

ALGERIA

COUNTRY BRIEF
May 2026

IN NUMBERS

- **133, 672** people assisted in April 2026 *(50% female)*
- **2,003 mt** food distributed in April 2026
- **USD 233,970** cash transferred in April 2026
- **USD 8.1M** required in the next six months (May– October 2026)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP faces imminent funding constraints that threaten the continuity of general food assistance beyond mid-August 2026. Urgent donor support is needed to sustain critical food and nutrition support for 133,672 people.
- The results of the post-distribution monitoring conducted in November show an improvement in Minimum Diet Diversity for Women (MDD-W) of reproductive age and WFP nutrition beneficiaries, increasing by 6 percentage points from 56 in 2024 to 62 in 2025. Programme participants recorded higher MDD-W than non-participants (46 percent). WFP's Social Behaviour Change interventions also helped these women improve their knowledge on early breastfeeding and maternal nutrition during pregnancy and lactation.

Reporting Period: April 2026

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Algeria has been hosting refugees from Western Sahara since 1975 in camps near Tindouf in South-Western Algeria. Located in a harsh and isolated desert environment, opportunities for self-reliance in the camps are limited, forcing people to depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.
- According to the 2024 Food Security Assessment, 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 has been present in the country since 1986 and currently remains the regular and reliable source of food, including fortified food, in the camps. The WFP Algeria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP) for 2019-2022 was extended to February 2027 pending additional consultations on the new ICSP and continues to address basic food and nutrition needs in camps.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

General Food Assistance (GFA)

- In April, WFP distributed 133,672 food rations providing an average of 14.66 kg/person/ month, equivalent to approximately 1,934 kcal/

Photo Caption & Credit: A moment of care and hope: a mother feeds her child with *Plumpy'Sup* as part of a WFP-supported MAM treatment programme. ©WFP/Algeria

person/day out of the required 2,100 kcal per day. The food basket consisted of fortified wheat flour, barley, pasta, lentils, rice, vegetable oil, and sugar.

Nutrition

- For the management of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), WFP provided specialized nutritious foods (SNFs) to 702 children aged 6-59 months (100g/day) and 627 pregnant and breast-feeding women and girls PBW/Gs (200g/day).
- To support the prevention of acute malnutrition and anaemia, 8,456 PBWGs (94 percent of the target) redeemed monthly USD 22 nutrition e-vouchers at 72 retailers; 8,456 PBWGs received micronutrient tablets; and 14,630 children received 50 g/day of SNFs.
- These interventions aim to address all forms of malnutrition, with a focus on acute malnutrition, micronutrient deficiencies (especially anaemia), and dietary gaps.
- WFP initiated the inception phase of a decentralized evaluation led by an independent evaluation entity. The evaluation will assess the integration of nutrition-sensitive and targeted nutrition interventions across the five camps near Tindouf. It aims to generate evidence for learning and accountability to inform future programming and strategic decisions. Results are expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

School-Based Assistance

- WFP provided sandwiches (bread, eggs and cheese) to 22,421 children and hot milk and fortified biscuits to 29,140 primary and intermediate school children across the camps, supporting attendance, retention and improved dietary in-take. Distributions were carried out as planned throughout school days.

Assessment and Monitoring

- In April, WFP conducted Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) for General Food Assistance (GFA), with 402 households randomly sampled across the five camps. The PDM aims to assess food security–related outcome indicators among GFA beneficiaries in the Sahrawi camps. Data analysis and reporting are expected to be completed in the next couple of months.

Partnerships

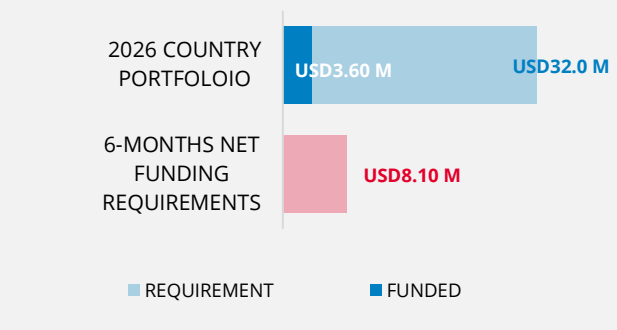


Photo caption & credit: WFP and partners convene a high-level advocacy event to address food security and nutrition challenges in the refugee camps near Tindouf. ©WFP/Algeria

- WFP, in partnership with the Embassy of Italy, the Italian Cultural Centre, and the Italian NGO *Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli* (CISP) Algeria, organized a high-level advocacy event on 20 April in Algiers under the theme: *"**At a Tipping Point: Safeguarding Food Security and Nutrition in the Refugee Camps near Tindouf.**"* The event brought together representatives from the diplomatic community, United Nations agencies, international NGOs, and national counterparts to exchange perspectives on current challenges, operational responses, and strategic partnerships aimed at safeguarding food security and nutrition in the camps.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2027)



DONORS

Andorra, Brazil, Croatia, ECHO, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, United States.

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