Drought during 2009 in Niger and northern Nigeria has created the worst food security crisis to hit this area in 30 years. People are moving in both directions across the Nigeria-Niger border in search of employment, grain markets, and access to therapeutic feeding centers.

Nigerian mothers bring their malnourished children to therapeutic feeding centers in Maradi and Zinder.

Nigeriens migrate to urban centers like Niamey and across the border to Sokoto in search of work.

Nigeriens flock to Kano for work in order to buy grain to send home.

Dying livestock in Diffa, Niger

The hunger season began earlier than usual in 2010, as shown by the sharp increase in millet prices in May as opposed to the normal seasonal price rise in July 2009.