



Insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin – Regional Impact

Situation Report #30

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In Numbers (OCHA's 18 September update)

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

1,989,248 People assisted in September 2017
(95 percent achievement)
54 percent are women and 26 percent are children 6 to 59 months

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Global Humanitarian Funding (USD) **Overall: 1.5 billion¹**
WFP share: 590.7 million

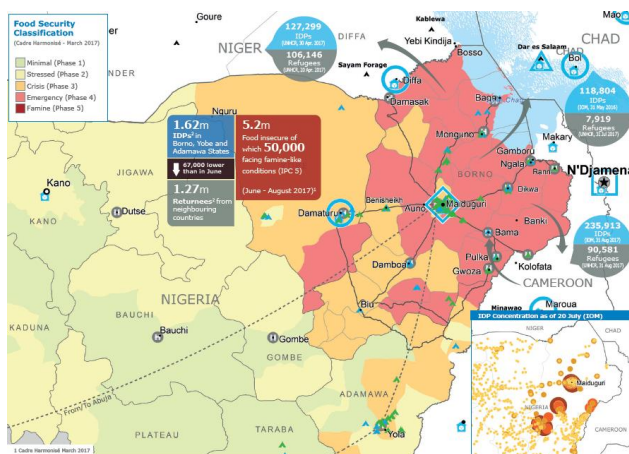
WFP 6-month Net Funding² Requirements USD 6 million

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 persistence of insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin continue to disrupt main livelihoods and the normal functioning of markets.
- Large populations in Borno State and some surrounding areas of Yobe and Adamawa States remain dependent on humanitarian assistance for food access. The worst-affected populations are facing Emergency (IPC Phase 4), with a high risk of acute malnutrition and elevated mortality related to food insecurity. In the Far North region, in Cameroon, the prevalence of chronic malnutrition is at emergency level with rates below 40 percent.

Situation Update

- In early September, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Marck Lowcock visited [Niger](#) and [Nigeria](#). He elaborated on the magnitude and complexity of the Lake Chad crisis affecting four countries already struggling with insecurity, climate shocks and extreme poverty. He also stated that millions of people are still suffering though the scale up of international assistance to the Lake Chad Basin in 2017 averted a famine in the northeast of Nigeria.
- The security situation remains volatile across the Lake Chad Basin and in northeast Nigeria. Trade restrictions, population displacements, restricted road access during the rainy season and arrivals of refugees from Niger and Cameroon continued to drive food insecurity in the region. Large populations in Borno State and some surrounding areas of Yobe and Adamawa States remain dependent on humanitarian assistance for food access. In Cameroon, the preliminary results of a nutrition survey conducted in August by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with UNICEF in Adamawa, east, Far north and north regions found that in the four regions, the rate of global acute malnutrition (GAM) in children 6 to 59 months was five percent with rates of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) of 1 percent, below the WHO classification of an acceptable situation.
- [FEWSNET](#) reported that the persistence of the security crisis in the Lake Chad Basin continue to disrupt main livelihoods and the normal functioning of markets. Food availability and access to markets is reduced and households face high food prices in Nigeria. In Diffa region, the security context experienced an increase in the number of violent episodes, increasing the level of pressure in the region.

WFP Response

- WFP provided food assistance to nearly 2 million people across Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon in September, representing 95 percent achievement rate. This is 18 percent more than the number of people assisted in August (1,688,680) and 16 percent more than the number assisted in July (1,717,592). It is the highest number of people reached in a single month since the onset of this Regional EMOP. The increase is due to the

¹ 2017 Humanitarian needs and requirement overview.
² September 2017-February 2018

* Funding requirements by cluster

expansion of WFP distribution coverage in north-eastern Nigeria that allowed WFP to provide assistance – for the first time – in 21 out of 23 targeted Local Government Areas (LGA) in Borno and Yobe States. Most of these LGAs were inaccessible due to insecurity. In-kind food distribution remains the predominant transfer modality reaching up to 86 percent of the assisted people while 14 percent were reached through cash-based-transfers.

- WFP is working closely with the food security sector partners in **Nigeria**, including states authorities to continuously re-assess accessibility to isolated areas and mutable beneficiary needs. In this regard the Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) data collection exercise started on 28 September, and aims to analyse the effects of the Northeast crisis on the food security of households and communities. WFP conducted A Rapid Food Assessment in Konduga (Nigeria) which highlighted a relatively high prevalence of poor food consumption (72 percent), particularly affecting newly displaced people (93 percent).



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In September WFP, both directly and through partnerships, provided food and nutrition assistance to nearly 1.3 million people in Nigeria (98 percent of the plan of the month) through in-kind distributions and cash-based transfers in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States, recording the highest number of people reached in a single month since the beginning of the operation. Over 1 million people - most of them internally displaced in camps or in host communities – benefited from food distributions, while in areas with functioning markets 239,000 people were assisted with cash or vouchers. Compared to July and August, the overall achievement in assistance has shown a 9 percent increase for in-kind food distributions and 25 percent increase for cash. Out of the total vulnerable people, nearly 95,000 children 6 to 23 months and 99,000 pregnant and nursing women were reached with specialised nutritious food assistance. WFP distributed over 15,000 mt of mixed food commodities and disbursed USD 2.6 million.
- In **Cameroon**, WFP continues to provide critical food support to Nigerian refugees, IDPs and local vulnerable populations in the Far north region, through in-kind food and cash transfers. WFP provided full food basket to 43,000 refugees in the Minawao refugee camp in September. However, distribution from September continue into the month of October, because of delays caused by insecurity and heavy rains. Food distributions are coupled with nutrition prevention programmes, targeting 140,000 children 6 to 59 months. In the context of the emergency school meals programme, WFP is rolling out a three-month school meals programme to support schoolchildren in 140 schools in three departments of the Far north region: Logone and Chari, Mayo Sava and Mayo Tsanaga.
- WFP **Chad** continues the provision of nutrition and food assistance to the most vulnerable people living in the Lake region. As part of the emergency response, some 160,000 IDPs and returnees as well as 8,500 refugees from Nigeria received monthly food and cash-based transfers. This includes some 19,000 vulnerable people - mostly women and children – who recently returned to 10 islands covered by the Rapid Response CERF Window. This project is a joint effort with FAO to help these people restore their livelihoods. At the same time, nearly 46,500 Chadians vulnerable to food insecurity including children 6 to 23 months and pregnant and lactating women benefited from the third and last distribution of seasonal assistance. Nutrition activities for prevention and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition assisted

respectively some 10,000 children 6 to 23 months, nearly 8,500 children 6 to 59 months and some 1,500 pregnant and lactating women with monthly rations of specialised nutritious foods. Some 40,000 people among host communities and IDPs continue to participate in food assistance for assets activities such as polder management or reforestation to address their immediate food needs and, on a longer term, build their resilience. The operation is facing a minor pipeline breaks of cereals and fortified vegetable oil due to the lead time for deliveries to landlocked Chad with congestion at Douala port – Efforts are being made by WFP Supply Chain to reduce the delivery period as much as possible.

- In **Niger**, September was the last month of lean season distributions in the Diffa region and WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 207,142 people including 17,907 children 6 to 59 months with moderate acute malnutrition. Some 300 people out of the 207,142 were reported as new arrivals in the Sayam Forage refugee camp and they were assisted with a half rations. All planned cash distributions for September were carried out and 1,562 households received a cash distribution of 32,500 XOF (roughly USD 58). Also, a meeting of the Education Working Group was held on 26 September 2017, during which an update on the mid-term review of the Diffa Emergency Action Plan (PAUD) (held in Niamey on 8 September 2017) was shared. It was highlighted that until now, assistance carried out in 2017 reached 33 emergency schools, corresponding to a total of 11,660 pupils benefitting from the emergency school meals programme.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster

- The Food Security Sector in **Nigeria** coordinated the drafting of the Humanitarian Needs Overview with its partners. Based on the Cadre Harmonise March update, almost 5.5 million people are estimated to be at risk of food insecurity or are food insecure in the six states. Of those, 5.2 million live in the most affected states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe.
- Discussions of the monthly Food Security Working Group (FSWG) meeting in Niger focused on the update of the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) 2017, the preliminary results of the agro-pastoral campaign 2017, and an update on the mission statement of the coordinator of the *Cellule de Crise Alimentaire* (CCA) in Diffa.



Logistics Cluster

- In **Nigeria**, works for the establishment of the Logistics Sector common storage sites in Banki (280 m2 to be managed by INTERSOS), Ngala (640 m2 to be managed by eHealth Africa), Damasak and Dikwa (640 m2 each site, both to be managed by ACTED) are on-going.



UN Humanitarian Air Service

- Due to the increased humanitarian demands UNHAS in **Nigeria** expanded its fleet with the addition of a third 10-passenger seat helicopter serving new users and expanding capacity for ad-hoc flights to remote areas. In September, UNHAS transported 1,868 passengers via fixed wing and 3,248 passengers via helicopter enabling 68 humanitarian organizations to reach thousands of people in isolated areas in Northeast Nigeria.
- In **Niger**, WFP UNHAS transported a total of 1,330 passengers and 2,587 mt in September including 259 passengers and 130 mt for the Diffa region.

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 (September 2017)	Female	Male
Regional EMOP 200777 (until December 2017)	590.7 million	419.5 million (71%)	6 million	1,989,248 million	1,073,928	915,320



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