



Anticipatory Action Activation

Chad



Anticipatory Action to mitigate the impacts of drought in Chad

In Chad, the World Food Programme (WFP), in collaboration with the government of Chad and United Nation agencies activated an Anticipatory Action (AA) intervention ahead of drought in seven drought-prone provinces, to reduce humanitarian impacts before they materialize. These agro-pastoral areas depend heavily on rainfall, and drought conditions can rapidly undermine crop production and livestock, threatening food security and livelihoods.

The AA framework, approved in March 2025, is coordinated by OCHA and implemented through collaboration between WFP, other participating UN agencies, humanitarian partners, and the Government of Chad. National authorities and technical services play a central role in the framework by contributing to risk analysis and forecast interpretation, validating trigger information, supporting geographic targeting, and facilitating operational coordination for the activation and delivery of assistance.

The activation was based on seasonal forecasts for the July–August–September period. Forecasts from the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) Seasonal Forecasting System 5 (SEAS5) indicated that a significant share of the monitored areas would experience below-average rainfall, with at least 20 percent of the area likely to fall within the lowest 15 percent of historical precipitation levels. Updated analysis showed that up to 72.2 percent of the area could fall below this threshold, confirming a high likelihood of severe drought conditions.

Following validation by the OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data and consultations with national authorities, anticipatory action was formally activated in early May 2026, with Window 1 confirmed on 5 May and Window 2 shortly after.

A few days prior to and immediately following activation, WFP

AA Activation—May 2026

Key facts

Location: Kanem, Barh El Gazal (BEG), Batha, Sila, Ouaddaï, Lac and Wadi-Fira provinces	
Number of people targeted with early warning messages	170,472
Number of people targeted with anticipatory cash transfers	170,472

initiated preparedness and implementation measures to ensure rapid delivery of assistance in the targeted areas. Building on established standard operating procedures and partnerships with cooperating partners, the operation prioritized speed, coordination, and alignment with existing resilience programmes. WFP will implement the following anticipatory actions:

- Dissemination of Early Warning Messages:** Communities received timely information on expected drought conditions through local committees established at distribution sites, enabling households to take preventive measures to protect their livelihoods and wellbeing.
- Distribution of Anticipatory Cash Transfers:** Vulnerable households received unconditional multipurpose cash assistance to safeguard food security and livelihoods ahead of the shock. Transfers were valued at approximately USD 14.28 per person per month, equivalent to around USD 85.68 per household, supporting basic needs during the early phase of the drought.

Through these actions, WFP aims to ensure that households maintain access to food and avoid resorting to negative coping strategies, while strengthening their ability to anticipate and respond to climate shocks.

This activation was supported by USD 4 million in funding from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the Government of Austria. For Window 1, CERF financing (USD 1.96 million) enabled the initial scale-up of anticipatory actions, complemented by top-up contributions from Austria (USD 2.08 million) through the WFP Anticipatory Action Trust Fund to expand coverage and increase transfer values. WFP may mobilize additional resources for Window 2 within the implementation timeline beginning in July.



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