

Monthly Humanitarian Situation Report – UNICEF Chad

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Highlights

- For 2012, the annual caseload of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) across the Sahel Band was estimated at 127,300 children under five years of age based on August 2011 nutrition survey results. As of end of August, 98,664 cases of SAM have been admitted for treatment (77.5%). As the number of implementation sites and number of admissions continue to increase and global acute malnutrition (GAM) rate is 18.9% in June 2012 SMART survey across the Sahel belt, UNICEF estimates that the number of expected cases for treatment of severe acute malnutrition is likely to exceed 2012 original estimate. 12,727 new admissions for SAM reported during the month, slightly up on the previous month (12,305 in July 2012).
- An additional 22 outpatient therapeutic program (OTP) centres were opened between July and August 2012. UNICEF is currently supporting 367 centers in the Sahel belt of which there are 32 inpatient facilities (IPFs) for treatment of SAM with complications and 335 OTPs for outpatient treatment.
- According to the government estimates more than 466,000 people are affected by the flood across the country to various degrees; an estimated 34,000 are critically affected and displaced; UNICEF has provided shelters and critical assistance to 10,000 flood affected IDPs.
- The floods are affecting mostly the southern regions; however, the inter cluster working group is planning an evaluation on the overall impact on 2012 harvest.

Estimated Affected Population

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Categories	Total	Male	Female
Total Population in affected regions	6,252,536	3,170,036	3,082,500
Children Under 18	3,588,956	1,819,601	1,769,355
Children Under 5	1,137,962	576,947	561,015
Children 6 to 23 months	340,763	172,767	167,996
Pregnant women	264,482	-	-
Children Under Five with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)	127,300	64,495	62,805
Children Under Five with SAM and medical complications	12,730	6,454	6,276
Children Under Five with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)	300,000	152,100	147,900
Total Displaced Population	413,126	209,455	203,671
Children Displaced (projection / estimation)	237,134	120,227	116,907

- Amongst the poorest countries in the world, Chad is ranked 183 out of 187 countries in the 2011 UNDP Human Development Index. Children under 18 represent 59% of the population and face serious survival and development challenges.
- In addition to the current alarming nutrition crisis, Chad has recurrent outbreaks of epidemics – including measles, meningitis, polio and cholera, which remain a major public health concern.
- About 40% of children under five are affected by stunting. Malnutrition is also a chronic problem (including micronutrient deficiencies) in the country including the Sahel belt regions.

2. Inter-agency collaboration

- UNICEF is engaged in working with OCHA, others UN agencies and NGOs to foster the Transformative Agenda (TA) in Chad.
- UNICEF has dedicated cluster coordination staffs and emergency specialists for WASH, Nutrition, Education and Protector sectors.
- Cluster and Inter-cluster coordination meetings continue to be held on a regular basis, although access to reliable and timely data continues to be a challenge.

Programme response

Nutrition

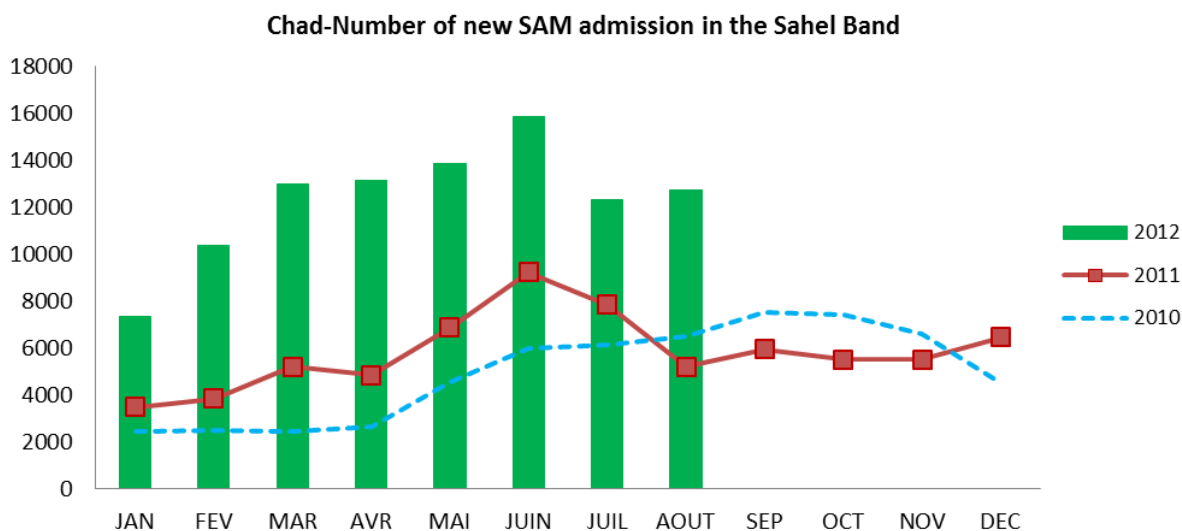
Overview

UNICEF has put in place a multi-sectorial approach to improve child survival in the Sahel belt of Chad, with nutrition as the entry point of this strategy. UNICEF continue to scale up the process of community mobilization through which severely malnourished children are actively screened, detected and referred in a timely manner to the treatment centers. UNICEF is currently supporting 376 therapeutic feeding centers in the Sahel belt regions for the treatment of SAM. From January to August 2012, these centers treated over 100,000 malnourished children with performance outcomes well superior to SPHERE standards. UNICEF is taking proactive action to also prevent malnutrition. Through communication campaigns, UNICEF contributes to large dissemination of messages on essential family care practices using community based screening sessions for SAM, local FM radios and other existing community based communication mechanisms.

Estimated coverage #/%	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector / Cluster		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to Therapeutic Feeding programmes	127,300	100,596 (January to August 2012)	79%	127,300	100,596	79%
Children <5 in Therapeutic Feeding Programmes of who have recovered	At least 95,475	58,311 discharged recovered; 70,363 discharged in total.	61%	95,475	58,311	61%
# of health facilities offering SAM treatment	468	367	78%	468	367	78%
# and % of children 6-59 months with moderate acute malnutrition benefiting from feeding programmes	N/a	N/a	n/a	300,000	107649	36%
List of UNICEF Operational Partners: MOH, FRC, Alima, IMC, Base, Bambini, Centre NDA, MSF-CH, MSF-H, MSF-F, IRC, ACF, Merlin, CRT, CHORA, Concern						

UNICEF and Partner programming

- In general, the number of new admissions increased in August by 424 malnourished children admitted in nutrition therapeutic centers.



	JAN	FEV	MAR	AVR	MAI	JUIN	JUIL	AOUT	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
2010	2430	2494	2453	2651	4555	5988	6133	6522	7500	7430	6592	4512	59260
2011	3474	3833	5205	4834	6866	9244	7839	5207	5939	5515	5521	6459	69936
2012	7348	10376	13006	13123	13889	15888	12305	12729					98664

Figure 1: Monthly admission for SAM in the Sahel belt of Chad, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

WASH

Overview

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector / Cluster		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Affected population with access to WASH minimum package ¹	127300	39502	31%	331,559	64105	19,3%
Nutritional centres delivering the WASH minimum package	285	107	37.5%	400	115	28.7%

UNICEF Operational Partners: Merlin, SIF, ACF, Oxfam GB, ADRA, French and Chadian Red Cross, CWW, WCDO, IRW, Premiere Urgence, ACTED, IRW, IAS, ADC, MOUSTAGBAL, NAGDARO, Intermon Oxfam, Solidarités Internationale, CHORA

UNICEF and partners' programming

- Training was conducted with 400 technicians and community outreach workers to provide hygiene sensitization activities including household water treatment in six regions (Lac, Hadjer Lamis, Kanem, atha, Guera and Bahr El Gazel).
- UNICEF has signed a PCA with AFDI and International Aids Services to implement WASH in Nut in 100 nutrition centers in Guera, Ouaddai, Wadi Fira and Sila.

Flood Interventions:

According to the government estimates more than 466,000 people are affected by the flood across the country in various degree; an estimated 34,000 are critically affected and displaced.

- UNICEF has provided services to 10,000 severely flood affected and 100,000 moderately affected in the regions of Tanjile, Mayo-Kebbi est/ouest, Salamat, Moyen Chari, Sila and N'Djamena; the initial response consisted of providing tents, mosquito nets, hygiene kits.(240,000 water treatment sachets (PUR), 40,000 cartons of soap, 30 containers of chlorine, 1,300 mosquito nets, 1,100 buckets, Hygiene Promotion materials and other WASH supplies.)
- UNICEF developing two (2) Small Scale Funding Agreements (SSFAs) with local partners, Kaidel and CELIAF in regions Tanjile and Moyen Chari. The SSFAs will focus on flood response activities including: Household water treatment, water point disinfection, handwashing and hygiene promotion, and addressing open defecation practices.

Education

UNICEF and partners' programming

- Within the context of the technical support provided by UNICEF for the effective implementation of the "Catch-up"/remedial course activity which began on August 1st 2012 in Mao in the Kanem region, and subsequently to the recommendations of the relevant monitoring and evaluation mission jointly undertaken on August 21st – 28th 2012 by UNICEF and the Chad Ministry of Education (MoE); the headmasters of the three (3) participating schools took immediate action to help measure progression in the learning achievement of the participating students. Three (3) evaluations were planned and carried out: one in the last week of August 2012 and two in (mid and end of) September 2012. These evaluations, which are being examined, will help determine the impact of the "Catch-up"/remedial courses activity on the more than 1600 participating students (6 – 12 years old) of which more than 550 are girls who dropped out of school during the 2011/2012 school year because of the food and nutritional crises.
- Local authorities commended the initiative and recommended that the campaign should be sustained throughout the months of September, October, and November to booster the 2012/2013 "Back-to-School" Campaign.
- In preparation for the joint-review, assessment and updating of the education situation in the Sahel Belt, the joint UNICEF/MoE mission held working sessions with local education authorities ("Inspecteurs Départementaux de l'Education Nationale"—IDENS—"Inspecteurs Pédagogiques de l'Enseignement Primaire"—IPEPs—and Headmasters) in the Kanem and Bahr El Gazal regions to identify schools (data collection sites) as well as surveyors, and set up data collection teams in the "Inspections Pédagogiques de l'Education Primaire" (IPEPs) of Nokou, NTiona, and Rig-Rig in the Kanem region and Michemiré in Bahr El Gazel.
- A Small Scale Partnership has been signed between UNICEF and ACRA to implement an awareness raising campaign to contribute to improving school-aged children enrolment in the Départements of Aboudeia in Salamat region and Mongo in Guera region to contribute to improving enrolment rates in these localities, which are affected by the food/nutritional crisis.
- In response to the flood emergency, UNICEF has identified 1105 affected schools in Ndjama and other regions. In relation to this UNICEF has ordered 350 Kits for 40 students grade 1-2 (8 components); 600 Kit for 40 students grade 3-6 (11 components); 8 Didactic materials kit for schools (10 components); 25 Book, exercise, A4, ruled 8 mm, 96 pages/PAC 10; 50 Slate friboard, double side, A4/ box-20. These kits containing materials, including but not limited to notebooks, chalks, erasers, pen, pencils, etc. will be distributed to children in affected areas.

Health

- UNICEF and partners' programming In support to and collaboration with the Ministry of Health, a second batch of 130 paramedics are under recruitment to expand the revitalization of the health centres in the Sahel belt and the southern regions, enabling them to provide an integrated package of nutrition and health interventions. In that process, five advocacy and orientation workshops were organized in five regions (Batha, Guéra, Wadi Fira, Kanem et Barh El Gazal) with the participation of local authorities. The new paramedics will be deployed in priority in the new nutrition therapeutic centres to ensure the provision of integrated package of services including management of malnutrition, immunization, management of childhood diseases, ...

- UNICEF provided 15,000 doses of ACT for malaria treatment and 10,000 LLITN to 20 districts affected by the flood.
- UNICEF has established an Emergency Unit with a capacity of 25 beds in N'djamena Children's Hospital; the Emergency Unit admitted 1,987 children in the last three weeks.

Child Protection

Overview

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning*	20,000	3,010	15%

UNICEF and partners' programming

- In partnership with the Regional Delegation for Social Affairs in Ouaddaï, 16 community volunteers and 4 social workers have been trained to provide emotional stimulation and psycho social support in Abougoudam nutrition center
- UNICEF provided learning activities and psychosocial support to 1010 children (379 girls and 631 boys) in IDP sites around the town of Goz Beida.
- UNICEF supported the Regional Delegation of Social affairs in Sila to provide birth certificates to 1681 children (823 girls and 858 boys)
- The national Child Protection sub-cluster was established with approximately 25 members. Two meetings were held during the course of the month to finalise the CPSC TDR; establish a Technical Committee; identify priority needs as part of the development of the 2013 strategy; to discuss a workplan in response to the nutrition crisis and the floods; and to share online training resources to build the capacity of members on CPIE .
- The CPSC coordinator and other members of the CPSC participated in the multi-sectorial inter-agency mission to 03 regions in the south to evaluate the impact of the floods on the affected communities from 8-15 September. Priority child protection needs include access to psychosocial support, child protection monitoring and response to individual cases in the displacement sites and building the capacity of local actors to identify, document and reunify separated and unaccompanied children. The CPSC has developed an operational response plan in preparation for an eventual CERF.

HIV/AIDS

UNICEF and partners' programming

- In Ouaddai, Wadi Fira and Sila UNICEF has worked over the first semester of 2012, with the MoH, IMC, BASE, COOPI and the CRT to increase PMTCT clinical sites from 35 to 45 providing HIV/AIDS testing to 161 pregnant women in the 10 newly clinical sites within the zones affected by the nutritional crisis. Mothers in CRENI are systematically counseled for being tested and then referred to PMTCT services when tests are positive for those who accept the test.
- UNICEF is supporting MoH at decentralized level to organize supervision, train community volunteers for social mobilization on the utilization of ANC services and increase reference to PMTCT centers.

C4D

- In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, UNICEF is preparing a workshop to validate the C4D Nutrition Strategy. Workshop to be held on 4-5 October.
- Monitoring of activities within the framework of exclusive breast feeding campaign in two regions.
- Collection of C4D evaluation questionnaires developed during the 1st pumpy doz distribution, Analysis and recommendations will be done in due time.
- Documentation of success stories through human interest stories of mothers who practice and promote exclusive breast feeding in their communities,
- Development of a Media Press Kits for national Journalist to create awareness about exclusive breast feeding and complementary feeding practices during the Exclusive Breast Feeding Week.

- Continuation of training in high risk districts in Lac Region for Cholera, Polio and Nutrition on key family practices, including hand washing, exclusive breast feeding, and utilization of latrines, and water treatment.

Funding

The table below shows the latest funding position for UNICEF Chad.

Appeal sector	Requirements	Funds Received to date	Unmet requirements	
			Amount	%
Nutrition	25,200,000	17,577,847	7,622,153	30%
Health	13,200,000	2,275,489	10,924,511	83%
HIV	315,000	150,000	165,000	52%
WASH	6,400,000	1,496,570	4,903,430	77%
C4D	2,000,000	212,580	1,787,420	89%
Education	2,000,000	600,236	1,399,764	70%
Child Protection	200,000	250,000	-50,000	-25%
Emergency Coordination & M&E	2,685,000	1,864,090	820,910	31%
Operational Cross sectorial	227,500	220,000	7,500	3%
Total	52,227,500	24,646,812	27,580,688	53%

UNICEF wishes to express its deep gratitude to all public and private sector donors for the contributions and pledges received, which have made the current response possible. UNICEF would especially like to thank National Committees and donors who have contributed 'unearmarked' funding. 'Unearmarked' funding gives UNICEF essential flexibility to direct resources and ensure the delivery of life-saving supplies and interventions to where they are needed most – especially in the form of longer-term and predictable funding and in strengthening preparedness and resilience building. Continued donor support is critical to continue scaling up the response.

Across Sahel, UNICEF received financial and material contributions from: Andorra, Australia, Canada, CERF, Denmark, Estonia, European Commission/EC, Finland, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America; and the Danish Committee for UNICEF, Finnish Committee for UNICEF, French Committee for UNICEF, German Committee for UNICEF, Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF, Iceland National Committee for UNICEF, Japan Committee for UNICEF, Netherlands Committee for UNICEF, New Zealand Committee for UNICEF, UNICEF Belgium, UNICEF Bulgaria, UNICEF-Chile, United Kingdom Committee for UNICEF, United States Fund for UNICEF.

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