



World Food Programme

WFP Cameroon

Situation Report#14

NW/SW response

January/February 2020



In Numbers

4 regions mainly affected (North West, South West, Littoral and West)

679,393 Internally Displaced Persons¹

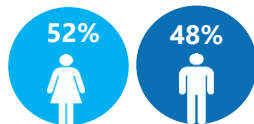
1.3 million people in need of assistance¹

968,477 people food insecure in NW/SW²

Highlights

- WFP and its partners reached 67,716 beneficiaries in January and 207,985 in February.
- Nutritional assistance activities started in February and 10,419 persons received nutritious food.

207,985 People assisted
January / February 2020



WFP Net Funding Requirements

(April 2020 – August 2020)

USD 9.8 million

Under Strategic Outcome 1; Activity 1

[Populations affected by NW/SW crisis have safe access to adequate and nutritious food.]

Under Strategic Outcome 3; Activity 6

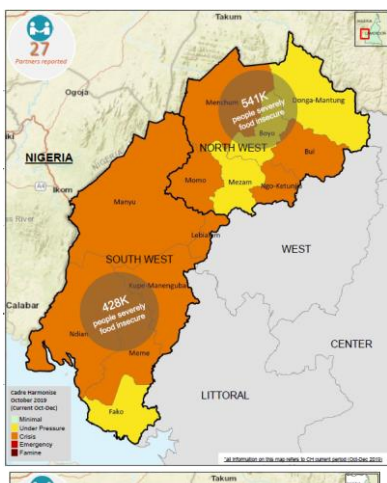
[Children aged 6-59 months and vulnerable women and men in food-insecure prioritized districts have reduced malnutrition rates]

Situation Update

- Electoral activities created tensions and a significant rise in hostilities and security incidents was observed, with major incidents including rampant shooting, roadblocks, attacks on military checkpoints and basis, skirmishes, ambushes and use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs). Divisions of Ngohketunjia, Mezam, Bui and Ndonga Mantung in the North West and Fako and Manyu in the South West are particularly affected.
- Casualties were reported after fights between government forces and non-state armed groups (NSAGs), including among civilians.
- On 30 January, at the distribution site of Bambili, North West, four staff from a WFP cooperating partner were abducted by NSAGs and released unharmed a couple of hours later.
- On 14 February, 23 people, mostly children and women, were killed during a raid against armed men launched by government forces in Ntumbo, in the South-West (SW). A day of mourning was declared by self-proclaimed Ambazonian officials who called for a lockdown on 28 February.

WFP Response

- WFP worked jointly with local cooperating partners to implement activities. In the South West, WFP engaged with NGO Reach Out and Caritas Kumba. In the North West, partners are Martin Luther Jr. King Memorial Foundation (LUKMEF), Caritas Bamenda, Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS), Community Initiative for Sustainable Development (COMINSUD) and Strategic Humanitarian Services (SHUMAS).



Cadre Harmonisé results for the period of October to December 2019
Sources: Food Security Cluster/ Cadre Harmonisé October 2019

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¹ OCHA: North-West and South-West Situation Report No.12

² Cadre Harmonisé October 2019

- WFP continues to provide in-kind food assistance to people in need, delivering a food basket consisting of rice, pulses, vegetable oil and salt. Beneficiaries of the assistance residing in urban/peri-urban areas received a reduced ration of 50 percent while those living in rural and difficult-to-reach areas received a 70 percent ration.
- WFP provides nutritional assistance through prevention of acute malnutrition activities targeting the Divisions of Meme, Fako and Manyu in the South West, as well as Donga-Mantung and Ngo-Ketunjia in the North West.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Since December 2018, WFP has provided food assistance to nearly 480,000 people in need of food and nutrition assistance in the South West and North West regions.
- In January 2020, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to a total of 67,716 vulnerable persons in the North West. No distributions were carried out in the South West.
- In February 2020, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to a total of 207,511 vulnerable persons in the North West and in the South West.
- WFP assisted 473 newly internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Mezam Division (SW).
- No nutrition assistance was provided during the month of January. In February, 10,419 persons received nutrition assistance.

Supply Chain

- A total of 661 mt of food items, consisting of rice, beans, vegetable oil and salt, was distributed in the North West in January.
- Around 2,020 mt of food items were distributed in the North West and in the South West in February.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- Monthly information products and maps (available [here](#)) display the presence of the Food Security Cluster partners and their effective response.
- In January, 22 FSC partners collectively assisted a total of 96,678 people, out of which 73,898 received food items through in-kind, e-voucher/ paper voucher modalities, while 18,565 received agriculture and livelihoods support like grants for small business, fish farming and processing, home gardening, poultry and agriculture related trainings.
- In February, 24 FSC partners assisted a total of 210,649 people, out of which 184,707 received food items while 19,282 received agriculture and livelihoods support.

UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS flights remains suspended in both regions since December 2019 after a flight was attacked by armed men at Bamenda airport in December.

Challenges and Constraints

- Recurrent clashes, kidnappings and shootings resulting in casualties create a volatile security situation that regularly lead to postponements of food distributions in North West and South West Cameroon. Presence of armed men, associated with threats on distribution teams in certain distribution sites delayed distribution processes.
- Roadblocks and checkpoints as well as twelve weekly Monday "ghost-town" and lockdown days restrain freedom of movement in the North West and South West over January and February, thus delaying WFP activities in these regions.

Donors in alphabetical order:

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