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# WFP Libya Floods Response External Situation Report 2

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## ① HIGHLIGHTS

- Ten days after the floods disaster, WFP tripled its assistance in affected areas, reaching over 16,000 people across 13 cities with food emergency support thus far, despite accessibility challenges.
- WFP requires USD 6.5 million to assist 100,000 affected people in northeast Libya with much needed food and cash over the next three months.
- WFP, with food security partners, initiated preparations for a needs assessment across affected areas.

## SITUATION UPDATE

**Close to 4,000 people lost their lives following the disastrous flooding that decimated the northeast of Libya on 10 September**, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) while over 9,000 are still missing. Floods caused significant damage of infrastructure and disrupted roads and telecommunications networks, leaving people without access to basic necessities such as shelter, water, food and health care.

**Over 43,000 people were forced to flee their destroyed homes**, as per the International Organization for Migration (IOM), mostly moving out of the hardest-hit Derna to eastern locations. Few more are also arriving to the west of Libya, hosted usually by relatives, host families or at schools. As they have lost their properties and livelihoods, they became in desperate need for humanitarian assistance.

**Survivors and flood-displaced families need access to food, adequate shelter, clean water, and medical aid.** Growing food shortages and increasing food prices have been observed in the market, exacerbated by halted local supply chains. Destruction of warehouses, especially in Derna, impedes the storage and distribution of food supplies. Critical needs include ready meals, dry rations, and infant nutrition.

**While relief efforts are underway tirelessly to reconnect bridges and restore life in struck areas, dysfunctional roads, intermittent power and internet outages as well as access and logistical barriers are constraining humanitarian movements.** The growing risk of water-borne disease outbreaks presents a substantial challenge for humanitarian actors.

## IN NUMBERS



**100K**

people targeted by WFP over 3 months



**16K+**

flood-affected people assisted



**\$6.5M**

WFP funding requirements



**96.5K MT**

of food delivered to affected ppl

## WFP RESPONSE

Ten days after the catastrophic flooding in the northeast of Libya, WFP has been working around the clock to provide immediate relief to those directly affected, in close coordination with local authorities. Through its local partners, the Libyan Humanitarian and Relief Agency (LibAid) and Asarya, WFP **reached over 16,175 affected people (3,235 households) across 13 cities with 96,500 mt of food so far.**

**6,250 impacted people** (1,250 households) in **Derna** distributed door-to-door as well as to those sheltering in schools

**2,500 people** (500 households) in **Soussa area**

**2,145 flood-affected city residents and displaced individuals** from Derna (470 households) across 16 locations including Sidi Khalifa village in **Benghazi**

**1,950 individuals** in Al-Wardea, Batta, Al-Hamamah and Al-Haniyah in **Al-Sahel municipality**

**1,335 individuals** (267 households) in **AlBayda**

**1,185 individuals** (237 households) in **Taknis** and **Al-Kharruba**, in **Al-Marj region**.

Each affected household receives one food parcel containing rice, pasta, wheat flour, beans, sugar, tomato paste and fortified vegetable oil to cover their immediate food needs for 15 days.

WFP is also assisting affected people through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) re-activated in the aftermath of the floods to meet evolving humanitarian needs in hard-hit areas. Around **355 affected people** (71 households) in **Toukra in Al-Marj region** and **455 people** (91 households) in **Tulmitha and Sidi Khalifa in**

Photo Caption: Through the RRM, UN agencies and local NGOs distribute hygiene kits, food & items for shelter assistance to flood-affected families in Libya. ©WFP

**Benghazi** displaced from Derna were supported with hygiene kits, food & shelter items. RRM brings together local partners and UN agencies to provide emergency assistance to affected families within 72 hours of a disaster in a coordinated manner.

WFP initiated preparations for cash-based transfers assistance, considering market accessibility, through the verification and enrolment of beneficiaries in SCOPE, WFP's beneficiary information and cash transfers management platform. It is also engaging with humanitarian partners to better understand market dynamics in Libya after the storm, inform cash-based interventions and ensure a harmonized response.

## ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

WFP is preparing to carry out an assessment in affected areas to determine exact needs in collaboration with other food security partners. WFP will also conduct another rapid assessment among WFP beneficiaries in AlBayda, Derna and Torbuk. Market monitoring is ongoing in 20 cities in the east, west and south of Libya.

WFP's third-party monitoring visited 16 emergency distributions sites in four cities. In response to the emergency, It also increased the number of operators of the Community Feedback Mechanism to cover the increase in the calls and reduce the waiting time. Since the onset of the crisis, 2,063 calls were received to date.

## SUPPLY CHAIN

WFP has been using its contingency food stocks in Benghazi for the initial crisis response, with thanks to the generous contributions of the Governments of Japan and Switzerland which allowed WFP to preposition them prior to the floods.

WFP is also procuring additional food supplies locally and regionally to meet the surging needs. On 19 September, 40 mt of high-energy biscuits, equal to 4,000 boxes, air-lifted by WFP from Dubai arrived in Benghazi. This swift dispatch was facilitated by the [humanitarian relief airbridge](#) from Dubai's International Humanitarian City to Libya, established by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai to help people affected by the catastrophic impact of Storm Daniel. Around 3,200 boxes remained in Benghazi for distribution in the surrounding areas, while 800 boxes were directly transported to the devastated Derna City.

A further 850 mt of food is being procured from Egypt and transported by land to affected areas in Libya to meet the rising needs. WFP is ramping up its efforts to ensure vital food continues to flow in the country to offset the impact of the floods on the availability of food for thousands of Libyans and vulnerable people in the country.

WFP is also co-leading the Logistics and Telecommunications Working Group with IOM to ensure that aid reaches those who need it most. Partners are establishing information-sharing tools and disseminating real-time updates on road conditions and infrastructure status to optimize relief efforts.

## WFP RESPONSE



As per an initial needs assessment, WFP will target **100,000 flood-affected and vulnerable people in the hardest-hit areas in northeastern Libya** with in-kind food assistance for three months to help them meet their immediate food needs. Cash assistance will be provided where markets are functioning. Targeted people include WFP current beneficiaries who would require continued support.

WFP **requires a total of USD 6.5 million** to swiftly scale up its flood response. Ahead of the storm, WFP has been assisting more than 52,000 people in Libya monthly with in-kind food and cash assistance, including displaced people and people of concern in urban areas, while supporting the Government in resilience-building activities such as school feeding.

## RESOURCE UPDATE

WFP is very grateful to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) and the Government of Italy as well as Japan Association for WFP, Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation and several individuals for their generous contributions and steadfast support to the Libya flood response to date.

ShareTheMeal, the official app of WFP, has also launched a [fundraising campaign](#) to support flood-affected people in Libya, which reached 67 percent of its target of 650,000 meals so far. With ShareTheMeal, users have the opportunity to provide vital food and nutrition with food-insecure communities by simply tapping on their smartphone and donating US\$0.50 or more.

Moreover, WFP has mobilized additional allocation from its Immediate Response Account (IRA) to kick-start the critical life-saving response to the flood-affected families in Libya. The IRA is WFP's internal funding facility which provides predictable and flexible resources so that WFP can respond immediately to disasters, wherever and whenever they occur.

WFP continues to advocate for funds to meet the emerging needs of flood-affected and vulnerable people, including through engagements with key donors. WFP has been multiplying its media engagements [regionally](#) and [globally](#) to shed lights on the alarming situation in flood-struck Libya.

Prior to the flood, WFP operations in Libya required USD 13.7 million for the next six months (September 2023 – February 2024) to sustain assistance for around 52,000 vulnerable people across the country.



**3,235** Assisted Households  
**16,175** Assisted Individuals



Mediterranean Sea

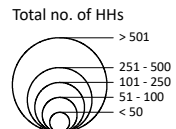


#### Legend

##### Affected Populated Places

- Extremely Affected
- Severely Affected
- Affected

##### Assistance Distribution



##### Road Status

- Passable/Undamaged
- Passable with restrictions/Damaged
- Not Passable
- Alternative

#### Data sources:

Administrative Divisions: WFP/SALB  
Affected Areas: WFP Libya CO / IOM DTM - Flash Updates  
Roads Status: LogCluster  
Assistance Distribution: WFP/Libya CO

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