

WFP NIGERIA

COUNTRY BRIEF
August 2026

- **1,110,460 *** people assisted in July 2026
- **301 mt** food distributed
- **USD 10.2 M** cash transferred
- **USD 116.1 M** required in the next six months (Sept 2026 – Feb 2027)

** Preliminary figures*

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Funding constraints continue to affect WFP's operational capacity amid high food needs. A critical funding gap for general food assistance is projected in October 2026, forcing WFP to suspend interventions.
- WFP reached 1.1 million people in July. This includes general food assistance for 908,838 people across Borno, Yobe, Katsina and Sokoto states.
- The IDP camp in Gwoza Local Government Areas was closed in July as part of the Borno State Government's durable solutions to internal displacement. This follows the closure of the Bama camp that occurred in June.

Reporting Period: July 2026

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Humanitarian needs remain high in Nigeria amid ongoing humanitarian funding constraints. Conflict and violence continue to cause displacement and disrupt the livelihoods of households in affected areas driving food consumption deficits. An estimated 36.2 million people in the country are acutely food insecure with 2.1 million people facing emergency levels (CH 4) of food insecurity.
- Economic pressures including high food and fuel costs compound the challenge for internally displaced and other vulnerable households.
- WFP is supporting the Government of Nigeria since 2016 to provide emergency food and nutrition assistance in Northern Nigeria. 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.
- WFP Nigeria also manages critical humanitarian enabling services that support the broader response architecture, including the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS), and the Logistics Sector.

Photo Caption & Credit: Sarayya's participation in WFP's Youth in Work programme and innovation challenge, enabled her to establish a metal fabrication business. ©WFP/Nommiyid Chantu

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

General Food Assistance

- WFP delivered general food assistance to 908,838 people in July. This includes food assistance for 4,377 displaced people newly arrived in the IDP camps. Malnutrition preventing top-ups were integrated to the basic food assistance for households with children (aged 6-23 months) and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls reaching 40,500 people.

Nutrition

- WFP reached 99,180 children with Moderate Acute Malnutrition and malnourished PBWGs through its targeted supplementary feeding programme in July.
- The programme was accompanied by a community mobilization package that included malnutrition screening and referral as well as mother-to-mother support group platforms where cooking demonstrations and sensitization on maternal, infant, and young child feeding practices are provided.

Resilience and Livelihood Support

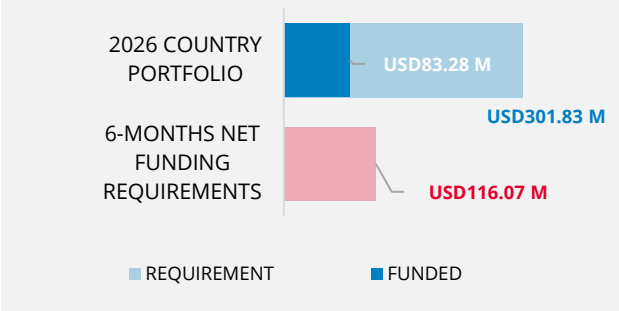
- WFP is supporting local land rehabilitation efforts in Potiskum, Yobe state by collaborating with communities to construct half-moon structures where tree seedlings are then planted. WFP provided cash transfers to 19,340 people conditional to their participation in the land rehabilitation and restoration efforts.
- WFP supports Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) as part of its resilience building activities. The VSLA which typically consist of 25 members, are community-based groups through which members save money, access small loads and establish social funds to support members during emergencies. WFP's support to the VSLAs includes capacity strengthening and technical guidance including training on record-keeping, loan management, governance, and conflict resolution.

Institutional Capacity Strengthening

- In July, the National Social Investment Programme Authority (NSIPA) and the Katsina State Agency for Social Investment Programmes (KASIPA) convened stakeholders in a workshop to strengthen coordination between state and national actors involved in the delivery of social protection programmes in northwest Nigeria. During the engagement the joint initiative between WFP and KASIPA to strengthen and expand the State Social Register in Katsina State was officially launched. Through this partnership, WFP is providing technical and operational support to enhance the coverage and the targeting of the Katsina State Social Register with the aim of reaching 150,000 beneficiaries across five frontline Local Government Areas (LGAs), Batsari, Danmusa, Dutsin-Ma, Kurfi and Safana. The initiative forms part of broader efforts to strengthen state-led shock responsive social protection as a tool for timely and effective crisis response.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)



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