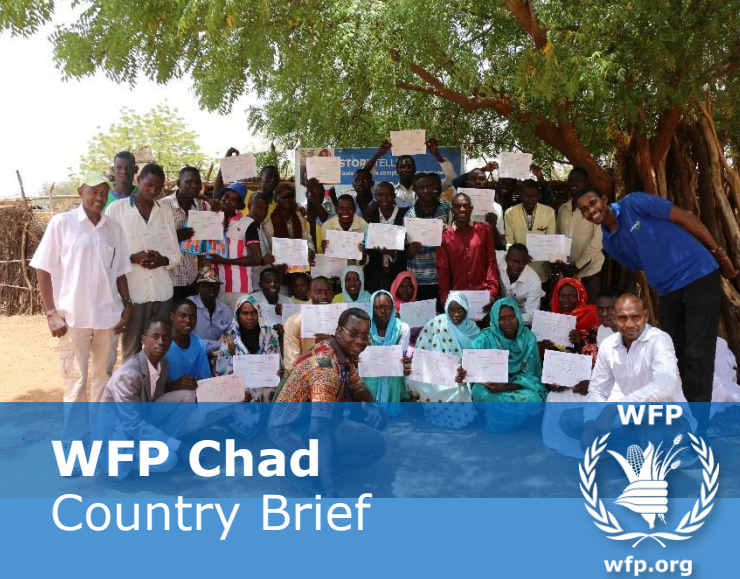


Highlights

- The Storyteller project, piloted through NGO JRS, aimed to train recipients of WFP assistance to become spokespersons for their communities, share their stories and engage with users who follow WFP. So far, 35 young Sudanese refugees received general training in basic journalism and a series of hands-on training in digital communication.
- The delegation from the Embassy of Germany along with their Ambassador accredited to the United Nations in Rome visited the Lake Region to get the gist of ongoing humanitarian activities. Shortly after, Germany contributed USD 28.5 million to WFP to assist nearly 710,000 vulnerable people living in the four countries of the Lake Chad Basin region affected by Boko Haram attacks.
- ACTED conducted a socio-economic profiling exercise as well as a census survey among the people living on the site of Gaoui. UNHCR complemented this activity with biometric verifications.



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WFP Assistance

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
Protracted Relief and Recovery			
PRRO 200713 (Jan 15 – Dec 17)	407.3 m	221 m (54%)	33.7 m (61%)
Providing life-saving support to households in Cameroon, Chad, and Niger directly affected by insecurity in northern Nigeria			
Regional EMOP 200777 (Jan 15 – Dec 17)	837.6 m	403.3 m (48%)	7.2 m (22%) **
Critical support to populations affected by the ongoing crisis in Central African Republic and its regional impact			
Regional EMOP 200799 (Jan 15 – Dec 17)***	518.1 m	302.9 m (58.5%)	0.3 m (85%) **
Development operation			
DEV 200288 (Jan 12 – Dec 17)	49.4 m	23.7 m (48%)	0.7 m (39%)
Special Operation			
201044 – UNHAS (Jan 17 – Dec 17)	15.3 m	7.9 m (42%)	2.59 (51%)

*June - November 2017 ** Chad component of regional operation only

*** Chad component of regional EMOP 200799 will end in June and beneficiaries will henceforth be assisted under PRRO 200713

PRRO 200713: WFP provides food and nutrition assistance to 370,000 long-term refugees from Sudan and the Central African Republic (C.A.R.), and to 80,000 returnees from C.A.R. as well as food-insecure Chadian households, particularly in the Sahelian belt of Chad. The nutrition interventions include prevention and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition. WFP also implements activities to enhance the capacity of food-insecure communities and households to meet their food needs, strengthen their resilience and reduce risks associated with disasters and shocks. Chad is a pilot country for the WFP-UNHCR self-reliance project. Vulnerability-based targeting and livelihood activities are part of the strategy to empower refugees and build their capacities for self-sufficiency.

In 2017, WFP lean season food and cash-based assistance targets 490,000 food-insecure people identified as vulnerable by the *Cadre Harmonisé* in the Sahel. Specialised nutritious foods will be distributed to 69,000 children from 6 to 23 months and 28,700 pregnant and nursing women to prevent the deterioration of their nutritional status (focusing on the 1,000 days window of opportunity). In May, WFP reached 488,269 people with 2,240 mt of commodities and USD 1,150,435 of cash transfers.

Regional EMOP 200777 (Lake Chad Crisis): The spill over effects from insecurity in northern Nigeria have caused a humanitarian crisis; island communities have fled their homes, fishing, livestock and agricultural livelihoods are disrupted and trade with neighbouring countries is impacted.

Main Credit: WFP/Nathalie Magnien.

Photo Caption: Storytellers project – graduation, Djabal.

WFP provides food and nutrition assistance to vulnerable people affected by the crisis. This includes 6,500 refugees from Nigeria and 130,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs).

WFP's portfolio combines cash-based and in-kind transfers tailored to market conditions as well as prevention and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition and an emergency school meals programme.

Jointly with FAO and UNICEF, WFP develops livelihoods support for both displaced and host communities to ensure more durable solutions. Participative seasonal livelihoods programming workshops and community-level planning exercises were held to analyse the livelihoods needs of the vulnerable communities and a food assistance for assets programme targeting 62,500 people is ongoing.

Regional EMOP 200799 (C.A.R. crisis): Under this operation, WFP supports returnees in the Salamat region (southern Chad) who have fled the violence in C.A.R.

DEV 200288: Resources permitting, WFP plans to provide 128,000 primary school children with hot meals and take-home rations for girls in the Sahelian regions where food insecurity, acute and chronic malnutrition levels are high.

SO 201044: UNHAS provides essential passenger services and light cargo transport to 100 humanitarian organizations. UNHAS serves 19 destinations across the country, with a fleet of 4 aircrafts, and provides regular flights to Cameroon. This service allows the humanitarian community to reach areas where populations need assistance, in a country with vast distances and limited transport infrastructure, and where insecurity and heavy seasonal rains limit road transport.

In Numbers

3.5 m people food insecure (CH, March 2017)

370,000 refugees

130,000 IDPs & **80,000** returnees

695,676
People Assisted
May 2017



May 2017

Operational Updates

South

WFP has launched the biometric registration of Chadian returnees from C.A.R. in Southern Chad, using the SCOPE platform. In partnership with IOM and UNHCR, this exercise will allow an update of the list of people entitled to assistance while checking for potential double registration (among returnees, as well as between returnees and refugees). To date, 14,500 returnees have been registered on two sites.

Furthermore, from 8 to 11 May, an inter-cluster mission visited the region of Moyen Chari to assess the ongoing humanitarian response and tailor it to the current context. WFP participated in the multi-sectoral evaluation conducted on two returnee sites (Maingama, Sido) and two villages (Gakorio and Bourgotto). The mission highlighted that the progressive withdrawal of several partners due to lack of funding has led to basic needs (health, food security, wash) no longer being met satisfactorily and that the humanitarian situation is likely to deteriorate with potential to fuel social tensions. Final recommendations include a twin-track approach to respond to urgent needs while ensuring early recovery in an inclusive manner engaging returnees, refugees and host communities.

Lake Chad region

WFP provided assistance to 85,006 people affected by the Lake Chad crisis using a total of 730 mt of food and USD 512,115 of cash-based transfers.

WFP Chad has recently received an allocation of USD 1.39 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to meet the nutritional needs of internally displaced people who have recently returned to remote islands and whose livelihoods have been lost. The allocation will cover food assistance to 19,215 people during the upcoming four months of the lean season. FAO will complement WFP's efforts with the provision of support to the restoration of livelihoods.

C.A.R crisis: In May, WFP distributed USD 133,715 to 13,483 returnees in the Salamat region.

UNHAS: UNHAS transported 1,693 passengers and 7.34 mt of cargo in May.

School meals: In May, a total of 108,918 school children were assisted with 534 mt of food.

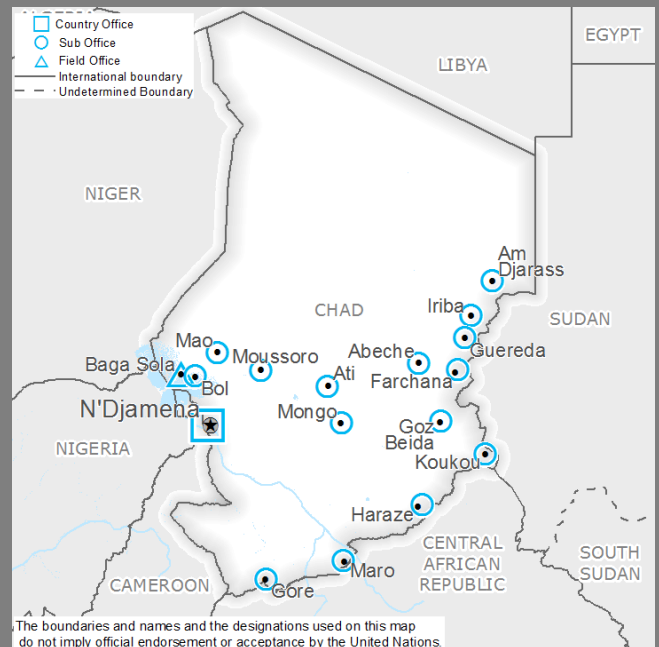
Challenges

Funding constraints undermine WFP's capacity to respond to the food needs of refugees in the east and south of the country and Chadian returnees from C.A.R. Most of them receive only half-rations.

Partnerships

In Chad, WFP implements all its operations through partners; the network includes 40 international and local NGOs. WFP works closely with the Government through REACH on nutrition, and the Ministry of Agriculture on food security information and analysis. Refugee assistance is implemented in collaboration with UNHCR and the national authorities. The Food Security Cluster is held regularly at national and regional levels and WFP Country Director is the Chair of the UN SUN Network. WFP participates in the humanitarian coordination forums and the UN Country Team, which recently finalized the UNDAF 2017-2021.

Country Background & Strategy



Chad is an arid, low income and land-locked country, suffering from chronic food insecurity. The Global Hunger Index for 2016 places Chad second last out of 117 countries, denoting alarming levels of hunger. The situation has improved compared to the "extremely alarming" level in 2005 but continued efforts are needed to consolidate this progress. The economic gains could be reversed by the recent economic crisis. The economy has entered into recession in 2016 with an estimated GDP growth rate of -3.5 percent due to a sharp decrease in oil prices.

Households are dependent on farming and livestock for their livelihoods. 52.5 percent of the rural population lives below the poverty line (World Bank 2011) and only 52 percent of the school-age population is enrolled in school, resulting in an adult literacy rate of 35 percent (2008-2012 UNICEF). High levels of poverty, aggravated by numerous conflicts and ethnic tensions, and recurring climate shocks in the Sahelian belt, have had a negative impact on economic development.

Chad hosts over half a million displaced persons in need of assistance: refugees from Sudan, C.A.R. and Nigeria, Chadian returnees from C.A.R. and people displaced by insecurity in the Lake region.

WFP Chad has initiated a shift from relief to resilience. However, multiple crises, continuing needs of refugees, and a deterioration of the food security in the Sahel region are forcing the country office to prioritize life-saving assistance over resilience-building activities.

WFP Chad is making use of market mechanisms such as cash-based transfers and local purchase to improve the efficiency of its assistance. WFP is supporting smallholder farmers and fostering market development through local procurement and capacity strengthening of government institutions, for instance in food security analysis.

WFP has been in Chad since 1968.

Population: **14.04 million**
(World Bank, 2015)

2016 Human Development Index:
185 out of 188

GDP per capita: **USD 1,024**
(World Bank, 2012)

Chronic malnutrition: 29% of national prevalence (SMART, Nov. 2016)

Top Donors

Food and nutrition assistance: Australia, Canada, CERF, European Commission, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, USA

SO UNHAS 201044: Belgium, Canada, European Commission, Sweden, USA

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