



WFP CHAD

COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026



1M people assisted in March 2026
(57% female)



5,949 mt food distributed in March 2026



USD 5.9M cash transferred in March 2026



USD 138.9M required in the next six months (Apr-Sep 2026)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Chad is a largely arid, landlocked Sahelian country in central Africa. Since April 2023, the Sudan crisis has driven one of Africa's fastest-growing refugee influxes, bringing the total number of refugees to approximately 1.5 million.
- This rapid increase is placing immense pressure on already limited resources, and cross-border arrivals into Chad are expected to continue.
- With the June rainy season approaching, anticipatory logistics preparations are underway to support continuity of humanitarian operations. WFP is advancing pre-positioning efforts in coordination with partners to address anticipated needs over the coming months.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- The continued influx of refugees and returnees from Sudan is placing additional pressure on already fragile local systems, particularly in border and host community areas. These dynamics are increasing demands on food systems, basic services, and local resources, reinforcing the importance of sustained, coordinated humanitarian support alongside national efforts to promote stability and resilience.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Crisis Response

- Since April 2023, over 1.2 million people have crossed into eastern Chad (918,761 new arrivals from Sudan and 389,755 returnees), with more arrivals expected to continue.
- WFP is providing immediate assistance to these new arrivals. Since the beginning of 2026, WFP was obliged to adopt alternate month distributions, resulting in crisis response activities being reduced by half. With additional funding confirmed, WFP will be able to resume monthly distributions through July/August.

Anticipatory Action

- To strengthen the transition towards nationally led systems, WFP is committed to building on the Government's growing engagement by supporting national anticipatory action efforts,

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Photo Caption & Credit: Sudanese refugees queue for food aid distribution in Adré, Chad. © WFP/Arete/Salamon/Djek.

expanding coverage to reach more people and regions, integrating anticipatory action with social protection and climate risk financing systems, and generating evidence and learning. This will be complemented by targeted collaboration and capacity strengthening for technical government services. Achieving these objectives will require predictable and flexible funding, particularly to enable non traditional activities that underpin recovery and self-reliance. Enhanced coordination and complementarity among partners will be essential to ensure optimal coverage of needs within a Nexus approach, particularly as humanitarian assistance is expected to decrease.

Resilience

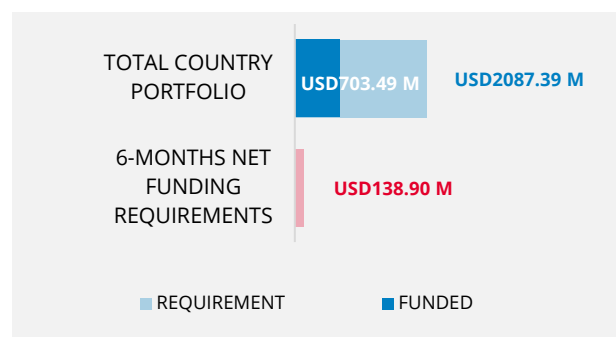
- In March, WFP convened a briefing with donors, UNHCR, and key partners to provide updates on the Haguina initiative, including progress to date, the funding outlook, and current donor contributions.
- The Haguina initiative offers a structured, government-led framework to support a gradual transition from emergency response to resilience in high-vulnerability areas. WFP is supporting implementation through integrated programming that brings together food assistance, livelihoods support, and land restoration. Initial investments indicate promising potential to reduce long-term humanitarian needs; however, continued progress depends on maintaining effective linkages between emergency and resilience interventions.
- WFP contributed to the Chad Climate Finance Expo 2.0, co-organized by the Government of Chad and the UK FCDO, which focused on climate financing, resilience, and the diversification of funding sources. The Expo marked an important milestone in advancing access to climate finance in Chad, bringing together participants from public and private institutions, as well as technical and financial partners. Participants were united around a shared objective of diversifying and scaling up climate finance while strengthening national resilience to climate challenges.

Funding Outlook

- A joint WFP/UNHCR news release titled '[Funding shortfalls put lifelines at risk for Sudanese refugees in Chad](#)' was published. UNHCR and WFP highlight that essential assistance to refugees will be drastically scaled back even further in the coming months unless a USD 428 million shortfall (USD 289 million and USD 139 million for each agency, respectively) is met.
- WFP held its first quarterly donor meeting of 2026, highlighting key achievements in 2025, outlining strategic priorities for 2026, and sharing funding outlook.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2024-2028)



Donors in 2025-2026

Canada, Chad, Cyprus, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Private Donors, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, UN CERF, UN other Funds and Agencies (excl. CERF), United Kingdom, United States of America, World Bank.

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