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## WFP Algeria Country Brief November 2018

## In Numbers

**2,112 mt** of food assistance distributed

**2,238 kcal/person/day** provided through the general food basket

**US\$ 2.5 m** six months (December-May 2018) net funding requirements

**125,000 people** assisted in November 2018



**WFP SAYS NO to GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**

## Operational Context

Algeria has been hosting refugees from Western Sahara since 1975. These refugees are in camps in the harsh and isolated desert environment of western Algeria, where opportunities for self-reliance are limited, forcing them to depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.

The 2018 Food Security Assessment confirmed the dependence on food assistance: 30% of the population is food insecure, while 58% is vulnerable to food insecurity, and only 12% of the Sahrawi camp population is food secure. The results of the 2016 Nutrition Survey indicate an improvement in the overall nutrition situation of women and children since 2012, with a reduction of both global acute malnutrition and chronic malnutrition among children of 6-59 months. However, the anaemia prevalence is at 39 percent among children 6-59 months and 45 percent among women of reproductive age.

WFP currently represents the major regular and reliable source of food for the Sahrawi refugees in Algeria.

Upon the request of Algerian Government, WFP has been present in the camps since 1986.



Camp population (UNHCR, 31 Dec17): **173,600 refugees**

Global acute malnutrition: **< 5% of children between 06-59 months**

Anaemia prevalence: **45% for women 15-49 years 39% among children 6-59 months**

Chronic malnutrition: **19% of children between 6-59 months**

## Operational Updates

- In November, as part of the General Food Assistance, WFP distributed 125,000 rations consisting of 8 kg wheat flour, 2.5 kg rice, 0.8 kg barley, 2 kg yellow split peas, 1 kg CSB, 1kg sugar, and 1litre of fortified vegetable oil. The ration was complemented with 1 kg of gofio (roasted maize meal), which is part of an in-kind donation from the Spanish region of Gran Canaria. The food basket reached a daily energy intake of 2,238 kcal/person, which is higher than the planned 2,100 kcal per day, due to the inclusion of Gofio and increased quantity of rice.
- WFP distributed daily rations of pre-mix 100g corn soya blend (CSB+) and 10g vegetable oil to treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) among 635 pregnant and nursing mothers.
- WFP Algeria halted the purchase of Micro Nutrients Powder (MNPs), pending the reformulation of the nutrition activity.
- To prevent chronic malnutrition, 12,875 boys and girls under five took home daily rations of 10g of a special spread (Nutributter). Additionally, 375 children received the specialized nutrition product (Plumpy'sup) for the treatment of MAM.
- WFP distributed mid-morning snacks consisting of milk and dates to 38,956 boys and girls in primary schools and kindergartens.

## Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (2018/mid 2019)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (December 2018 – May 2019)
31.5 m	23.5 m	2.5 m

### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome #1:** Food insecure Sahrawi refugees in camps near Tindouf in Algeria meet their basic food and nutrition requirements all year long.

**Focus area:** Crisis response

**Activities:**

- Provide unconditional General Food Assistance (GFA) to food insecure refugees
- Provide complementary activities/livelihood to Sahrawi refugees including hydroponic production of animal fodder and fish farming
- Nutrition sensitive school meals for Sahrawi refugee children in primary schools and kindergartens

### Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome #2:** Targeted Sahrawi refugees have improved nutrition status in line with the Sahrawi Authority's standards by 2019.

**Focus area:** Crisis response

**Activities:**

- Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition and anaemia in pregnant women and nursing mothers and children 06-59 months
- Prevention of moderate acute malnutrition and anaemia in pregnant women and nursing mothers and children 06-59 months
- Nutrition training to health workers to enhance their nutrition knowledge and skills
- Nutrition sensitization to targeted beneficiaries to address the double burden of malnutrition

## Decentralized Evaluation

- On 25 November, WFP Algeria presented the report of the decentralized evaluation of its nutrition activity to all stakeholders in Rabouni. The final report is available [here](#). The evaluation was conducted by an external team of experts to provide insights and clear recommendations to help WFP reformulate the activity to better serve its beneficiaries.
- WFP has already started to implement some of the evaluation's recommendations e.g. the recruitment of a nutritionist in the Tindouf office. A Management Response Plan is available to help guide WFP to implement all recommendations, and for accountability purposes
- WFP is currently reformulating its nutrition activity, which includes discussions with all stakeholders about

the role of WFP in nutrition in the camps. In the future, WFP plans increase its focus on nutrition in general, crosscutting it through all activities (General food assistance, school feeding and resilience projects.).

## Presentation of new resilience strategy

- On 27 November, WFP presented its new resilience strategy to stakeholders in Rabouni. The document will be finalized following the discussions with partners.
- WFP's resilience activities aim to improve food security and nutrition. The new strategy does not only focus on WFP's activities but will promote linkages, synergies and clear coordination with other humanitarian actors that work in resilience related to food security.

## 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

- WFP, UNHCR and other humanitarian actors in the camps launched the 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence on 25 November 2018. An event was organized in each camp, inviting various groups to share their points of view and remarks on the humanitarian assistance, and to discuss types of issues related to GBV in the camps.
- Furthermore, WFP participates in three main events, namely, the commemoration of international day of people with specific needs on 03 December, focus group discussions with student associations on 06 December, and the commemoration of the international Human Rights Day on 10 December 2018.

## Age, Gender, Diversity, Mainstreaming (AGDM) in the camps

- WFP participated in the Age, Gender and Diversity Mainstreaming exercise led by UNHCR. The process aims at building partnerships with refugee women and men of all ages and backgrounds by promoting meaningful participation through structured dialogue. Separate discussions with different groups within the community were held to gather information on specific risks that women, men and children may face and the underlying causes of said risks, The aim was to understand their capacities and hear their proposed solutions.

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