



In numbers



1.4 million people
severely food insecure
(November–December 2019)



187 445 internally displaced
people, **218 260** refugees
from Nigeria and Mali,
and **29 955** returnees



80% of the population relies
on agriculture for their livelihoods



USD 11.3 million
required by FAO by December 2019

Key points

- The recent upsurge in violence by armed groups in the Niger and increased intercommunal conflict in the border areas with Burkina Faso, Mali and Nigeria have caused an unprecedented humanitarian crisis and higher levels of food insecurity among local populations.
- In addition to increased insecurity, flash floods since July 2019, particularly in Agadez, Diffa, Maradi and Zinder, have resulted in the disruption of livelihoods and loss of livestock, which together with poor distribution of rainfall are likely to affect the outcome of the 2019/20 agricultural campaign.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has activated a corporate scale-up to respond to the deteriorating situation and growing needs in the country.



Planned response by December 2019

441 000 people (63 000 households) targeted
animal feed | vegetable and fodder seeds | tillage equipment | deworming |
vaccination campaigns | rehabilitation of wells | goat restocking |
cash+ | cash for work | unconditional cash transfer programmes

Response to-date since January 2019

294 000 people (42 000 households) assisted



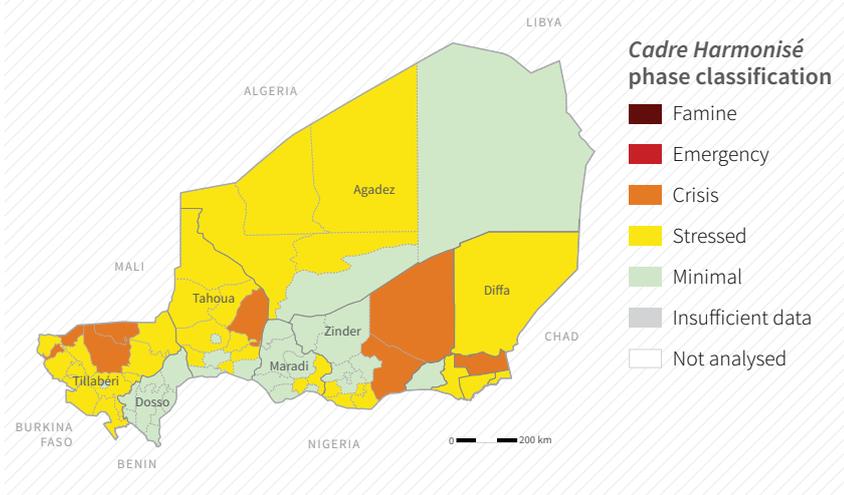
Distributed 450 tonnes of cereals and pulse seeds, and 188 tonnes of vegetable and maize seeds to 30 000 households.



Distributed 1 900 tonnes of animal feed, and 10 180 goats and veterinary supply to 12 000 households

Establishing food stocks and restoring fodder production is essential to improve vulnerable people's livelihoods and resilience to shocks.

Current food insecurity and malnutrition situation (November–December 2019)



Source: Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel, November 2019

Challenges facing food security and agriculture

The recent escalation of armed violence in the Niger and increased inter-community conflict in the border areas with Burkina Faso, Mali and Nigeria have caused an unprecedented humanitarian crisis in the country and higher levels of food insecurity among local populations.

There has been a sudden increase in violence in northwestern Nigeria as result of the intensification of violent attacks by armed and organized bandits. In addition, tensions between farmers and herders persist in the region as a consequence of cattle thefts. These conditions have led to the displacement of thousands of people, who have fled to the Niger's Maradi region, exacerbating existing vulnerabilities.

Natural disasters, plant diseases and epidemics are also affecting the population's food security. Bad to medium harvests are projected for millet and sorghum production in 2019 in certain areas due to poor and erratic distribution of rainfall. In August 2019, the pastoral situation was marked by unfavorable conditions for good forage production, particularly in northern Diffa, centre-west of Tillabéri and Tahoua.

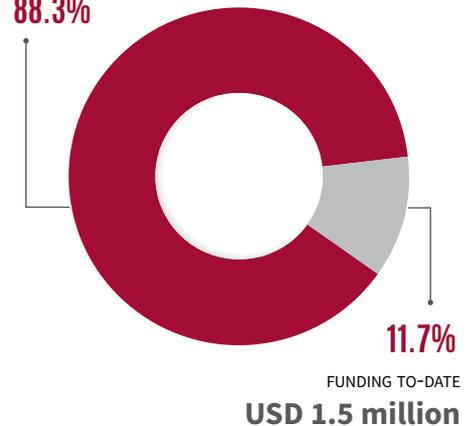
According to the latest *Cadre Harmonisé* analysis (November 2019), if adequate assistance is not provided, over 1.9 million people will be severely food insecure next year (June–August 2020). Providing livelihood support to vulnerable pastoral and agropastoral households is crucial to strengthen their resilience and prevent the worsening of this unprecedented crisis.

Funding

FUNDING GAP

USD 11.3 million

88.3%



FAO requires

USD 12.8 million

by December 2019



to assist

505 400 people

Resource partners

The Government of Italy and the Central Emergency Response Fund

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