



Insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin – Regional Impact

Situation Report #31

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Highlights

- WFP urgently needs USD 53 million (November 2017 to April 2018) to provide critical life-saving assistance to IDPs, refugees and vulnerable host communities in the Lake Chad Basin crisis countries.
- The [October 2017 Cadre Harmonisé](#) (CH) indicates that despite improvement of the food security level for 50 percent of the Nigerian population, food security remains alarming in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States, with 2.56 million people still food insecure (half of what was estimated by the previous CH - 5.2 m). Concerns remain about the food security and nutritional situation in some inaccessible LGAs in Borno state (Abadam, Guzamala, Marte) and communities in other parts of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States.
- In Chad, available stocks will ensure the provision of nutritious meals for 30,000 schoolchildren through the end of the year but WFP lacks resources to continue the school meals programme in 2018.

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

1,651,749 People assisted in October 2017

(92 percent achievement)

54 percent are women and 23 percent are children aged 6-59 months

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Global Humanitarian Funding (USD)

Overall:
1.5 billion¹
WFP share: 590.7 million

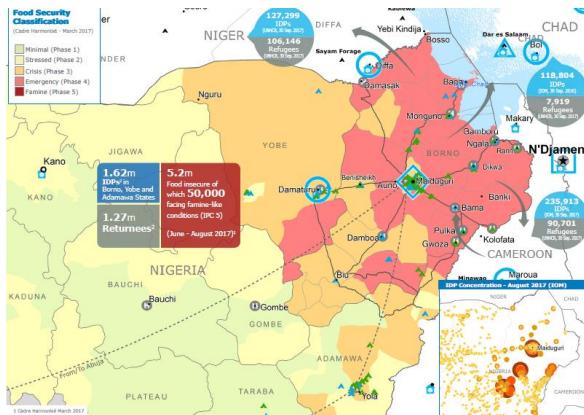
WFP 6-month Net Funding² Requirements **USD 53 million**

EMOP 200777 **USD 590.7 million**

Food Security Cluster **USD 645 million**

Logistics Cluster **USD 12.2 million**

ETC Cluster **USD 5.8 million**



¹ 2017 Humanitarian needs and requirement overview.

² November 2017-April 2018

³ Briefing in response to a request made by the Council for an analysis on country-specific impediments to an effective response to the risk of famine in Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria.

Photo: WFP assistance in Madagali – Adamawa State, Nigeria
WFP/Amadou Baraze

Situation Update

- On 12 October, during a Security Council meeting,³ the [UN Secretary-General](#) António Guterres encouraged the Nigerian Government and its counterparts in the Lake Chad Basin to develop a regional strategy to address the root causes of the Nigeria crisis. The spillover effects of the insecurity prevailing in the northeast of Nigeria continue to affect the food security situation of the LCB crisis countries and WFP is stepping up its efforts to improve its emergency and crisis response capacities to address the critical food needs of IDPs, refugees and host communities.
- The CH analysis revealed an improvement of the food security level for 50 percent of the Nigerian population who were estimated to be facing worst food and nutritional insecurity during the 2017 lean season.⁴ However, the CH analysis reported elevated food prices across the 16 states⁵ with increase ranging from 30 to 170 percent. High food prices are expected to constrain food access for most households in the three worst affected states. The CH study also stated that in the projected period (June – August 2018), 3.68 million people in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States may be within the three combined critical food insecurity situations (crisis, emergency and famine) with some 12,500 people expected to be in famine situation, if no adequate remedial measures are provided ahead of the next lean season.

WFP Response

- On 31 October, WFP and FAO held a planning meeting for joint monitoring of programme sites in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States in **Nigeria**. Activities planned include post-harvest monitoring and the harmonization of the beneficiary database.
- In **Chad**, the security management team lifted the restriction on the main axis of WFP operations in the Lake region (Baga Sola - Liwa and Daboua), thus

⁴ cf. Nigeria situation report # 22.

⁵ Adamawa, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Niger, Plateau, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara (with Abuja also).

facilitating car movements and accessibility to the distribution sites for UN staff. Since 5 October, only road axis to the west of Diamerom and between Kiskawa and Kaiga Kindjiria require an armed escort.

- In **Cameroon**, WFP conducted a joint capacity needs assessment with the Ministry of Public Health for the implementation of a malnutrition prevention programme in the east, Adamaua and Far North regions. The aim was to assess the level of integration and delivery of complementary services using the Blanket Supplementary Feeding (BSFP) platform, and to identify areas requiring reinforcement. WFP and the Ministry of Public Health will use the findings to prepare the 2018 joint annual plan.
- In **Niger**, during the Reception and Registration Working Group meeting, chaired by the Direction Régionale de l'Accueil et Enregistrement des Réfugiés (DREC), an update was made on the progress of the Biometrics Information Management System (BIMS) in Diffa. The exercise will continue on the three axes Chétimari, Gueskerou and Bosso / Toumour simultaneously. WFP is also involved in discussions with the Education Working Group on the security context vis-a-vis the emergency schools of Diffa.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In October, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 1,651,749 vulnerable people across the Lake Chad Basin (Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon and Chad), including 54 percent females and 23 percent children aged 6-59 months. A total of 85 percent of the people assisted were reached through in-kind food distributions and 15 percent through cash-based-transfers.
- WFP reached 1,140,000 people with food and nutrition assistance across Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States, in **Nigeria**. A total of 900,000 people - most of them internally displaced in camps or in host communities – benefited from food distributions, while in areas with functioning markets, 242,000 people were assisted with cash or vouchers. Of the total, 130,000 children aged 6-23 months and 115,000 pregnant and lactating women were provided with specialised nutritious foods (SNFs). Compared to September, the October planned beneficiaries were reduced by 12 percent, mainly due to re-registration exercises.
- In **Cameroon**, WFP resumed school meals programme to support 80,000 schoolchildren in 140 schools in three departments of the Far North region (Logone and Chari, Mayo Sava and Mayo Tsanaga). WFP provided food assistance through in-kind and cash-based transfer to 194,000 vulnerable people, and 29,000 children aged 6-23 months received nutritious foods to prevent acute malnutrition. In collaboration with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), WFP presented the minimum expenditures basket of the Far North validated by the humanitarian country Team.
- In **Chad**, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 110,032 vulnerable people in October. WFP could not provide food assistance to some of the targeted IDPs because of a commodity gap and a late start of cash distribution⁶. Those sites that could not be reached will be the first ones where WFP will provide assistance in November. WFP Chad provided full rations of emergency food assistance to 58,935 IDPs and 2,000 refugees from northeast Nigeria. This included the last round of food assistance to 19,000 IDPs recently returned to the islands as part of the

rapid response CERF Window. Cash-based distributions were organized in 15 sites and one refugee camp to support 20,324 IDPs and Nigerian refugees.

- The lean season assistance to vulnerable Chadian households living in the Lake region was also completed. The third round of lean season food assistance reached 31,900 people located in the Department of Mamdi while 6,000 children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and lactating women received complementary feeding through the provision of SNFs to prevent malnutrition. In October, to prevent and treat moderate acute malnutrition, 10,000 children aged 6-23 months, 8,500 children aged 6-59 months and 1,500 pregnant and lactating women received specialized nutritious foods. With the beginning of the new school year, WFP Chad started dispatching food items to elementary schools enrolled in the school meals programme. Available stocks will ensure provision of nutritious meals for 30,000 schoolchildren through the end of the year but WFP lacks resources to continue the school meals programme in 2018.
- Nearly 10,000 participants from host and displaced communities were involved in a variety of assets creation activities. As part of WFP food assistance for assets programme in Chad, cooperating partners promoted activities around gardening, agriculture, polder management or dam construction.
- In October, WFP distributed in-kind-food assistance to 207,536 people in **Niger**. In terms of cash distributions, 25,913 people were reached with a total of XOF 120,315,000 distributed (roughly USD 58 per household). WFP completed its lean season assistance to vulnerable households living in the Lake region. A total of 17,804 children aged 6-59 months received complementary feeding through the provision of SNFs to prevent malnutrition.
- The Alladalaram School in Niger – that benefitted from WFP emergency school meals – was relocated in October for security reasons. The Education Working Group (GTE) is closely monitoring the situation.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster

- WFP identified an expert food security cluster coordinator who will be deployed to Diffa, **Niger**, in November 2017 and for one year to assist with the coordination of the Food Security Thematic Group (GTSA). This deployment is expected to strengthen coordination and food security information management.



UN Humanitarian Air Service

- In October, UNHAS transported 1,915 passengers via fixed wing and 3,397 passengers via helicopter enabling 73 humanitarian organizations to reach thousands of people in isolated areas in northeast **Nigeria**.
- In October, UNHAS **Cameroon** transported 720 passengers, 2.18 mt of light cargo, and served 51 organizations with 60 flights. From 23 to 26 October, UNHAS supported a special mission of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General from Libreville, Gabon) to Ndjamenya, Chad, and to Yaoundé, Cameroon.
- In **Niger**, WFP UNHAS transported 1,448 passengers and 2,562 mt of light cargo. In particular, 259 passengers and 174 mt for the Diffa region.

⁶ The financial provider has difficulties to cover the CBT area.

WFP Operation

	2017 Total Requirements (in USD)	2017 Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (November 2017-April 2018) (in USD)	People Assisted (October 2017)	Female	Male
Regional EMOP 200777 (until December 2017)	590.7 million	435 million (74%)	53 million	1,651,749	897,798	753,951



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