



Insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin — Regional Impact

Situation Report #20

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In Numbers ¹

6.6 million people severely food insecure in areas affected by the conflict

4 countries affected

3.6 million people displaced, of which 82 percent in Nigeria alone

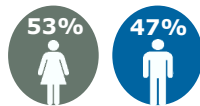
9.2 million people in need of assistance

¹ Lake Chad Basin Emergency 2016 Revised requirements and re-sponses priorities, Sept-Dec 2016 & IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix, November 2016

Highlights

- WFP provided food and nutrition support to 1,114,101 people in Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon and Chad in November.
- In November, Rapid Response Teams (RRT) were deployed for the first time to Magumeri and Ngala LGAs, Nigeria. WFP expanded its geographical coverage, reaching for the first time a number of Local Government Areas (LGAs), such as Mafa and Kaga in Borno State and Gulani and Gujba in Yobe State.

People assisted



Situation Update

- In November, attacks against security forces in northern Borno and against populations in southern Borno, **Nigeria**, intensified. Banki, Pulka, Damboa and Gwoza continue to face ambushes on civilian convoys. The increase in operations near IDP camps in Maiduguri and Jere LGA imposed reinforced security measures, limiting WFP access to the area. The fuel shortage impacted UNHAS operations and reduced WFP's capacity to rely on air transport for its operations. In Far north **Cameroon**, attacks against security forces along the main supply road to the North and the border with Nigeria also increased. The re-positioning of security forces slows down the pace of WFP operations to the north, with a temporary suspension of operations to Kousseri. In **Niger**, the security situation in Diffa region remained volatile in

November with several attacks within Niger. The state of emergency was declared for the next three months due to repeated security incidents in November.

- The food insecurity rate in **Chad** rose from 15 percent in March 2016 to 22 percent in October 2016. The situation of IDP is poorer than that of the local population with 35 percent of food insecurity, mainly due to the erosion of their livelihoods (unavailability of land for agriculture, limited access to lake waters for fishing, livestock prices collapse) and the inability of households to use traditional strategies due to displacement. Food insecurity in neighboring Kanem and Bahr El Gazal exceeds 45 percent of the population. 30 percent of the population in these regions were directly or indirectly impacted by the crisis in the Lake region. Results of the 2016 SMART survey also show that chronic malnutrition is at 36 percent in the Lac Region, the highest regional rate in the country.
- In Cameroon, a Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM) was carried out jointly by WFP, FAO and the Government between 15 and 30 November 2016 to assess the 2016 crop year and food supply conditions in Cameroon's four most vulnerable regions (East, Adamawa, north and Far north). Preliminary findings are expected in December.
- Results of community screenings carried out in the Minawao Camp, in Cameroon, in November, indicated a stabilized nutrition situation with global acute malnutrition (GAM) rates of 2.76 percent amongst children aged 6-23 months, targeted by WFP's nutrition programmes. This is a significant improvement from results from June, when GAM rates were reported at 10.2 percent.
- The latest [Cadre Harmonisé](#) assessment, food consumption levels across the sixteen Nigerian states indicate an Emergency situation in Borno and a crisis situation in Yobe. 4.6

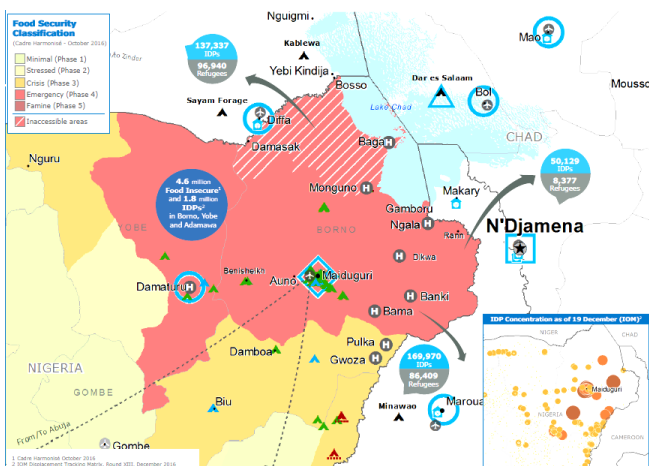


Photo: WFP's assistance in Diffa region, Niger: food distribution, cash assistance, school meals and resilience WFP/Simon Pierre Diouf-24 November

million people face crisis levels of food insecurity or worse, which represents a significant increase since March 2016.

WFP Response

- WFP finalized the extension of its Regional Operation for the Lake Chad Basin countries for 2017. WFP will target 2.2 million people, including 620,000 children and women who will receive nutritional assistance. In parallel to meeting acute humanitarian needs where possible, WFP will move toward vulnerability-based targeting and initiate activities to strengthen livelihoods to enable early recovery and promote self-reliance in the four affected countries.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In north-east Nigeria, in view of the plans for 2017, WFP has already started increasing its assistance, shifting to a growing number of in-kind food distributions.
- In November, WFP delivered in-kind food assistance to 400,000 people, of which 309,400 in Borno State, including 46,000 people reached through Rapid Response Teams in Magumeri and Ngala LGAs, and 90,500 in Yobe State. 135,000 children aged 6-59 months were reached with nutritious foods to prevent malnutrition, including 80,000 children in several wards and LGAs, where in-kind distributions are not implemented, such as Bale Galtimari in Jere and Bolori 1 and 2 in Maiduguri LGAs, as well as Monguno LGA (Borno State) and Bade, Nguru and Bursari LGAs in Yobe State.
- In Cameroon, the November distribution round was completed reaching 274,763 people in need of assistance (92 percent of the planned target). As stocks were insufficient to fully cover distributions for IDPs/host populations and refugees, WFP had to reduce the ration. In December, WFP plans to distribute full rations to all targeted populations with new commodities expected to arrive in early December in Cameroon. Within the prevention of malnutrition programme, 90,203 children aged under two were assisted in November. The prevention programme also expanded its coverage with two additional new health districts (Maroua two and three) and 28 new health areas that will now be integrated. WFP continues efforts to increase the share of locally produced food items in the monthly basket by assessing price and availability of locally produced products, including rice, maize, sor-

ghum, and millet. Purchase of beans and salt is ongoing for December and January distributions.

- Overall, WFP provided food assistance to 97,708 people in Chad. 60,622 displaced persons received emergency in-kind or cash-based assistance in over 45 spontaneous sites combined with a preventive nutritional intervention for 6,062 children under two. Also, 5,816 Nigerian refugees received food assistance.
- In Niger, in collaboration with its NGO partners, WFP provided food assistance and nutritional supplements to some 200,238 IDPs, refugees and vulnerable host population in the Sayam Forage and Kablewa camps and in the Diffa, Chétimari, Bosso, Toumour, Gueskerou, Nguigmi and Kabléwa communes.



Cash Based Transfers (CBT)

- In Nigeria, WFP reached 109,000 people through CBT in Borno and Yobe States. The transfer value increased in November, based on market price assessments. To overcome challenges encountered so far in the CBT delivery, WFP and its service providers are revising current agreements to integrate mobile money delivery mechanism to cash out services.
- In Cameroon, WFP will now be using SCOPE, which is a beneficiary and transfer management platform to enable better targeting and decision making about assistance.
- In Chad, WFP and its partners SECADEV and IHDL provided a monthly cash assistance to 26,000 IDPs in need of assistance in ten sites around Bol and Bagasola.
- In Niger, 20,243 people in need of assistance in Maine Soroa and Diffa communes, received cash in November.



UN Humanitarian Air Service

- To enable humanitarian responders to deliver life-saving assistance, WFP provides essential common services through its UNHAS Special Operations in the four affected countries.

WFP Operations

	2017 Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD) <i>In 2017</i>	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (December 2016-May 2017) (in USD)	People Targeted (in 2017)
Regional EMOP 200777 (until December 2017)	552 million	7.3 million	170 million	2.2 million people



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