



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
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In Numbers

543 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$135,000 cash-based transfers made

US\$11.4 m six months net funding requirements (December 2018-May 2019), representing 15% of total

905,741 people assisted
January to October 2018



WFP SAYS NO to GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Operational Context

Burkina Faso is a semi-arid country in the Sahel. Its population is estimated at about 20 million, with 40 percent who live below the poverty line. Most 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 aged 6-59 months and the elderly are the most affected by persistent food and nutrition insecurity, especially in rural areas.

Based on the results of the *Cadre Harmonisé*, (November 2018), some 307,000 people are currently experiencing food crisis (Phase 3). Based on official projections, some 3.7 million people, spread across all regions in Burkina Faso, will be under food stress (Phase 2) and 676,200 are at risk of food crisis (Phase 3 and 4) from June 2019.

WFP supports national efforts to reduce food insecurity and undernutrition and works to develop resilience capacity to respond to natural disasters. All activities are carried out in cooperation with the Government in a multi-stakeholders and multi-sectoral approach.



Population: 19.2 million

2017 Human Development Index: 183 out of 189

Income Level: Lower

Chronic malnutrition: 21.2 % of children aged 6-59 months

Operational Updates

- Assistance to Malian refugees:** In the Sahel region, WFP provides food assistance through in-kind food and cash transfers to Malian refugees in the refugee settlements of Goudebou and Mentao. Although assistance was previously given depending on refugee status, the assistance based on vulnerability status to food and nutrition insecurity started in March 2018. In November 2018, 22,076 refugees received food assistance including 11,697 women for a total of 372 mt of food commodities distributed. However, due to a lack of resources, no cash transfer was provided.
- Resilience:** WFP's resilience activities through the integrated package in the targeted four regions Centre-North, East, North and Sahel is ongoing. The project includes two components: livelihoods improvement and capacity strengthening. Food assistance for assets (FFA) activities aim at improving the livelihoods of vulnerable households through cash-based transfers. In November, WFP distributed a total of USD 135,000 to some 4,480 participants involved in FFA activities (31,360 beneficiaries). Capacity strengthening activities were implemented through WFP's Purchase for Progress (P4P) initiative in collaboration with Resilience in the Sahel Enhanced (RISE) partners and stakeholders. In November, WFP trained more than 100 members (79 percent women) of farmers' organizations in financial literacy. About 20 people also took part to training in warrantage and quality assurance of cereals.
- Nutrition:** In November 2018, WFP assisted about 33,473 beneficiaries with nutritional products (148.38 mt) in the four priority regions (Centre North, East, North and Sahel). As a contribution to treatment of malnutrition, 22,696 children aged 6-59 months suffering from Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and 10,777 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) received specialised nutritious food.

In Burkina Faso, WFP currently operates under a Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (T-ICSP). Starting 1 January 2019, the Country Office will transition to a five-year Country Strategic Plan, CSP (2019-2023).

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Main photo

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Caption: A WFP beneficiary attends a sensitization session on WFP food assistance with his daughter in the Komandjari province (East region).

Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (1 January – 31 December 2018)

2018 Total Requirement (in USD)	2018 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
75.4 m	50.3 m	11.4 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Refugees and other crisis-affected people in Burkina Faso have access to adequate food all year-round.
Focus area: Crisis Response

- Activities:**
- Provide food assistance to Malian refugees in the Sahel region.
 - Provide food assistance to the most vulnerable populations affected by climatic shocks and other disruptions in all regions across the country.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 2: Chronically-vulnerable households and school-aged children in Burkina Faso have access to adequate food all year-round
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Provide food assistance to targeted primary children including take-home rations to girls that will be beneficial to their households.

Strategic Result 3: No one suffers for malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Children aged 6-59 months, pregnant women and nursing mothers (PWNM), including girls, and malnourished ART clients have improved nutrition status in four targeted regions in Burkina Faso by 2020.
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Prevent malnutrition, stunting and wasting through blanket feeding, nutrition, education and complementary activities for children, pregnant women and nursing mothers (PWNM), including girls.
 - Support the treatment of malnutrition and wasting through provision of nutritious food for children, PWNM / G and malnourished ART clients, and caretakers of children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM).

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and incomes

Strategic Outcome 4: Smallholders in targeted areas have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to better support food security and nutrition needs by 2020.
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Support value chain development of smallholders (agropastoralists) through trainings and capacity augmentation.
 - Support the Government in the national P4P.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 5: National partners have strengthened capacity to identify, target and assist food-insecure and nutritionally vulnerable populations by 2020.
Focus area: Root Causes

- Activities:**
- Support the Government on nutrition, social protection, resilience and school meals programming (advocacy, policy direction and program decisions) at national and local levels.
 - Strengthen Early Warning Systems.

- **Education:** National primary education enrolment rate is 88.5 percent (*Annuaire statistique 2016-2017, Direction générales des études et des statistiques sectorielle du Ministère de l'Education nationale et de l'alphabétisation* – DGESS/MENA with regional disparities. The primary school completion rate stood at 60.3 at country level and 28.3 percent in the Sahel region, which is the lowest in the country. WFP contributes to the government's goal to improve access to quality education, especially for girls. In collaboration with the Ministry of National Education and Literacy, WFP provides school meals to pre- and primary schoolchildren in the Sahel region, characterized by structural food insecurity. 6,108 pupils received two meals per day (mid-day snack and hot lunch) in November 2018.

Monitoring

- A thematic evaluation on gender in WFP interventions is ongoing. This evaluation is aligned with the guidelines of the national Programme for Economic and social Development (PNDES) and the UNDAF. In November, the evaluation team focused on a literature review of secondary data and exchanges with key stakeholders to have a good understanding of WFP expectations.
- WFP recruited a consultant to work on the formulation of a national food and nutrition strategy for schools. The final document will include recommendations for ownership of schools by communities and on the need to promote the use of local products in the framework of school feeding and nutrition.

Challenges

- The Ministry of education reported that currently some 440 schools are closed due to insecurity threats affecting some 66,300 students throughout the country.
- Due to the lack of resources for its school meals activity, WFP started to deliver school meals in November instead of October.
- Previously mainly located in the Sahel and north regions, security threats are spreading to other regions, leading to an increased internal displacement of people. Since August, the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) increased by 48 percent, from 27,571 in August, to 40,881 in November (OCHA, December 2018). Vulnerable populations who required immediate food assistance are in areas with a challenging security situation. This resulted in all UN agencies and NGO actors having to adopt preventive security measures to ensure the protection of beneficiaries, staff and assets.

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