



# WFP Burkina Faso Country Brief

## Highlights

- Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) activities have been carried out in Centre-North, East, North and Sahel regions. A total of 105,840 people were involved in the creation of productive community assets that will contribute to help households both provide for the consumption needs of their family and increase their income.
- New contributions (USD 1.5 million) are still required to cover the basic food needs of Malian refugees in Burkina Faso for the next 6 months. This activity is experiencing recurrent resources shortfalls which, if they prevail, could lead the refugee population to sell their assets to cover the basic needs of their households.

## 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	33.3 m (50%)	1.7 m (49%)

\* August 2017 – January 2018

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

### Support to primary education

During the school year 2016/17, WFP provided school meals to 78,604 primary schoolchildren in two districts of the Sahel region, Soum and Séno. A total of 4,000 girls received conditional monthly take-home rations of maize (10 kg per month). As child marriage is common practice in the Sahel region, these rations contribute to reduce the risk for girls to be taken out of school to get married.

Through the milk project, 5,359 children from 28 schools in Dori received 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 contribute to improve enrolment, attendance and retention rates in the region, particularly for girls.

### Nutritional support to vulnerable groups

WFP provides food and nutritional support to 10,000 malnourished anti-retroviral therapy (ART) clients. SuperCereal Plus rations are planned for 2,000 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) project.

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**Photo Caption:** Group photo of participants to the annual review of P4P activities implemented from March 2016 to March 2017. Participants included members of farmers' organizations, technical services from the Government, cooperating partners, and WFP staff.

Whenever possible, WFP purchases commodities (maize and beans) locally. P4P works with 30,000 smallholder farmers and processors. Technical support and training are provided to develop their production capacities, reduce milk and post-harvest losses, and improve the quality of their products to sell to institutional markets other than 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 – December 2017)*	65 m	35.3 m (54%)	0.9 m (11%)

\* August 2017 – January 2018

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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 project is aligned with the harmonized framework and the annual support plan for vulnerable populations.

### Food assistance to Malian refugees

In collaboration with the Government and other partners, WFP provides food and nutritional 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 in the East, North and Sahel regions are provided with rations of SuperCereal Plus to prevent acute malnutrition.

## In Numbers

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

**158,809** people assisted  
July 2017



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## Operational Updates

- The annual review of the P4P initiative took place from 5 to 9 June 2017 in Léo (Sissili province, Centre-West region). Stakeholders (farmers' organizations, smallholders, government structures, and cooperating partners) reviewed their activities implemented from March 2016 to March 2017.
- Food assistance to Malian refugees is being pursued. This operation is facing recurrent funding shortages and without new contributions, food rations will be significantly reduced, which would have negative consequences on the nutritional status on people assisted, especially women and children.

## Challenges

The main challenge for the country office is to find additional funding and mitigate the effects of the lack of assistance for vulnerable people. The terrorist threat remains a major issue for WFP staff, assets and operations.

## Story Worth Telling

Married and father of 9 children (4 girls and 5 boys), Mr. Tindano and his wife live in the village of Batibougou, in the Yagha province (Sahel region).

The parents could only afford to enroll three of their children (2 boys and 1 girl) in the village school due to their limited financial means.

Mr. Tindano participates in the activity aiming to develop the lowlands in the village. This activity is implemented by WFP, in collaboration with the Regional Direction for Agriculture and Water Resources Management (DRAAH), to increase the agricultural production of smallholder farmers from the village; thus, making community members more resilient to food insecurity.

The couple owns and farms a surface area of 0.5 hectare in the lowland. At the end of the 2016 crop year, the Tindanos harvested the equivalent of 18 bags (100 kg each) of paddy rice. Part of the harvest was used for 3 months to cover the household's consumption needs, while two bags were sold at 30,000 CFA francs. Mrs. Tindano used the income from the sale to purchase other commodities (fresh vegetables, meat, local spices, etc.) to improve the meals of the family and to cover other household-related expenses (health, education).

Like other FFA beneficiaries, the Tindanos hope that with the synergy of actions between WFP and the technical services of agriculture, the acquisition of seeds and fertilizers at fair price, and the training they received to enhance their production capacities, they will be able to double their rice production by the end of the 2017 crop year. Results are already visible (water retention) and predict an excellent crop year.

The Tindanos said that the cash they receive from WFP for their participation in the development of community assets will allow them to go through the lean season (June to September), obtain more agricultural inputs and provide for the needs of their children.

## 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**

## Donors

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