



WFP Burkina Faso Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Country Programme (CP)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
200163 (January 2011 – December 2017)	66.5 m	33 m (50%)	1.3 m (46%)

*March – August 2017

The Country Programme focuses on improving primary education, promoting gender equity and helping the most vulnerable groups. The promotion of agricultural value chains supports home-grown school meals and local purchases.

Support to primary education

WFP provided daily school meals to 70,000 children in two districts of the Sahel region, Soum and Séno, and monthly take-home rations to 4,000 girls in the last two years. These rations entice parents to keep their daughters at school in a region where child marriage is common practice. WFP has contributed to the improvement of enrolment, attendance and retention in the region, particularly for girls.

A pilot project to introduce dairy products in school meals succeeded in reaching 5,359 children so far. This project promotes home-grown school meals, income-generating activities for women and development of local dairies. It is being extended, in line with the findings and recommendations of the pilot project evaluation carried out by the Ministry of National Education and Literacy. Scaling up include two districts of Soum and Seno (Sahel region).

Nutritional support to vulnerable groups

WFP planned to provide food and nutritional support to 12,000 malnourished antiretroviral therapy (ART) clients as well as Supercereal Plus rations to 10,000 children in the Sahel region to prevent stunting.

Promotion of agricultural value chains

WFP promotes the development of agricultural value chains by prioritizing local purchases of food from Purchase for Progress (P4P) whenever possible.

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Photo Caption: Schoolchildren in Kampiti (Sahel region) enjoying a special lunch prepared by the famous African Chef Christian ABEGAN to celebrate local and sustainable food systems in the framework of the World Economic Forum in Davos

Highlights

- Funding gaps are currently jeopardizing the implementation of all activities. Considering the current level of funding, three regions out of seven will be prioritized for the Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) and two provinces out of four will be targeted for Country Programme (CP).

P4P works with 30,000 smallholder farmers and processors in building their production capacities, reducing post-harvest losses and improving the quality of their products to sell to institutional stakeholders like WFP.

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
200793 (July 2015 – June 2017)	53.9 m	35 m (65%)	5.5 m (49%)

* March – August 2017

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The Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation aims to assist 1.1 million people at risk of food insecurity and malnutrition from July 2015 to June 2017. The project is aligned with the harmonized framework and annual support plan for vulnerable populations.

Food assistance to Malian refugees

In collaboration with the Government and other partners, WFP provides assistance to 24,000 Malian refugees remaining in Burkina Faso.

Treatment and prevention of malnutrition

WFP provides food for malnourished children and mothers under treatment. Caretakers of children receiving in-patient care at therapeutic feeding centres for severe acute malnutrition also receive take-home rations and children between 6-23 months are provided with rations of Supercereal Plus during the lean season to prevent acute malnutrition. Seven regions with the highest levels of undernutrition and food insecurity were targeted but only three of them have been prioritized due to lack of funding.

In Numbers

1 million people are in need of food assistance (*Cadre Harmonisé, 2016*)

107,998 people assisted
January 2017

Food Assistance for Assets

WFP supports the creation of small-scale agricultural assets and the strengthening of rural farmers' livelihoods. Activities are focused on land restoration and water conservation. Community-Based Participatory Planning (CBPP) approach is used to assess vulnerable communities' needs and develop action plans to enhance resilience over a 3-5 year period with communities themselves and local stakeholders. East, Sahel, Centre-North and North regions have been prioritized: action plans are completed, partnerships have been formed with NGOs and public technical services and activities started at the end of the rainy season, in October 2016 in the East region.

Operational Updates

- The Zero Hunger Review has been launched in Burkina Faso by the national lead convener, Mr. Pierre Claver DAMIBA and its team. This Review will be the basis of the Country Strategic Plan.
- Scaling up of the yogurt project is still in progression, with 5,359 beneficiary schoolchildren in 28 schools. WFP works with two additional dairies in order to expand the project in the Séno district, in addition to Soum district. School meals and take-home rations for girls are pursued in 562 schools.
- Food assistance to Malian refugees and nutrition activities are continuing. Nevertheless, nutrition activities are implemented on a reduced scale due to the lack of funding. Blanket feeding activities are pursued for 2,500 children in the East region. Assistance to malnourished antiretroviral therapy (ART) clients was only carried out in December during the last quarter because of funding shortfalls.
- Food assistance for assets activities have been launched in the East region. They will be progressively expanded and additional households will be enrolled in the East as well as the Centre-North, the North and the Sahel regions.

Challenges

In the current situation, the main challenge for the Country Office is to find additional funding and to mitigate the effects of the lack of assistance for vulnerable people. The interruption of crucial activities (nutritional support to the most vulnerable, school meals, etc.) jeopardize life-saving efforts and national long-term development.

Against the backdrop of these funding challenges, the Harmonized framework has identified one million people currently in need of food assistance (under stress and in crisis). It is foreseen that this number will increase to 2.7 million in August 2017.

Insecurity in the Sahel region became a threat for the operations. Increasing attacks in the region led to the murder of policemen. Teachers in the Sahel region (Soum district) have been intimidated and threatened by armed men seeking to impose religious instruction in primary schools. One teacher was killed during an attack. WFP supports education in this district through school meals programme.

Country Background & Strategy



Burkina Faso is a semi-arid Sahel country, with a population of about 19 million; 40 percent of its population lives below the poverty line. The majority of the population depends on one season of rain-fed agriculture for their livelihoods, leaving the country vulnerable to climate shocks. Women, boys and girls under five and the elderly continue to be the most affected by persistent food and nutrition insecurity, especially in rural areas.

Global acute malnutrition is 10.4 percent and chronic malnutrition is 30.2 percent (Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transitions nutrition survey 2015). In 2017, a total of 2.7 million people are at-risk for food insecurity (*Cadre Harmonisé*, 2016). Primary education enrolment rate is 87 percent (Human Development Report 2015).

While progress has been made to decrease undernutrition and food insecurity and increase access to education, further efforts by the Government and its partners are still required. National and regional insecurity, including the ongoing conflict in northern Mali, threatens political stability and economic development in Burkina Faso.

WFP supports national efforts to reduce food insecurity and undernutrition and works to develop capacity to respond to natural disasters. All activities are carried out in cooperation with the Government. WFP is present in Burkina Faso since 1967.

Population: **19 million**

2015 Human Development Index:
183 out of 188

Income Level: **Low**

Chronic malnutrition: **30% of children between 6-59 months**

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