



WFP SIERRA LEONE

COUNTRY BRIEF

October 2026



262,620 people assisted in September 2026 (52% female)



USD 2.1 M required in the next six months (October– March 2027)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP and partners launched nationwide 2026 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA) data collection, funded by Ireland, to strengthen evidence-based food security policies and programming.
- Standards Bureau inspected locally procured rice and peas, while WFP expanded supplier engagement and pursued local vegetable oil sourcing options.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Sierra Leone's humanitarian needs remain driven by chronic poverty, economic fragility, high food insecurity, and climate-related shocks. Although inflation has eased from previous peaks, rising fuel costs and food prices continue to strain household purchasing power.
- The July 2025 Food Security Monitoring System survey reported a decline in the proportion of severely food insecure households by more than half—from 28 percent in 2023 to 13 percent in

July 2025—representing a 15-percentage point reduction.

- Since late February 2026, there has been a 57 percent increase in diesel and 40 percent increase in petrol, driven by external factors.
- WFP's new Country Strategic Plan 2026-2030 reflects a sharpened strategic focus on food systems, home-grown school feeding, nutrition, resilient livelihoods, women's economic empowerment and youth opportunities. WFP's response is increasingly centered on strengthening nationally led systems, while retaining the capacity to respond to shocks, including climate-related disasters, public health emergencies and seasonal food insecurity.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Nutrition

- Production and marketing of the locally produced fortified complementary food, 'Nyam Nyam Pap,' continued across Rotifunk, Gbangbatoke, Zimmi, and Sahn Malen, reflecting sustained community demand and increasing market acceptance, with over 10,000 packets (750g sachets) sold during the reporting period. In September, Pap was distributed to 2,500 children aged 6-23 months who were at risk of malnutrition, while an assessment of sales agents was completed to strengthen the product's distribution network.
- Additionally, agricultural tools and seeds were distributed to 50 Mother Support Group (MSG) communities to establish backyard gardens,

Photo Caption & Credit: The Breastfeeding Walk to raise awareness of the importance of exclusive breastfeeding and infant nutrition. WFP/Ibrahim Bangura

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promoting dietary diversity and improved complementary feeding practices for children aged 6-23 months.

School-Based Assistance

- Engagement also advanced around Sierra Leone’s commitments to the School Meals Coalition. WFP supported refinement of the Government’s commitments, including a proposed commitment to establish and ring-fence a dedicated domestic budget line for the national school feeding programme.
- WFP continued food dispatches for the 2026/27 Home-Grown School Feeding programme despite challenges related to limited transporter capacity, commodity shortfalls, and difficult access routes in several operational areas. Supply chain teams remained focused on completing Term 1 deliveries to schools across the country. School feeding dispatches had reached approximately 83 percent completion against approved Food Release Notes (FRNs), while logistics teams intensified coordination with suppliers, transporters, and procurement units to address bottlenecks.

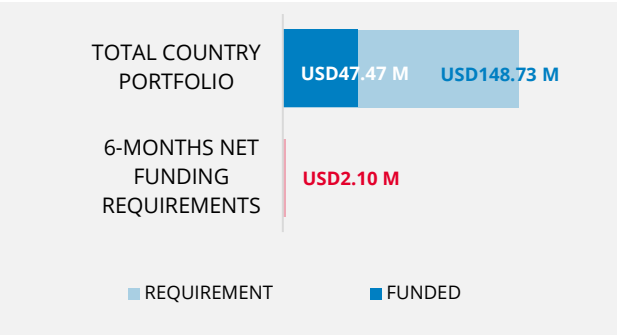
Resilience and Livelihood Support

- WFP and partners officially launched nationwide data collection for the 2026 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA). The exercise is funded by Ireland and implemented with the Government of Sierra Leone, FAO, UNICEF, and IFAD to generate nationally representative food security evidence to inform policies and programming.
- The Sierra Leone Standards Bureau commenced quality and quantity inspections of locally procured rice and peas. Procurement teams also engaged potential suppliers to expand local sourcing options, including discussions on locally sourced vegetable oil to address commodity shortfalls.

Partnerships

- WFP Sierra Leone hosted a Track & Trace operational monitoring and adoption mission to cover training on the Cooperating Partner Stock Management Solution (CPSM), Digital Stack Cards, and location management systems. Activities included warehouse observations, user engagement sessions, and training in Freetown, Kissy, Kambia, and Bonthe. Positive feedback was received on stock visibility, accountability, and the use of QR-enabled Digital Stack Cards, demonstrating progress toward strengthening digital supply chain operations.

FUNDING OVERVIEW
Country Strategic Plan (2026-2030)



Donors

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