



Investment Phase:

Progress update

Chad

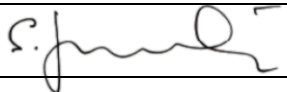
July 2025

Systematic Observations
Financing Facility

**Weather
and climate
data for
resilience**



General Information

Country	Chad	
Implementing Entity	World Food Programme (WFP) 	
Agreement effectiveness date	1 November 2024	
Duration	60 months	
Anticipated end date	1 November 2029	
Reporting period	From: 1 January 2025	To: 30 June 2025
Approved amount	USD 6,980,084.00	
Disbursed amount	USD 4,511,558.80	

Summary

Between 1 January and 30 June 2025, the SOFF (Systematic Observations Financing Facility) Investment Phase in Chad focused on consolidating early gains and laying the foundations for strong implementation. Key achievements during this period include:

- The SOFF project was officially launched in January 2025 through a high-level event, followed by a five-day technical workshop. This workshop brought together key stakeholders to finalize the implementation roadmap, define institutional roles, establish governance mechanisms, and agree on long-term sustainability and performance indicators. The launch received broad national media coverage, significantly enhancing public visibility and stakeholder engagement. Female participation was at 28 percent, which significantly exceeded the Year 1 target of 5 percent—marking a strong early achievement in gender inclusion.
- Since the launch, two follow-up meetings were held between ANAM and WFP to maintain momentum and align on next steps. In parallel, five coordination meetings took place between WFP and GeoSphere to report on progress and to ensure technical alignment.
- The recruitment process for the Project Manager is currently under way, with efforts focused on identifying a qualified candidate to lead the implementation

phase. Interviews are taking place at the time of writing this report. In the meantime, to prevent delays, the AA coordinator is temporarily fulfilling the role of SOFF Project Manager until the recruitment process is completed.

- A Technical Assistance Agreement has been drafted and is currently under legal review. This document is the legal framework that will govern the project and facilitate the transfer of equipment to the Met Department.
- To facilitate the upcoming diagnostic mission, terms of reference are being developed. This mission will inform the procurement of the spare parts required for the rehabilitation phase. In support of data collection efforts, WFP is collaborating with ANAM and GeoSphere on the development of a Kobo Toolbox questionnaire. A series of missions have already been conducted by ANAM in other regions of the country as part of ongoing rehabilitation work. This mission is intended to complement those efforts.
- At the global level, a Long-Term Agreement is under development to facilitate the streamlined purchase of equipment. WFP Headquarters has worked closely with UNDP to develop technical specifications, which will fast-track the procurement process.
- Simultaneously, discussions are ongoing regarding the development of the terms of reference for the project steering committee.

Progress of implementation

Output	Indicator	Target					Actual					Status	Milestones achieved	Challenges and risks
		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5			
1. GBON institutional and human capacity developed														
1.1 National consultations , including with CSOs and other relevant stakeholders conducted	Number of workshops with stakeholders	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	On-track	Workshop launch	
	Percentage of female participating in workshops	5%	10%	10%	15%	15%	28%	0	0	0	0	On-track	% female participants above target	
	Number of project steering Committee meetings	2	3	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	On-track	N/A	
	Percentage of female participating in the steering committee	5%	10%	10%	15%	15%	0	0	0	0	0	On-track	N/A	
	Percentage of women participating in SOFF consultations with CSO and private sectors	5%	10%	10%	15%	15%	0	0	0	0	0	On-track	N/A	
1.2 NMHS institutional capacity required to operate the GBON network developed	Number of ANAM senior management trained	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	
	Percentage of female participants in senior management training	0	33%	33%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	
	Number of team members trained in project management	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	
1.3 NMHS human capacity required to operate the GBON network developed	Training and capacity development for the 6 maintenance technicians, data manager, IT expert.	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	
	Percentage of female participants in training	0	33%	33%	33%	33%	0	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	
	percentage of women participating in capacity-building activities	0	5%	10%	15%	20%	1	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	

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		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5			
2.1 New land-based stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	Prospection and identification mission must take place ahead of the rainy season to ensure access
2.2 Improved land-based stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	19	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	On-track	N/A	Lithium batteries must be shipped which may delay rehabilitation
2.3 New upper air stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	A Long-Term Agreement for the procurement of meteorological equipment is currently being finalized through collaboration between WFP and UNDP. The technical specifications are expected to be launched by UNDP’s procurement team in early April 2025, which will significantly streamline and accelerate the procurement process. In parallel, raising awareness among key stakeholders, particularly local communities and security forces remains essential to ensure a shared understanding of the purpose and civilian use of meteorological infrastructure, thereby preventing any potential misunderstandings or

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		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5			
														resistance during deployment.
2.4 Improved upper air stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	N/A
3.1 GBON land-based stations' commissioning period completed , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established, and data sharing verified by WMO Technical Authority	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	19	30	33	33	33	0	0	0	0	0	On-track	N/A	N/A
3.2 GBON upper air stations' commissioning period completed , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established, and data sharing verified by WMO Technical Authority	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	Not yet started	N/A	N/A