



In numbers



+1.7 million children and pregnant and breastfeeding women acutely malnourished



1 in 4 people in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe acutely food insecure and nearly **1 in 3** in Borno state alone

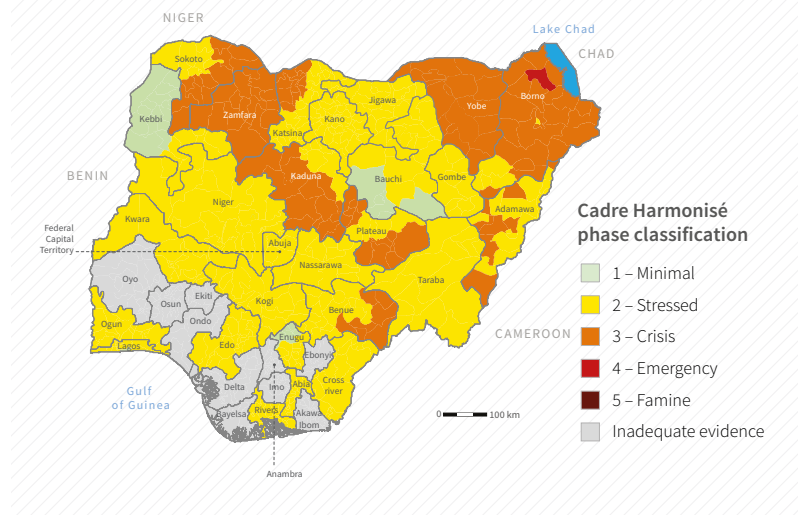


1.7 million internally displaced people (IDPs) in Borno state, representing **82%** of all IDPs registered in northeastern Nigeria (International Organization for Migration, September 2023)



USD 65.57 million still needed by FAO under the 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan

Projected acute food insecurity situation (June–August 2024)



Source: Food Security Cluster. 2023. *Cadre Harmonisé for identification of food and nutrition insecurity risk areas and vulnerable populations in 26 States of Nigeria and Federal Capital Territory*. [Cited 28 November 2023]. Rome, Italy. <https://fsccluster.org/nigeria/document/cadre-harmonize-identification-food-and>

Challenges facing food security and agriculture

The 14 year-long conflict in northeastern Nigeria's Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states continues to cause widespread internal displacement, enormous human, social and economic losses, and high levels of acute food insecurity and malnutrition. Compounding the situation are the effects of climate change, coupled with high food and fuel prices. The long dry spells experienced in some northern Nigerian states including Adamawa, Borno and Yobe in 2023 has led to reduced potential harvests for affected farmers.

Results of the latest Cadre Harmonisé (CH) analysis (November 2023) indicate that some **18.6 million people are in high acute food insecurity across 26 states analysed in Nigeria and in the Federal Capital Territory, including 3.3 million in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe**. These figures are projected to increase to over 26.5 million and 4.38 million, respectively, during next year's lean season (June–August 2024), if appropriate assistance is not provided.

New hotspots of food insecurity are emerging in the northwestern part of the country with over 5.39 million people projected to be in CH Phase 3 or above (Crisis or worse) in the states of Zamfara, Katsina and Sokoto, surpassing the number in the northeast. The six northeastern and northwestern states mentioned have the highest number

of people in high acute food insecurity in the country, with over 20 percent of the population analysed in each state in CH Phase 3 or above (Crisis or worse).


Protracted armed conflict, insecurity, climate shocks such as floods and dry spells, record high food and agricultural input prices, impact of fuel subsidy removal and the devaluation of the local currency are the main drivers of the deteriorating food security and nutrition situation in northeastern Nigeria.

The emergency agriculture response gap increased from 21 percent in 2018 to 83 percent in 2023, mainly due to a decline in funding. This is undoubtedly contributing to persistent high levels of acute food insecurity and malnutrition despite access to farmland gradually increasing in local government areas.

As recommended by the latest CH analysis, **urgent funding is required to provide life-saving emergency agricultural support**, tailored to the needs and preferences of the affected people, during the current dry season, as well as to begin the procurement of seeds and other inputs in time for the next year's rainy season. Most crisis-affected households in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe are smallholder farmers who depend on agriculture for their livelihoods. Providing them with essential inputs is fundamental to the humanitarian response.



Funding

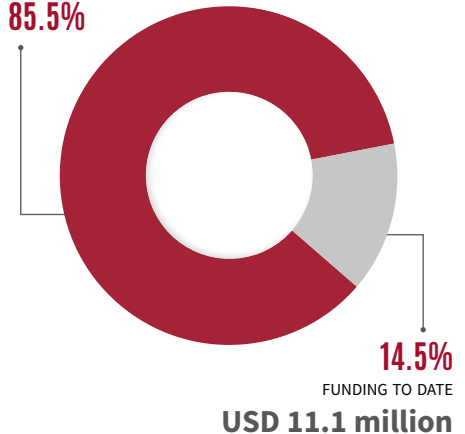
 **FAO requires
USD 76.67 million**

 **to assist
2 million people**

FUNDING GAP

USD 65.57 million

85.5%



Response to date (January–November 2023)

Agriculture

- Established 41 Farmer Field Schools (1 025 participants) and 6 Agropastoralist Field Schools (150 participants) | Distributed 44.23 tonnes of assorted vegetable and crop seeds, and 357.5 tonnes of fertilizer to 25 100 households (175 700 people) during the 2022/23 dry and rainy seasons

Livestock and homestead gardening

- Distributed poultry (20 noiler birds, feed and veterinary services) and goat (four goats, feed and veterinary services) kits to 8 300 female-headed households | Distributed integrated aquaculture (fingerlings and fish feed) and homestead gardening (vegetable seeds and fertilizer) starter kits to 1 300 households | Established ten clusters of integrated fish and microgardening production centres and equipped three fish processing centres with FAO's Thiaroye fish processing technique facilities, benefiting 150 women | Trained 1 500 households (75 percent women) on integrated fish and vegetable production, provided in-kind integrated aquaculture and homestead gardening kits | Trained 280 groups of homestead gardening beneficiaries on the selection of lead farmers

Nutrition

- Distributed fuel-efficient stoves (FES) to 49 700 households and briquette kits to 21 000 households | Trained 840 women and youth on FES and briquette production | Provided Tom Brown and fish vouchers to 7 000 households | Trained 200 women on production and distribution of cereal-based Tom Brown with fish powder

Resource partners

The Central Emergency Response Fund, the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations and the Governments of Norway, Japan, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America.

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