



World Food Programme

WFP Cameroon

Situation Report

NW/SW response #04

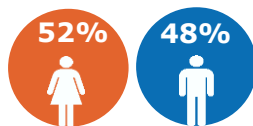
March 2019



Highlights

- Although the security situation remains volatile and unpredictable, March distributions have reached 43,962 beneficiaries with a full ration for 30 days.
- Partnership with the distributing partner 'Reach Out' in the South West region has been extended to June 2019.
- Scale-up of operations plans to reach 250,000 beneficiaries per month from June.

40,000 People assisted
March 2019



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In Numbers

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

4 million people affected¹

1.3 million people in need of assistance¹

Situation Update

- The general security situation remains precarious and complex with several violent and armed incidents reported. An increased number of incidents has been reported, including kidnapping and several gunshots sometimes resulting in casualties.
- Ghost town days and lockdowns are regularly observed, disrupting local economy activities and affecting humanitarian movements and actions.
- As per the January 2019 EFSA, 1.5 million people are food insecure of which 900,000 in the North West region and 600,000 in the South West region. 50 percent of the IDPs in the North West are food insecure, compared to 40 percent of IDPs in the South West. In both regions, IDPs are most severely food insecure.
- Preliminary findings of the *Cadre Harmonisé* show that six Divisions of Cameroon are in phase 3 (crisis), 2 in the South West and 4 in the North West, and confirm deteriorating food security in both regions. North West region is most affected.
- Timid return movement is observed in the South West.

WFP Response

- Revised WFP response plans to gradually scale up activities in favour of 250,000 beneficiaries per month by June in both regions: with 80,000 vulnerable persons targeted in the South West and 170,000 in the North West.
- The new Emergency Coordinator has arrived and will coordinate scale-up operations roving in between Yaoundé, Buea, Bamenda and Douala.
- Partnership with the distributing partner Reach Out in the South West region is extended for three months until June 2019.

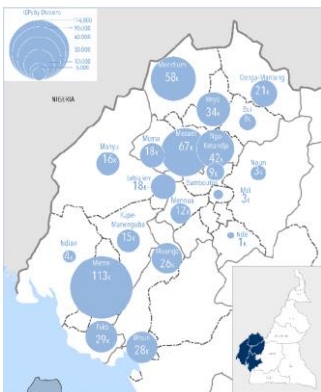
WFP Net Funding Requirements

(April 2019 – September 2019)

Under Strategic Outcome 1; Activity 1

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

USD 9.9 million



Map: IDPs affected by NW/SW crisis, OCHA SitRep January 2019

¹ OCHA: North-West and South-West Situation Report No.4

- WFP is planning to set up an office in Bamenda in the North West and is currently hiring additional staff.
- A WFP-HQ mission visited Buea on 12th - 15th March 2019 to develop a strategy to increase access and community acceptance through communication and sensitization of communities and including protection issues. Targeting and prioritization criteria for the scale-up plan were defined.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In March, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 43,962 IDPs (22,860 women and 21,102 men) in the South West. They received a full 30-day ration of food basket consisting of rice (350g), salt (5g), Super Cereal (50g), pulses (100g) and vegetable oil (35g).
- Completion of March distributions, initially planned for 50,000 beneficiaries (40,000 in Meme Division and 10,000 beneficiaries in Manyu Division), have been delayed due to the 10-day lockdown that started on 29 March.



Supply Chain

- In total, 595 mt of food including rice, salt, Super Cereals, pulses and vegetable oil were distributed this month.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster

- First food security coordination meeting for North West was held in Bamenda on 27 March. In total 48 partners attended. Participants brainstormed on the production of a more harmonized targeting criteria for food assistance in North West, and discussed the strengths and areas of improvement of the several targeting criteria used by each partners. Other discussions included ways of mobilizing IDPs themselves for registration, as well as existing support networks already involved in IDPs registration, in order to avoid duplication and prevent IDPs from not being registered, particularly in densely populated urban and semi-urban areas.



Logistics Cluster

- A Logistics cluster mission from 18 to 29 March carried out a logistics gaps analysis and came up to the conclusion that there is currently no need to maintain an active Cluster Approach for Logistics to support the emergency response in SW/NW Cameroon.

Challenges and Constraints

- Difficulty in organizing and coordinating truck and staff movements in the area due to operational constraints, especially with the ghost town days and recurring lockdowns.

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