



WFP CAMEROON

COUNTRY BRIEF

October 2026



108,215 people assisted in September 2026 (51% female)



236 mt food distributed in September 2026



USD 354,372 cash transferred in September 2026 (excluding payment to cooperatives supplying schools)



USD 29.5M required in the next six months (Oct 2026-Mar 2027)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP is designing a new Country Strategic Plan, CSP, to run from 2028 to 2033. This CSP will define a transition pathway to a nationally-led implementation.
- The Douala Logistics Corridor remains a critical food systems hub for the Lake Chad Basin countries. Between January and August 2026, WFP dispatched 28,726 mt of food through the Douala Corridor. Of this total, 24,576 mt supported operations in Chad and Sudan, accounting for 86 percent of all food dispatched.
- WFP's post-distribution monitoring shows deteriorating food security: acceptable food consumption fell 11 percent from 2025, while more households resorted to extreme negative coping strategies.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Cameroon is facing a neglected humanitarian crisis marked by overlapping emergencies: armed clashes between non-state armed groups (NSAGs) and state security forces in the Northwest and the Southwest regions; NSAG insurgency and climate shocks in the Far North Region; and an influx of Central African Republic refugees in the Adamawa, East and North regions. These emergencies have resulted in 2.2 million forcibly displaced people, including 387,000 refugees, 1.8 million internally displaced people (IDPs) and returnees.
- The country experienced a steady economic growth of 3.5 percent in 2025, but food and nutritional needs remain severe. About 2.9 million people were projected to face IPC3+ food insecurity between June and August 2026, including 250,000 people in IPC4. Stunting is affecting 29 percent of children under five with rates as high as 40 percent in some areas. Furthermore, 933,000 school age children living in crisis-affected areas will require education assistance in 2026.
- WFP delivers lifesaving food and nutrition assistance while strengthening resilience among refugees, IDPs, and host communities across six crisis-affected regions. WFP also supports capacity strengthening of national institutions to identify and address the root causes of food insecurity; and provides

Photo Caption & Credit: WFP staff interacting with pupil during school meals distribution in the Far North Region. WFP/Jordan Onana

logistics and air transport services to humanitarian partners to reinforce national and regional stability.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

General Food Assistance

- In September, WFP assisted 68,870 people in the Adamawa, Far North and North regions with USD 354,256 as cash-based transfers and 228 mt of food. Beneficiaries comprised 25,000 internally displaced people (IDPs), 32,770 Central African and Nigerian refugees and 11,100 vulnerable residents.

Nutrition

- WFP assisted 2,530 children aged 6-23 months with 8 mt of specialized nutritious foods (SNFs) to reinforce malnutrition prevention.

School-Based Assistance

- WFP resumed the distribution of school meals in the Adamawa, Centre and Far North regions, following the resumption of the school year in September. Approximately 36,770 learners received daily hot meals provided through purchase of food items from local cooperatives.

Resilience and Livelihood Support

- WFP and partners completed the selection of 44 cooperatives and small and medium-size enterprises (SME) under the UN joint ConvergeFood project. WFP, UN partners and government collaborators conducted onboarding training sessions to prepare these cooperatives and SME for the implementation phase of the project.

Supply Chain

- Between January and October 2026, the Douala Corridor registered a throughput of 34,000 mt, representing 84 percent of the 2026 plan. Another cargo of 14,600 mt of commodities is expected by the end of the year, exceeding the planned tonnage of 40,500 mt.

- WFP's Supply Chain handed over 204 mt of mixed commodities to local partners in the Far North region in September 2026.
- The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) operated 51 flights to Maroua and N'Djamena (Chad) from Yaoundé, transporting 267 passengers in September 2026.

Accountability to Affected People

- WFP registered 119 cases through its various Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM) channels, with 97 percent closing rate in September 2026. Most of the cases were related to assistance services and implementation.

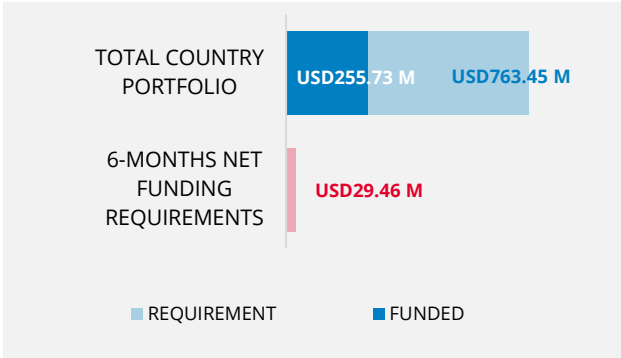
Assessments

- WFP, UNICEF and the government conducted a joint nutritional screening in 21 health districts in the Far North Region. Preliminary results revealed that 17 percent of the children screened suffered from acute malnutrition, with 11 health districts classified as being in a 'critical nutrition situation' (global acute malnutrition, GAM rate above 15 percent). WFP and partners will work together to deliver high impact interventions in the most affected areas.
- The Local population in the Far North Region is already facing early impact of El Niño, with depletion of food stocks and rising food prices. Communities reported increasing heatwaves and drying water bodies, which will affect off-season farming and trigger early pastoral lean season. WFP is developing a preparedness and anticipatory plan.

Security in the Far North Region

- The Government has announced plans to reactivate community vigilance groups in the Far North, amid growing concern over deteriorating security conditions. Recent NSAG attacks have resulted in approximately 43,000 new displacements between January and October.

FUNDING OVERVIEW
Country Strategic Plan (2022-2026)



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