



# WFP Cameroon Country Brief

## WFP Assistance

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
<b>Emergency Food Assistance to refugees, IDPs, and Host Populations in the Far North</b>			
Regional EMOP 200777 (Jan 2015 – Dec 2016)**	83.2 m	54.6 m	17.8 m (71%)
<b>Emergency Food Assistance to refugees from C.A.R</b>			
Regional EMOP 200799 (Jan 2015– Dec 2016)	85.6 m	54.4 m	11.8 m (65%)
<b>Country Programme – Providing food security and stability in Cameroon</b>			
CP 200330 (Jan 2013 –Dec 2017)	21.5 m	6.1 m (28%)	1.8 m (100%)
<b>UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)</b>			
SO 200895 (Jan 2015 – Dec 2016)	7.1 m	4.3 m (60%)	1.3m (29%)

\*September 2016 – February 2017  
\*\*Budget revision ongoing

Conflicts in both Nigeria and Central African Republic (C.A.R.) have displaced thousands of people into Cameroon, and the spill over from Boko Haram’s attacks in Nigeria has provoked a humanitarian crisis in the far north region. WFP responds to these simultaneous crisis in Cameroon through a mix of relief, recovery and development activities. In addition to its ongoing emergency responses towards refugees from C.A.R. and Nigeria, IDPs and targeted local populations, WFP is supporting the Government in the implementation of its development and recovery priorities in the structurally poor northern part of the country.

**EMOP 200777:** The Regional Emergency Operation addresses critical food and nutrition needs of households affected by the Lake Chad Basin Crisis, including Nigerian refugees, IDPs and targeted vulnerable local populations in areas of the far north region impacted by the crisis. In collaboration with the Government and partner agencies, WFP is transitioning a portion of assistance towards cash and recovery activities to support investment in livelihood assets and resilience building efforts. A budget revision of EMOP 200777 has been approved to assist an additional 20,000 IDPs, bringing the total IDP population target to 113,000 people.

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Caption: Refugee children in Gado site, eastern Cameroon.

## Highlights

- Humanitarian needs have significantly increased in in Cameroon’s far north region due to Boko Haram’s protracted violence. Funds are still not meeting requirements.
- WFP urgently requires funding to scale up assistance to newly internally displaced populations and ensure operational continuity up to the end of the year.
- WFP and UNHCR conducted a Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) in Cameroon’s eastern regions to assess the food security situation and the capacity of C.A.R refugees for self-reliance.

**EMOP 200799:** WFP supports refugee populations located along bordering regions of Central African Republic (East, Adamawa and North regions) through in-kind and cash-based food assistance. Children and pregnant and nursing women amongst refugees and host populations receive nutrition support aimed at preventing and treating moderate acute malnutrition. Nutrition assistance is also provided to malnourished individuals living with HIV through the Food by Prescription Programme.

**CP 200330:** The Country Programme, implemented in the northern regions, aims to support the government’s efforts in addressing food and nutrition challenges; mitigate the effects of climate shocks, support social protection safety nets and sustainable management of community grain stocks, and promote primary education, especially for girls. The Government supports the Country Programme through an annual in-kind contribution of maize.

**UNHAS 200895:** WFP’s Humanitarian air service operation ensures access, and safe and reliable air transport services for over 30 humanitarian agencies in Cameroon. The flights link Maroua, Ngaoundere and Garoua from its base in Yaoundé, as well as N’Djamena with support from UNHAS Chad. In August, UNHAS transported 432 passengers, representing nearly 45 percent increase to the monthly passenger average of 300 passengers.

## In Numbers

2.7 m people affected

2.3 m food insecure

339,000 Refugees

190,000 IDPs

300,000  
People Assisted  
August 2016



August 2016

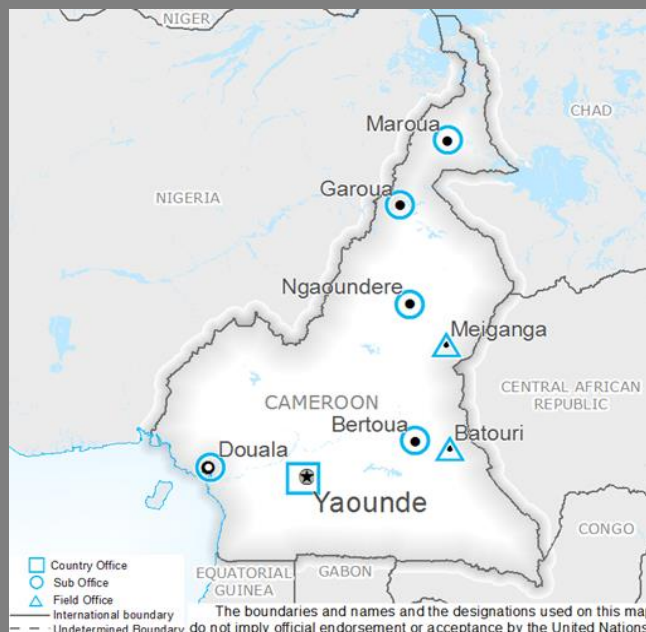
## Operational Updates

- In July, WFP and partners provided emergency food support to 300,000 people in Cameroon with 4,100 metric tons (mt) of food and USD 600,000 in cash. WFP continues to expand its nutrition preventive programmes across the far north and eastern regions, with the aim of reaching 150,000 young children at risk of malnutrition.
- Since June 2016, WFP is supporting cross-border delivery of emergency assistance to northeast Nigeria where access is hampered from within the country. Thus far, 250 mt of food has been transported across the border and distributed to IDPs in Banki. However, insecurity and bad road conditions during the rainy season remain critical challenges for the delivery of assistance.
- Preliminary results of the WFP and UNHCR JAM indicate a trend of improved food security conditions amongst C.A.R refugees following two years of continuous humanitarian response. Refugees in official camp settings appear to be better off in terms of food security than those living in host communities, though the latter group reports better access to land with a few of them practicing agricultural activities. The final mission findings, expected in late September, will guide future programming of food assistance and other forms of support for the refugees.
- WFP and the Government have completed a strategic review of the food security and nutrition situation in Cameroon to define key humanitarian and development challenges for achieving zero hunger, including gaps in the existing response. The findings and recommendations will be officially presented in early October and will contribute to the Government's and United Nations' future planning, defining WFP's portfolio of assistance in Cameroon for the next five years.

## WFP mobile money transfers bring benefits to refugee communities in Gado

Effects on the local market are becoming visible in eastern Cameroon as local traders profit from increased demand linked to WFP cash transfer programmes. About 30 local traders have been mobilized for the programme, most of whom are refugees themselves. Amongst them is a group of women who opened a small shop and now sell cassava flour, a locally preferred staple food. As WFP aims to increase the number of traders in the programme to ensure sufficient availability of diversified food products, more efforts are being made to support women's engagement in market activities and break down cultural barriers that often hinder their participation.

## Country Background & Strategy



Nearly 40 percent of Cameroon's population lives below the poverty line and human development indicators remain low. Poverty has a strong regional dimension concentrated in North, Far North, Adamawa and East regions.

Cameroon's northern regions located in the Sahel area are the most deprived, in which communities have suffered years of continued natural disasters and below average harvests, with little means to resist the continuous cycle of shocks. In 2015, food insecurity reached alarming levels: 2.3 million people are food insecure in the four poorest regions— over 60 percent of whom are located in the Far North, where 1 in 3 people are moderately or severely food insecure. In border areas of Nigeria where Boko Haram insurgents operate, the number of people facing food insecurity more than doubled between June and September last year.

Similarly, the Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transitions (SMART) survey conducted by UNICEF in 2015 indicates an increase in malnutrition rates in the Far North, from 7 percent in 2014 to 11.7 percent in 2015. Furthermore, stunting is a major public health issue in northern Cameroon, well above the WHO critical threshold.

Through the implementation of a coherent country portfolio of relief, recovery and development assistance activities in Cameroon, WFP aims to reduce the impact of humanitarian crisis and support the government's efforts in achieving zero hunger.

WFP has been present in Cameroon since 1978.

Population: **22 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **153 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **35.8% of children between 6-59 months**

## Donors

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