

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)* |
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| 200163 (January 2011 – December 2017) | 66.5 m | 33.3 m (50%) | 1.4 m (62%) |

*May – October 2017

The Country Programme aims to support the efforts of the Government of Burkina Faso as far as food and nutrition security for the most vulnerable populations is concerned, especially women and children. Activities address issues related to access to quality education for all, health and nutrition, rural development and gender equity.

Support to primary education

WFP provides school meals to 70,000 children in two districts of the Sahel region, Soum and Séno. Monthly take-home rations are provided to 4,000 girls, contributing to reduce the risk of being taken out of school to get married. Child marriage is common practice in the Sahel region.

Through the milk project, 5,359 children from 28 schools in Dori receive yogurt as part of their school meals. Yogurt is produced with fresh milk by local milk processing units entirely owned and managed by women.

School meals provided by WFP contributed to the improvement of enrolment, attendance and retention in the region, particularly for girls.

Nutritional support to vulnerable groups

WFP provides food and nutritional support to 12,000 malnourished anti-retroviral therapy (ART) clients. SuperCereal Plus rations are provided to 10,000 children in the Sahel region to prevent stunting.

Promotion of agricultural value chains

WFP promotes the development of agricultural value chains through its Purchase for Progress (P4P) initiative. Whenever possible, WFP purchases commodities (maize and beans) locally. P4P works with

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Photo Caption: Children at Wendou primary school in Dori (Sahel region) raise their cups after drinking their ration of yogurt produced locally in the framework of WFP milk project.

Highlights

- During the month of April, WFP carried out community-based participatory planning exercises in eight villages in the Centre-North, East and North regions.
- New contributions are still required to cover the basic food needs of Malian refugees in Burkina Faso. This activity is experiencing recurrent resources shortfalls, which would have devastating impacts on the most vulnerable, especially women, children aged between 6-59 months, and the elderly.

30,000 smallholder farmers and processors in building their production capacities, reducing losses (post-harvest and milk), and improving the quality of their products to sell to other institutional stakeholders.

| Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) | Total Requirements (in USD) | Total Received (in USD) | 6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)* |
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| 200793 (July 2015 – June 2017) | 53.9 m | 35.3 m (66%) | 4.7 m (46%) |

* May – October 2017

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The Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation aims to assist about 1.1 million at risk of food insecurity and malnutrition. The current operation runs 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 25,272 Malian refugees remaining in Burkina Faso.

Treatment and prevention of malnutrition

WFP provides food for malnourished children and mothers under treatment. Take-home rations are given to caretakers of children receiving in-patient care at therapeutic feeding centres for severe acute malnutrition. During the lean season (June to September), children between 6-23 months are provided with rations of SuperCereal Plus 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

2 m people food insecure (Harmonized Framework, March 2017)

191,839 people assisted
April 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 in four provinces: East, Centre-North, North, and Sahel. In April 2017, community-based participatory planning exercises were carried out in eight villages. In collaboration with cooperating partners as well as communities themselves, activities related to land restoration have already started in the East region. A total of 4,679 community members, among which 2,611 women (55 percent) are partaking in land restoration activities.

Operational Updates

- The security situation in Soum (Sahel region) is improving. Scaling up of the milk project in this area is about to start with the two identified milk processing units.
- Due to lack of funding, nutrition activities are implemented on a reduced scale. However, delay for the delivery of nutritional products are currently compromising nutrition-related activities.
- Food assistance to Malian refugees is being pursued. This operation is facing funding shortages and without new contributions, food rations could be significantly reduced, which would have dramatic consequences on the nutritional status on beneficiaries, especially women and children.
- Community-based participatory planning (CBPP) consultations have been completed in all four regions: East, Centre-North, North, and Sahel. Food assistance for assets activities have started in the East region.

Challenges

The lean season is approaching and 1.7 million people will be under food and nutritional stress from June 2017. A total of 257,238 people are at risk of severe food insecurity (phase 3 and above).

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 and school meals) will jeopardize life-saving efforts and national long-term development.

The security situation in Soum (Sahel region) has improved as a result of measures taken by the central government. The school year in this province has resumed. 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 7.6 percent and chronic malnutrition is 27.3 percent (Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transitions (SMART) nutrition survey 2016). In 2017, a total of 257,238 people are at-risk for severe food insecurity (251,685 Phase 3-Crisis and 5,552 Phase 4-Emergency) during the lean season (Harmonized Framework, March 2017). 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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