600** schoolchildren in 1,989 schools received school meals. However, resourcing constraints could lead to a drastic reduction in the school feeding program in certain regions, particularly in emergency zones. The process for the distribution of second-quarter scholarships to 33,897 adolescent girls is ongoing. WFP has reduced the number of daily meals provided to just one to stretch the limited resources available.

Rural Development

- Food Assistance for Assets activities in the field continued reaching **295,000** people across regions in the 135 prioritized sites with a reduced caseload in Tillaberi due to funding constraints. In addition, Smallholder Agricultural Market Support (SAMS) activities reached approximately **58,400** smallholder producers, while capacity strengthening interventions supported around **151,600** individuals.

UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 849 passengers and 1.77 mt of cargo in March. UNHAS Niger remains among the most cost-efficient operations worldwide.
- The Middle East crisis is already having a significant impact on UNHAS operations with

fuel availability extremely limited in the country. There is a substantial risk of disruption to the service. Operations are sustained until December 2026.

Assessment

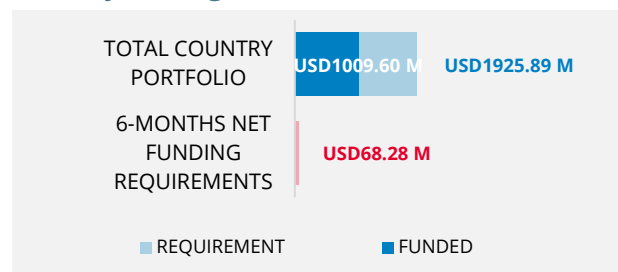
- WFP has conducted an impact analysis of the Middle East crisis on Niger to assess potential implications for food security, markets and operational costs. While the immediate macroeconomic impact of the crisis remains limited for the country, rising energy, transport and agricultural input costs are likely to translate into higher food prices in the coming months, progressively weakening household purchasing power and food access.
- As part of the pilot Cash for Prevention (C4P) project to prevent malnutrition, endline surveys indicated measurable improvements in the proportion of households showing acceptable food consumption increasing from 52 to 70 percent.

Accountability for Affected Populations

- To reinforce safeguarding and compliance with donor standards, WFP Niger organised an all staff PSEA sensitization session on 30 March. The session focused on staff obligations, core SEA principles, reporting and investigation procedures, strengthening risk mitigation, accountability mechanisms, and WFP's capacity to deliver assistance in line with donor safeguarding and ethical requirements.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2020-2026)



Donors

Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, ECHO, France, Germany, Italy, Joint SDG Fund, Luxembourg, Monaco, Multilateral Funds, Niger, Norway, Private Donor (LDS), Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Joint SDG funds, United States of America.