



World Food Programme



Insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin – Regional Impact

Situation Report #29

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In Numbers (OCHA's 11 August update)

- 10.7 m** people affected
- 4** countries affected
- 2.3 m** people displaced
- 7.2 m** food-insecure people at crisis and emergency levels

1,688,680 People assisted in August 2017
(80 percent achievement)
54 percent are women and 27 percent are children from 6-59 months

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Global Humanitarian Funding (USD)

Overall: 1.5 billion¹
WFP share: 590.7 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding² Requirements USD 19.9 million

EMOP 200777 USD 590.7 million

Food Security Cluster* USD 645 million

Logistics Cluster* USD 12.2 million

ETC Cluster* USD 5.8 million



Highlights

- The Lake Chad region continues to face large-scale humanitarian needs as a result of the long-running violence associated with Boko Haram. The recent months have seen an increase in attacks, especially in northeastern Nigeria.
- The ongoing trend of return of Nigerian refugees continues. Most returnees arrive with serious humanitarian needs including food, water, shelter and health. This is putting a tremendous strain on the communities hosting returnees who are already struggling with limited resources.
- A cholera outbreak has been reported in Borno State by the State Ministry of Health. WFP is coordinating with Health and WASH sector partners to support the response.

Situation Update

- The Lake Chad Basin region faces a dire humanitarian situation as a result of the long-running violence associated with Boko Haram. The recent months have seen an intensification of attacks by Boko Haram, especially in northeastern Nigeria, with repeated strikes around Maiduguri and nearby internally displaced persons (IDP) sites. More than 2.3 million people are displaced across the region. According to OCHA, food insecurity and malnutrition have reached critical levels across the four countries of the Lake Chad Basin. Over seven million food-insecure people are classified as being at crisis and emergency levels, of whom 5.2 million are in Nigeria's northeast, with 1.5 million in Cameroon, 340,000 in Niger, and 123,000 in Chad.
- Insecurity continue to cause population movements in the Lake Chad Basin and increase protection concerns. The withdrawal of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) troops from certain conflict-hit localities across the region during the current rainy season has prompted populations to move to other areas for safety. The insecurity is posing challenges to WFP operations.
- According to FEWS NET, despite favourable expectations for agroclimatic conditions in the Lake Chad Basin, populations will continue to experience acute food insecurity through the remainder of the lean season due to conflict, with the persistent risk of famine and critical levels of acute food insecurity in inaccessible areas of northeastern Nigeria.
- The ongoing trend of refugee returns from Cameroon, Niger and Chad is putting additional pressure on the limited infrastructures in the bordering towns of Banki, Gamboru, Ngala, Damasak and Pulka in Nigeria, and compounding the food and nutrition crisis. Representatives from Cameroon, Nigeria and UNHCR met between 10-12 August to make recommendations on the returns of Nigerian refugees from Cameroon which have been mostly uncoordinated and spontaneous.
- Health actors continue to scale up health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities in response

¹ 2017 Humanitarian needs and requirement overview, September 2017-February 2018

* Funding requirements by cluster

to the cholera outbreak in northeastern Nigeria's Borno State. The first case was recorded on 16 August 2017. Since then over 530 suspected cases have been reported, including 23 deaths (4.3 per cent fatality rate), mainly in Muna Garage, a camp hosting about 20,000 people in Maiduguri in Borno State. WFP is collaborating with Health and WASH sector partners to support the response. Food is being delivered to Muna Garage IDP camp for distribution to around 100 people affected by the cholera outbreak.

- Flooding in several localities across the Lake Chad Basin is hampering the provision of relief assistance to thousands of displaced people at a time when food insecurity is at its peak.

WFP Response

- A total of about 1.7 million people were assisted across Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon in August, representing an 80 percent achievement rate. This is 2 percent less than the number of people assisted in July (1,715,592) and 5 percent more than those assisted in June (1,615,159 people). In-kind food distribution remains the predominant transfer modality at 86 percent, while 14 percent were reached through cash-based transfers.
- WFP has scaled up food assistance (from 85,000 people assisted in July 2016 to over a million each month since last December) in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States, **Nigeria** by cooperating with national and state emergency agencies, and has increased its footprint through 18 partnerships with national and international humanitarian organizations.
- WFP continues to provide critical food support to Nigerian refugees, IDPs and local vulnerable populations in **Cameroon's** Far North region, through in-kind food and cash transfers. For August distributions, an estimated 160,000 people have received food assistance so far, however, distribution continues into the month of September, due to delays caused by insecurity and heavy rains. Food distributions are coupled with nutrition prevention programmes, targeting 140,000 children aged 6-59 months.
- The Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) in Diffa, **Niger** has begun and will combine for the first time information on the food security and nutrition situation. Fifteen (15) teams, each team comprised of five people, are involved in this exercise. Training, coaching and data analysis are supported by the Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) expertise at the country office level. Preliminary results are expected by mid-September.
- Biometric registrations of nearly 70,000 IDPs in the Lake region with SCOPE enables WFP **Chad** to work with greater efficiency and accountability towards affected populations. Between the months of July and August 2017, CARE finalized SCOPE registrations and prepared distribution plans for cash-based assistance to nearly 12,750 food-insecure persons living across 22 villages.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- During the month of August WFP, both directly and through partnerships, provided food assistance to 973,071 people in northeast **Nigeria** (83 percent through in-kind food assistance and 17 percent through cash-based transfers). A total of 119,444 (90 percent of the plan) children aged 6-23 months and 8,932 (8 percent of the plan) pregnant and nursing women received specialised nutritious foods. A total of 11,500 mt of mixed commodities was distributed and USD 1.9 million were disbursed.

- In **Cameroon**, humanitarian partners are expanding the use of cash-based transfers in the humanitarian response. This month WFP and partners piloted, for the very first time, a multi-purpose cash project to address both food and non-food needs of vulnerable IDPs, while also promoting livelihood opportunities through a food assistance for assets component implemented through cash-based transfers. The project will target 8,500 IDPs in the Logone and Chari departments of the Far North region and the first distribution of cash transfers is planned for the first week of September.
- WFP **Chad** provided a second round of distributions to 19,215 vulnerable people that have resettled on the islands. The distribution of seasonal food assistance to 46,400 vulnerable people from host communities in the Lake region continues in order to limit negative coping strategies and prevent malnutrition during the ongoing lean season. Additionally, monthly assistance to vulnerable people affected by the Lake Chad Basin emergency is carried through food distributions or cash-based transfers, reaching some 8,500 refugees from Nigeria and nearly 100,000 IDPs located in 60 spontaneous sites in August. Emergency provision of food is coupled with the prevention of acute malnutrition to some 10,500 children aged 6-23 months from the IDP community.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster

- To date the Food Security Sector in **Nigeria** has been able to reach 3.4 million of the targeted 5.1 million. The current response, paired with the ongoing government intervention in the Northeast, is preventing a further deterioration of the situation, especially as some 220,000 farming households have received supplies (seeds, tools and fertilizers) to restart their livelihood activities, taking advantage of the lean season.
- In August, the food security cluster organized a joint mission with the central government to support the food security working group in Diffa, **Niger**. The mission showed that the communication on the response mechanisms with local authorities needs to be strengthened so that they can have clear oversight of the activities by all actors.



Logistics Cluster

- The common storage site in Monguno, **Nigeria** became operational on 31 August. The four Mobile Storage Units with a total storage capacity of 1,280 m² are managed by Solidarites International on behalf of the Logistics Sector. The works to establish common storage sites in Banki and Ngala are ongoing.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- The **Emergency Telecommunications Sector** (ETS) in **Nigeria** is getting ready to provide vital communications services in the soon-to-be established humanitarian hubs: Rann, Banki, Damasak and Monguno. Since the beginning of the operation, the ETS has trained over 400 humanitarian actors from 14 organizations and reprogrammed over 600 handheld radios from 19 organizations.



UN Humanitarian Air Service

- The WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has established a contingency stock of aviation fuel to respond to the recurrent disruptions in fuel supply encountered in the past months.

WFP Operation

	2017 Total Requirements (in USD)	2017 Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (Sept 2017-Feb 2018) (in USD)	People Assisted (August 2017)	Female	Male
Regional EMOP 200777 (until December 2017)	590.7 million	416.4 million	19.9 million	1.7 million	908,000	781,000



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