



WFP NIGER

COUNTRY BRIEF

May 2026



1.1 M people assisted in April 2026
(53% female)



310 mt food distributed in April 2026



USD 5.5 M¹ cash transferred in April 2026



USD 54.8 M required in the next six months (May - Oct 2026)

* Preliminary figures

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Resourcing constraints put the continuity of emergency food and nutrition at risk from September onwards. WFP is prioritising the most acutely food insecure and newly displaced but urgently requires new contributions to sustain humanitarian and development assistance.
- Over 161,000 people have been registered as newly displaced through the Rapid Response Mechanism in 2026 to date – a 350 percent increase compared to the same period in 2025. WFP has assisted 76 percent of RRM beneficiaries.
- The Government National Response Plan, currently under validation, aims to reach approximately 1.9 million (1.5 million by the Government and 400,000 by partners), leaving around 500,000 people without assistance.

1. Including \$0.6M via voucher

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 remain high with an estimated 1.6 million children estimated to suffer from acute malnutrition this year (IPC Nutrition Analysis, December 2025), including 400,000 facing 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. This includes 1.9 million people targeted with food security responses.
- The Government plans to assist 1.5 million extremely vulnerable people with food assistance in the upcoming months while partners will reach an additional 400,000 people. Approximately 500,000 people in need will remain without any form of assistance between June - September.
- The security environment remains volatile, driving forced displacement and needs. Over 161,000 people have been newly displaced in 2026 to date, compared to 33,000 in the same period in 2025. Humanitarian partners are monitoring potential cross-border movement following events in Mali, noting that the Government has emergency food assistance to any arrivals in Tillaberi region.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Emergency response

- WFP reached approximately **132,000** people across Niger with emergency support through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), post-RRM assistance, support to migrants in Assamaka and seasonal assistance to pastoralists.
- Operational delays were experienced in Tahoua and Tillabéri regions due to access constraints for targeting and registration exercises.

Nutrition

- In April, **24,545** children received supplementation for the management of moderate acute malnutrition. Community-based nutrition interventions were implemented via 1,126 community nutrition centres (FARN), ensuring essential malnutrition screening, prevention and referral services.
- Nutrition operations continue to be drastically reduced due to funding constraints and limited product availability on markets.

School Meals

- In April, WFP continued to support school meals for **380,673** children in 1,989 schools through a combination of direct food deliveries and cash-based transfers to schools for meal preparation.
- The Government of Niger formalized its engagement within the global School Meals Coalition, committing to expand the coverage of the national school meals programme to 25 percent of primary schoolchildren by 2030.

Rural Development

- Food assistance for assets interventions reached **337,962** people in all regions except Agadez. Capacity strengthening activities, including training and support for rehabilitated land development, benefited approximately **151,700** individuals.
- Quarterly transfers were made to households under the adaptive social protection programme reaching **44,702** people.

UNHAS

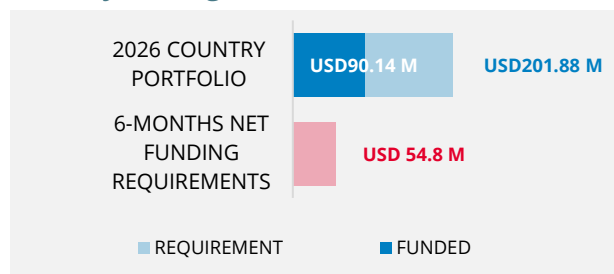
- UNHAS transported 1,200 passengers and 1.49 mt of cargo in April.
- Operations are facing growing cost pressures due to 60 percent increases in aviation fuel prices. Additional funding is required to maintain the service at current capacity. In the event of resource constraints, UNHAS may be forced to deprioritize routes or reduce its fleet, despite sustained demand.

Assessment

- Prices of key staple foods have seen moderate increased in April compared to previous month, notably for millet (+1 percent), maize (+3 percent), sorghum (+1percent), and cowpeas (+3 percent). This still marks a significant reduction in prices compared to April 2025, across all commodities, including millet (-24 percent), maize (-32 percent), sorghum (-26 percent), imported rice (-21 percent) and cowpeas (-9 percent) reflecting a return to more typical price levels following the severe market pressures observed in 2024 and early 2025.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2020-2026)



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