

ALGERIA

Country Brief
October 2026

133,672 rations provided in September

1,959.8 mt food distributed in September

USD 179,839 cash transferred in September

USD 18.4 M required in the next six months (October 2026 – March 2027)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Delayed funding confirmations and lengthy procurement and shipping lead times have caused commodity shortfalls since September, forcing ration reductions despite extensive mitigation measures, including commodity loans and borrowings. With December requirements entirely unfunded, urgent and flexible donor contributions are critical to restore full rations, stabilize the food pipeline and prevent further disruptions to life-saving assistance.
- Through strong partner complementarity, CRA and partners contributed 19 mt of assorted food commodities, complementing WFP's 1,960 mt assistance and helping optimize beneficiary food baskets amid funding and pipeline constraints.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Algeria has been hosting refugees from Western Sahara since 1975 in camps near Tindouf in South-Western Algeria. Located in a harsh and isolated desert environment, opportunities for self-reliance in the camps are limited, forcing people to depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.
- WFP has been present in the country since 1986 and currently remains the regular and reliable source of food, including fortified food, in the camps. The WFP Algeria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP) for 2019-2022 was extended to February 2027 and continues to address basic food and nutrition needs.
- According to the 2024 Food Security Assessment, over 80 percent of the camp populations depend on humanitarian food assistance to meet their needs, with 6.5 percent severely food insecure, 57.2 percent moderately food insecure, and 14.6 percent vulnerable to and/or at risk of food insecurity.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

General Food Assistance (GFA)

- During September, 88 percent of the standard ration was distributed, amounting to 14.66 kg per beneficiary. The adjusted food basket included 8 kg of wheat flour, 1.5 kg of barley, 1 kg of rice, 2 kg of lentils, 0.5 kg of gofio, 0.75 kg of sugar, and 0.91 kg of vegetable oil. To optimize beneficiary

Photo Caption & Credit : Gathered around a shared meal made from WFP-provided food commodities, a beneficiary family reflects the importance of sustained food assistance in ensuring food security and dignity. ©WFP/Algeria

food baskets under prevailing resource constraints, the Algerian Red Crescent (CRA) and partners contributed 19 mt of assorted food commodities to complement WFP's food assistance distribution of 1,959.8 mt.

Nutrition

- For the management of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), WFP provided special formulated foods (SFFs) to 761 children aged 6-59 months (RUSF-100g/day) and 655 pregnant and breast-feeding women and girls PBWGs (WSB+ 200g/day & Veg oil-20g/day).
- To support the prevention of malnutrition, 8,478 PBWGs (94 percent of the target) redeemed monthly USD 22 nutrition e-vouchers at 71 retailers; 8,530 PBWGs received micronutrient tablets; and 14,828 children received 50 g/day.

School-feeding

- In mid-September, school feeding activities resumed for the 2026/27 school year, reaching 30,975 learners, up from 29,140 assisted in the previous school year.
- Schoolchildren receive regular gofio porridge snack consisting of gofio, sugar, vegetable oil and dried skimmed milk. Primary and Quranic school students receive sandwiches alongside the porridge.
- To optimize resources while maintaining nutritional value of the ration, the sandwich distribution schedule was revised, now provided twice a week: one day with bread and cheese and one day with bread and eggs. On the remaining two days, complementary support is provided by cooperating partner Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli (CISP), giving the same combination.

Assets Creation for Livelihoods

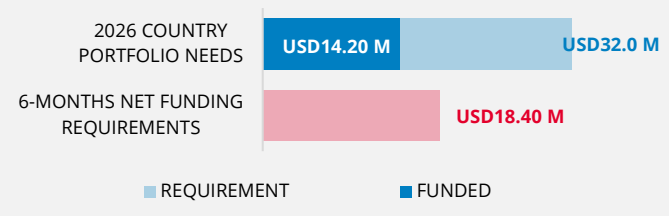
- For the 2026–2027 agricultural season, planting activities started progressively at the Dakhla Regional Garden, with 14 seed varieties available, alongside preparations for poultry rearing.
- Following the reopening of schools, monitoring activities resumed across three school gardens. Additional seeds were distributed to support the restart of gardening activities and strengthen practical learning opportunities linked to school feeding and nutrition.

Assessment and Monitoring

- During September, the external evaluation team completed the field data collection phase of the decentralized evaluation on nutrition integration across WFP activities. Extensive consultations were conducted across the five camps with cooperating partners, beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries, community structures, and donors. The final evaluation report, including key findings and recommendations, is expected by the end of 2026.
- In the absence of the regular Standardized Expanded Nutrition Survey (SENS), WFP, UNICEF, and UNHCR, in collaboration with CRA, local partners, and camp health authorities, launched a joint mass Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening exercise to update information on the nutritional status of children under five and PBW and support the early identification and referral of malnourished individuals.
- During September, training, standardization, and field-testing activities were completed, paving the way for data collection across the five refugee camps. While the exercise will generate valuable programmatic information and help identify nutrition hotspots and trends,

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2027)



DONORS

Andorra, Brazil, Croatia, ECHO, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland.

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