

Situation Update

- Security situation in the country remains critical with a growing number of incidents throughout the country. As of 29 October, over 486,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) are present in the country, with additional displacements regularly occurring.
- A two-day workshop on humanitarian access was organized by WFP and OCHA in end October. The workshop was facilitated by the Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN) and provided a platform to exchange with partners (UN agencies and NGOs) on the implications of humanitarian access challenges on respective operations, as well as to discuss on key aspects to consider when dealing with humanitarian access negotiation.
- A humanitarian access working group meeting took place, during which participants have jointly identified indicators for each humanitarian access challenge, leading to the elaboration of a workplan for a joint humanitarian access strategy. WFP will integrate elements from these discussions while revising its humanitarian access strategy.

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In October, a total of 217,655 IDPs received lifesaving assistance. This comprised 151,631 persons assisted in the Centre-Nord Region, 33,585 persons in the Sahel region, 15,290 persons in the Nord region and 17,149 persons in the Est region. All beneficiaries received a food basket comprised of cereals, pulses and vegetable oil with over 3,400 mt of food distributed during the month. So far, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 244,056 people in October (including IDPs).
- Through SCOPE (WFP's Beneficiary and Transfer Management platform) light, 3,566 cards were distributed to heads of households during October distributions. Utilisation of SCOPE allowed to identify some issues with targeting lists and cancel approximately 4,200 double beneficiaries. WFP foresees to expand the utilization of SCOPE to all its beneficiaries across the country.
- For November distributions, WFP plans to expand its operations to the Boucle du Mouhoun region, where currently over 8,500 IDPs reside. Distributions will be led by WFP sub-office in Ouahigouya.
- Emergency school feeding activities targeting children affected by the crisis are planned to start in November. As part of its strategy, the country office is planning to provide assistance to schools and alternative educational facilities reaching at least 20 percent of displaced children to enable and encourage them to continue their education.



In Numbers

1.5 million people affected
(OCHA Humanitarian Response Plan)

486,360 internally displaced persons
(CONASUR – 29 October 2019)

Highlights

- In October, WFP assisted 244,056 food insecure people out of which 217,655 IDPs.
- In November, WFP plans to start emergency school feeding activities as well as distributions to the Boucle du Mouhoun region.
- FAO-WFP [advocacy document](#) presenting joint resilience building response targeting IDPs and host-communities.
- USD 50.3 million are needed for urgent crisis response activities up to April 2020.
- Risk of halting assistance as of January 2020, without additional contributions.
- Prevention of acute malnutrition activities for IDPs and host-communities continued across the Sahel, Centre-Nord, Nord and Est regions. Latest data outlines that in the Centre-Nord and in the Sahel regions, approximately 28 percent of Health and Social Promotion Centre (CSPS) are not functioning thus affecting the nutritional status of children and pregnant and lactating women.
- A joint FAO-WFP [advocacy document](#) presented joint resilience building response targeting IDPs and host-communities. The two Rome-based Agencies outlined that in addition to urgent life-saving assistance, another priority is to support vulnerable pastoralists and agropastoralists through market gardening and livestock activities during the dry season.

Supply Chain



- For October distributions, 3,363 mt of food out of the 4,500 originally planned were dispatched. Dispatches were not conducted in Foubé, Kelbo and Arbinda, due to high-level of insecurity in those areas of the country.
- As part of its access strategy, WFP consults with all parties including beneficiaries to ensure their protection at the distribution site and when they go back to their homes. WFP distributions in the Est region are conducted through unmarked bags to reduce risk for beneficiaries. WFP ensures that repackaging of food items is undertaken in warehouses in Ouagadougou, thus limiting any loss of food commodities.

Assessments

- WFP, UNICEF, Ministry of Health, and other partners had a meeting to validate the results of the Rapid nutrition SMART survey realized in October 2019 in areas with high concentration of IDPs (6 communes and the IDP camp of Barsalogo). Results outlined a notable deterioration on the nutritional status of the most vulnerable group of the population namely children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women. The situation emphasizes that we are above the emergency level in terms of global acute malnutrition (GAM) but also in terms of severe acute malnutrition (SAM), in the IDP camp of Barsalogo (19.7 percent GAM) and in its commune (17.2 percent GAM). Similar results can be seen also in Djibo in the Sahel (16.9 percent GAM). The assessment confirmed that Centre-Nord and Sahel are the regions most affected by the crisis (number of IDPs present in the region) but also by an extensive deterioration of the nutritional status. According to the survey, host-communities and IDPs are affected by malnutrition the same way.
- The national nutrition SMART survey has been completed and currently waiting for the preliminary results. 21,475 households across the country out of a total of 23,416 were part of the assessment.
- Joint Government, WFP, FAO and other partners' mission to evaluate the Agricultural campaign was organised across the country during the week of 21 October. WFP mission focused on the Centre-Ouest and Nord regions outlining that a decline in the agricultural production is foreseen for this year strictly linked with an uneven and poor rainfall across the regions.
- An internal supply chain and cash-based transfer (CBT) mission was conducted from the end of October to the beginning of November. The mission was carried out in urban and rural areas in the Nord and Centre-Nord region and outlined the following recommendations: (i) for urban areas – feasibility of piloting unrestricted cash through mobile money in Kaya and hybrid (50 percent food and 50 percent CBT) in Ouahigouya; (ii) rural areas – need of piloting SCOPE to help strengthen markets and implement restricted cash; (iii) need to leverage cash working group to reduce costs and improve quality; and (iv) need of monitoring retailers capacity to ensure that they can absorb greater demand from local populations. WFP will include these recommendations as part of its programming and replicate similar assessments to other areas of the country.

Response Strategy

- On 13 May 2019, WFP's emergency response in Burkina Faso was categorised as a Level 2 Emergency response. On 9 September 2019, WFP scaled up its response in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger introducing a Level 3 Emergency until March 2020. Scale-up was necessary to ensure that critical urgent needs are met.
- WFP plans to assist approximately 70 percent of the IDPs, whereas the remaining would be taken care of by other actors, including the Government. This will be complemented by general food assistance to host-communities hosting IDPs (one in-kind distribution every three months); prevention of malnutrition support to children aged 6-23 months and pregnant and lactating women among IDPs; and emergency school feeding (including take-home rations for IDPs and host-community girls), where security conditions allow.

Humanitarian Coordination

Food Security sector

- Based on data collected from the food security sectors, approximately 151,000 IDPs of the 289,000 displaced people were assisted with emergency food aid (53 percent). Two thirds of the assistance were provided by WFP.
- According to plans received for October distributions, the food security sector has planned to support 438,000 of 486,000 (90 percent) displaced people by providing food assistance.
- For the draft 2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview, the food security sector has set that there would be 1.6 million people in need of food assistance (PIN) for 2020. For the 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), the sector proposed a total budget of USD 126 million, marking a 40 percent increase with respect to the July 2019 HRP.

Funding outlook

- USD **53.5 million** are required to cover the needs of the most vulnerable populations for the next six months (until April 2020), of which **USD 50.3 million** are for the crisis response. This includes the upsurge in the number of IDPs. Funding deficit will start in December with lack of funding expected in January.
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