

# WFP Nigeria Situation Report #59

November 2020



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Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall: USD 848 million (2019-21 HRP)
<b>WFP Net Funding Requirements</b> (December 2020 – May 2021)	<b>USD 125 million</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 1</b> Emergency GFD/Preventative Nutrition	<b>USD 81 million</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 2</b> Livelihoods	<b>USD 20 million</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 3</b> Multi-Sector Nutrition Prevention	<b>USD 7 million</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 4</b> Capacity Strengthening	<b>USD 0.3 million</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 5</b> Advocacy & Policy	<b>USD 0.6 million</b>
<b>Strategic Outcome 6</b> Common Services	<b>USD 16 million</b>

**People assisted in November 2020: 1,195,463\***

<b>SO1- Activity 1- Unconditional Food Assistance:</b>	<b>1,090,921</b>
In-kind food assistance:	529,800
Cash-based transfers:	561,121
[Mobile money]	23,482
[E-voucher]	537,639
<b>SO1- Activity 2- Nutrition prevention &amp; treatment:</b>	<b>153,011</b>
<b>SO2- Activity 3- Livelihoods:</b>	<b>78,582</b>
<b>SO3- Activity 4- Multi-sector nutrition prevention:</b>	-

\* Total beneficiaries reached includes SO1-Activity 1, SO2-Activity 3 and 32,002 unique nutrition beneficiaries. Beneficiaries reached includes contingency plan. WFP received and served 13,375 new arrivals in multiple locations.

## In Numbers

**10.6 million** people affected  
*Humanitarian Response Plan - Addendum COVID-19 2020*

**3 states** affected

**2.1 million** people displaced  
*Round 32 DTM IOM*

**3.4 million** people are food insecure  
*IPC Phase 3-5, Cadre Harmonisé, October to December 2020*

## Highlights

- WFP reached 1,195,463 of 1,354,348 targeted beneficiaries, providing life-saving food assistance to conflict-affected and internally displaced persons in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) States.
- The number of households not meeting food needs has increased due to COVID-19 economic challenges, high prices for inputs and food, and security incidents. Many households have adopted negative coping mechanisms.
- Security conditions remain precarious and volatile, with non-state armed groups conducting ambushes and setting up illegal vehicular checkpoints along supply chain corridors.

### Innovation to serve urban communities

Working with the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, WFP reached people in towns and cities where millions of people are threatened with hunger and malnutrition due to fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Across Nigeria, people earning the least have lost the most because of the pandemic. Up to 90 percent of the population depend on daily wages to survive, many of them living in urban areas. Some informal workers have 80 percent of their earnings. With lack of income and increasing food prices, more people have found it difficult to meet the food needs of their families.

Distribution of cash and food was undertaken in Abuja, Lagos and Kano to complement the Government's ongoing efforts to cushion the pandemic's impact in urban hotspots. To minimise risk of exposure to the virus, WFP arranged for home deliveries.

In Abuja and Kano, food assistance was delivered via local rickshaw services called *keke*. In the riverine community of Makoko, WFP partnered with the Government of Lagos State to deliver food by boat. In all three urban areas, cash reached people in need through pre-paid debit cards and transfers via mobile money wallets or bank accounts.

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**Photo:** Salamatu Musa, a widowed mother of four, received food assistance in Kano during the November scale-up to COVID-19 urban hotspots. Credit: WFP/Damilola Onafuwa



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

WFP **general food distribution** for crisis response reached 1,090,921 people. Of these, 529,800 received in-kind food. Using cash-based transfers, WFP reached 561,121 beneficiaries through electronic vouchers and mobile money.

WFP complemented food assistance with **malnutrition prevention and treatment** activities serving 153,011 children, pregnant and lactating women and girls with specialized nutritious food.

Using food or cash transfers, **WFP resilience building activities** assisted 78,582 livelihoods beneficiaries to meet their basic food needs and become more resilient to shocks.

The October 2020 **Cadre Harmonisé** found 3.4 million people in the BAY States food insecure (IPC/CH Phase 3 & 4) in the post-harvest period. This number is expected to rise to 5.1 in the next lean season. Vulnerability is mainly due to increased insecurity and economic hardships associated with COVID-19, which has added stress to the ongoing northeast crisis.



## COVID-19 Response

**Scale-up in the northeast:** WFP continues scaling up operations in the BAY States and expects to reach 1.7 million people starting from January 2021.

**Direct implementation:** In September 2020, in response to a request of the Federal Government, WFP began providing food assistance to complement Government social safety nets in the COVID-19 urban hotspots of Abuja, Lagos and Kano. WFP provided direct support to over 160,000 vulnerable people in these three locations during November.

WFP introduced flexible, agile and innovative last-mile mechanisms to deliver COVID-19 assistance direct to the doorstep via Uber-like taxi services, motorized rickshaw, motorbike or boat to ensure social distancing while providing necessary assistance. Beneficiaries not included in financial systems were identified as ultra-poor and assisted through a combination of food donated from the Government's Strategic Grain Reserve and cash.

## Coordination and Partnerships

WFP has 13 cooperating partners, including 9 international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and 4 national NGOs, one Government partner and two United Nations agencies (IOM and UNFPA).

Donors include Canada, Denmark, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, private sector, Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UN-pooled funds, United Kingdom, and United States.

## Cluster and Common Services

**Strategic Outcome 6:** Humanitarian community is enabled to reach and operate in areas of humanitarian crisis throughout the year.

- **Activity 7:** Provide common logistics services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations.
- **Activity 8:** Provide common emergency telecommunications to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations and provide staff security.
- **Activity 9:** Provide humanitarian air services to government, United Nations and NGO partners to facilitate effective field operations and provide staff security.



## Food Security Sector

In October, Food Security Sector partners supported 3.9 million people with food security interventions in the BAY States, including 1.7 million provided with emergency food assistance and 2.2 million with support for agricultural livelihoods.



## Logistics Sector

The Logistics Sector processed 711 humanitarian cargo movements for 31 organizations to 27 destinations. Sector-managed storage facilities in 6 locations received 1,371 mt of humanitarian cargo.



## Emergency Telecommunications Sector

Responding to increased user demand, ETS provided Internet connectivity services to 4,401 humanitarians from 113 organizations at 10 sites to better support implementation of humanitarian activities.



## UN Humanitarian Air Service

UNHAS continues to provide effective and efficient demand-driven humanitarian air services, an essential infrastructure for transportation of humanitarian workers and life-saving relief items in Nigeria. In November UNHAS transported 4,335 passengers and 13,906 kg of cargo. A monthly average of 80 humanitarian organizations used UNHAS in 2020.

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