



## WFP NIGERIA

### COUNTRY BRIEF

May 2026



**555,930** people assisted in April 2026  
(60% female)



**257 mt** food distributed



**USD 4.6 M** cash transferred



**USD 139.7 M** required in the next six months (May - Oct 2026)

### KEY HIGHLIGHT

- WFP has resumed food assistance in Borno and Yobe states after funding constraints compelled it to pause food distributions in March. Using e-vouchers, WFP assisted 420,163 people with emergency food assistance in April.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Intersecting security, climatic and economic challenges are driving high food needs and a widescale humanitarian crisis in Nigeria.
- Over 3.6 million people are internally displaced across the northeast, northwest and northcentral states due to the protracted conflict in the region.
- According to the latest Cadre Harmonisé 34.8 million people will likely face crisis or worse (IPC3+) levels of food insecurity between July

and September 2026—the period between cultivation and harvest.

- WFP has collaborated with the Government since 2016 to provide emergency food and nutrition assistance. Currently, WFP is implementing a five-year Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027) that aims to deliver emergency food assistance and support recovery and resilience-strengthening efforts for vulnerable people and communities. WFP's strategy for lasting solutions is aligned with national priorities while enhancing the domestic capacity for Government-led solutions.
- Despite funding shortfalls which compelled WFP to reduce its coverage in 2025, WFP continues to deliver integrated support to national efforts towards stabilization.

### OPERATIONAL UPDATES

#### General Food Assistance

- In April, WFP assisted 420,163 people across Borno and Yobe states to meet their emergency food needs. Electronic vouchers were the main modality for assistance with beneficiaries redeeming food items from WFP contracted food retailers and vendors.

#### Nutrition

- WFP continues to integrate malnutrition prevention into general food assistance reaching 22,262 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women in April.

**Photo Caption & Credit:** Community members using the grain and vegetable milling machines at the Wammako Farmer Service Centre, Sokoto state. ©WFP

- WFP supported the supplementation of 79,115 moderately malnourished children aged 5-69 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls through the primary health facilities. In addition, 56,652 malnourished children were also reached through community-based nutrition activities across Tom Brown treatment sites.
- In April, WFP cooperating partners alongside government counterparts participated in a three-day capacity strengthening workshop focused on implementing and cascading WFP's new strategy to improve behaviors and social norms around the access, selection, preparation and consumption of nutritious foods. Participants gained practical knowledge on multiple community engagement methods and communication channels to explore how everyday decisions regarding key themes such as meal enrichment, dietary diversity, food combinations, intercropping, food preservation and household food production can lead to improved household outcomes over time.

## Resilience and Livelihood Support

- WFP's initiative to support the resilience of smallholder farmers in Katsina and Sokoto States was finalized in April. The project delivered a comprehensive package of interventions aimed at strengthening agricultural resilience through support to production, post-harvest management, and farm-to-market linkages for 3,990 smallholder farmers.
- The project also supported the construction of a community grain bank, providing critical infrastructure to reduce post-harvest losses and improve food availability. In addition, 1,710 households received cash-based assistance while participating in communal asset maintenance activities, contributing to both income support and community asset sustainability. Cooperatives were established to scale up production through access to finance, thereby improving diverse and nutritious foods.

## Assessment and Monitoring

- Remote process monitoring showed an upward trend in poor or borderline food consumption patterns. An estimated 65 percent of households had inadequate food consumption within the

first quarter of 2026. A 26-percentage point increase compared to the last quarter of 2025.

Households are also showing more stress due to food shortages, indicated by the 4-point increase in the average reduced coping strategy index compared to the previous quarter.

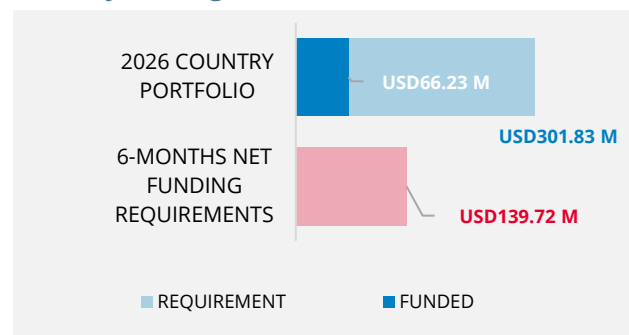
## Stories from the field



Atika supports her family through rice processing and selling sachet water. For many years, she could only afford to process small quantities of rice, barely enough to feed her children while struggling to keep them in school. With support from WFP's resilience building project, she has expanded her business significantly and participates in the community-based savings mechanism. Today, Atika can provide regular meals for her family and keep her children enrolled in school, securing a stable future for them.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)



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