



WFP Libya Country Brief

Highlights

- In early July, WFP will begin ramping up its presence inside Libya through the implementation of missions of rotating international staff to Tripoli. Despite conflict and political instability, WFP remains committed to developing its presence in-country in order to improve the provision of life-saving food assistance to Libya's most vulnerable populations.
- In June, WFP began working with a fourth cooperating partner, Kafa Development Foundation, who will distribute WFP food assistance in eastern Libya.

WFP Assistance

Assistance to People Affected by the Crisis in Libya	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
EMOP 200925 (January 2016– Dec. 2017)	54.7m	18.7m (34%)	12.2m (75%)

*July– December 2017

GENDER MARKER 1  EMOP 200925

Due to conflict and political instability, WFP, along with the entire Libya United Nations Country Team (UNCT), has been operating remotely from Tunisia since 2014. The humanitarian situation in Libya continues to deteriorate as a result of the prolonged conflict, limited availability of cash in banks, and frequent electricity interruptions, which negatively affect the provision of basic social services.

According to the 2017 [Humanitarian Needs Overview](#) (HNO), food insecurity among the affected population is increasing due to protracted displacement, disruption to markets and lower food commodity production. Livelihoods and access to basic social services have been affected by the conflict, exposing the most vulnerable people to a high risk of inadequate food consumption and forcing people into negative coping strategies such as spending savings, cutting their number of daily meals and reducing non-food related expenses, particularly in health and education.

WFP's October 2016 Rapid Food Security assessment indicated that some 24 percent of IDPs (an 18 percent increase since 2015) are food insecure and 62 percent are vulnerable to food insecurity. IDPs, returnees and refugees are among the most vulnerable population groups in need of food assistance.

Through its Emergency Operation (EMOP) 200925, WFP aims to provide food assistance to people who are food insecure as a result of the conflict in Libya. The EMOP is aligned with WFP's Strategic Objective 1: to save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies, by addressing the

urgent food and nutrition needs of vulnerable women, men, girls and boys affected by the crisis.

Despite having to reduce assistance due to limited funding, in 2016, WFP was able to reach 113,485 people in need in Libya. In 2017, WFP requires 24.5 million USD to reach some 175,000 food insecure individuals who continue to be affected by the protracted conflict, mainly IDPs, returnees and refugees, with priority given to unemployed female-headed households, identified as one of the most vulnerable groups.

Each family receives two food parcels, enough to feed five people for one month. The parcels consist of rice, pasta, wheat flour, chickpeas, vegetable oil, sugar and tomato paste. The food entitlements provide 75 percent (1,530 kcal) of daily energy requirements per person per day. The caloric value of the food basket was designed on the assumption that IDPs have access to other sources of food.

WFP provides food assistance throughout Libya primarily through three local Cooperating Partners (CPs), LibAid in the east and Sheikh Taher Azzawi Charity Organization (STACO) and Ayady Al Khair Society (AKS) throughout the west and south.

In Numbers

6.4 m total population (2017 HNO)

1.3 m people in need (HRP 2017)

175,000 targeted for WFP food assistance

240,188 people internally displaced (IOM)

51%



49%



People Assisted
June 2017

Main Photo

Credit: AKS

A Libyan woman signs the beneficiary list in order to receive WFP food parcels.



June 2017

In June, WFP signed a Field Level Agreement (FLA) with a fourth Libyan NGO, Kafaa Development Foundation, who will operate in the east of Libya. WFP continues its efforts to expand its operational partnership base in order to ensure that as the situation in Libya changes, it can send food to hard-to-reach areas that are most critically affected.

WFP determines the most affected people in consultation with local crisis committees and partners. WFP collaborates with the Libya UN Country Team (UNCT) and the Security Management Team to coordinate its activities with other United Nations agencies, to assess the political and security situation and the resulting impact on operations. Social welfare systems and community networks have eroded since the fighting intensified in July 2014.

WFP Libya continues to work with a third party monitoring (TPM) consulting firm, Voluntas, to conduct food distribution monitoring throughout Libya. WFP has recently updated the leaflets it includes in its parcels to ensure those who receive food have access to the WFP hotline in case of questions or concerns, and strengthened its country-level monitoring and evaluation, ensuring that feedback provided by those receiving food turn into real change for the operation through the implementation and monitoring of changes and improvements.

Operational Updates

- In early July, WFP will begin ramping up its presence in Libya through the implementation of missions of rotating international staff to Tripoli. Despite conflict and political instability, WFP remains committed to developing its presence in-country in order to improve the provision life-saving food assistance to Libya's most vulnerable populations.
- In June, WFP reached 45,468 people out of a targeted 90,000 people in need of food assistance throughout Libya.
- A short social media video highlighting the needs in-country and WFP's response is available in both [English](#) and [Arabic](#) as well as the story of a female-headed household receiving WFP assistance within Libya, published on the [WFP Insight channel](#). WFP is also interacting through social media via the [UN in Libya](#) Facebook page, which reports in both Arabic and English, and the [WFP Middle East and North Africa Twitter](#) feed and [Facebook](#) page.

Challenges

- Without consistent funding, WFP is unable to reach its target beneficiary figure and is forced to further reduce the number of people receiving food assistance.
- WFP's cooperating partners are faced with sporadic telecommunication and electricity outages as well as fuel shortages, all of which exacerbate existing operational challenges.

Country Background & Strategy



Libya is ranked 38 out of 159 countries in the [2015 Gender Inequality Index](#), with 65.7 percent of adult women having reached at least a secondary level of education compared to 44.2 percent of their male counterparts. Despite this, only 27.8 percent of women participate in the labour market, as compared to 78.7 percent of men ([Human Development Report, Libya](#)).

More than 21 percent of children under five are stunted, a figure that has remained at the same level for some twenty years ([World Bank](#)). According to the [2016 Global Nutrition Report](#), Libya ranks 61 out of 132 countries for stunting prevalence.

On 30 March, the Government of National Accord (GNA) entered into Libya. The UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) is backing the establishment of the GNA. There is opposition from both of Libya's rival parliaments, the Tobruk-based House of Representatives and the General National Congress (GNC).

Shortages in food, fuel, water, electricity and cash are reported as a result of the ongoing conflict. According to the World Bank, the armed conflict has cut the income per capita of Libyan households in more than half, falling to less than USD 4,500 in 2015 from almost USD 13,000 in 2012.

WFP resumed operations in Libya in September 2014.

Population: **6.4 million**

2016 Human Development Index:
102 out of 188

Income Level: **Upper middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **21 percent of children between 6-59 months**

Donors

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