



WFP Burkina Faso

Country Brief

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Operational Context

Burkina Faso is a semi-arid country located in the Sahel. Its population is estimated at about 20.4 million, with 40 percent living 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.

The security situation in the country is becoming worse, especially in the northern part of the Burkina Faso due to attacks and threats of non-State armed groups. On 1 January 2019, the President declared a state of emergency in 14 of the 45 provinces of the country. More than 100,000 women, men, children and elderly people fled to safer areas.

Based on the results of the March 2019 *Cadre Harmonisé*, some 400,000 people are currently experiencing food crisis (Phase 3). Based on projections, some 4 million people, spread across all regions in Burkina Faso, will be under food stress (Phase 2) and some 688,000 are projected to be at risk of in food crisis (Phase 3 and 4) from June 2019.

WFP has been present in Burkina Faso since 1967. Through its interventions, WFP supports national efforts to reduce food insecurity and undernutrition and works to develop resilience capacity to respond to sudden and protracted crises.



Population: **20.4 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **183 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower**

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

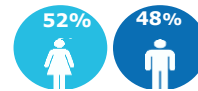
In Numbers

442 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 712,992 cash-based transfers made

US\$ 41.4 m six months net funding requirements (April -September 2019), representing 55% of total

182,014 people assisted in March 2019



Operational Updates

- **Assistance to refugees:** WFP continues to provide food assistance to Malian refugees residing in the two official refugee camps in the Sahel region: Goudebou in Seno province and Mentao in Soum province. In March, WFP provided food assistance to 22,211 refugees with a total of 179 mt of in-kind food and USD 172,000 cash-based transfer distributed.
- **Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons:** The food security group under the leadership of WFP assisted 74,335 IDPs in four regions. Monthly distributions will continue in the four regions most affected by security incidents (Centre-North, East North and Sahel).
- **School Feeding:** In February, WFP provided breakfast and hot lunches to 41,958 schoolchildren attending class in Dori and Djibo, in the Sahel region. Beneficiaries include 50 percent of school girls. A total of 125 mt of food items were distributed. 2,681 school girls were provided 50 mt of take-home rations (THR) in the form of dry cereals as an incentive for parents to keep them in school.
- **Nutrition:** WFP assisted 39,277 beneficiaries including children aged 6-59 month and pregnant and lactating women (PLW). A total of 138 mt of nutritional products was distributed.
- **Resilience:** In March, 78,568 beneficiaries with 60 percent women were involved in food assistance for assets (FFA) creation activities and received USD 540,992. In the East region, the Provincial Directorate of agriculture and agricultural development (DPAAH) of Gnagna, in collaboration with WFP, supported the communities of Banogo, Diaka, Diakpalga, Djoaro and Harga. Various activities were carried out in these communities including rubble collection, trainings to set up nurseries, land rehabilitation and construction of artificial water ponds. It is expected that in the medium or long-term, communities will have the capacity to improve their livelihoods, children's nutrition and households' food security through: access to productive lands, access to water and availability of food commodities. Once operational, community members will be able to use water from the water pond to grow vegetables and other plants with high nutritional values or for their livestock.

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Main photo

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Caption: A Malian refugee in the official refugees' camp of Goudebou (Sahel region) with the livestock he received in the framework of WFP's self-reliance project.

Country Strategic Plan (1 January – 31 December 2019)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
77.3 m	16.5 m	41.4 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis affected populations, including refugees, IDPs and host communities in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of a crisis

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Provide an integrated assistance package including food assistance, school meals, and specialized nutritious food to refugees, IDPs, host population, children and PLW/Gs affected by climate shocks, conflicts and other disruptions.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 2: Food insecure populations including school-age children, in targeted areas have access to adequate and nutritious food all year-round

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide school meals to vulnerable children during the primary school year, including take home rations for girls
- Provide assistance through CBT to beneficiaries targeted by government social safety nets including capacity strengthening for adolescent girls

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers for malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Nutritionally vulnerable populations including children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/Gs), antiretroviral therapy (ART) clients, in targeted areas have improved nutritional status all year round

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Support beneficiaries through the provision of specialized nutritious food and integrated programmes (including SBCC) to manage acute malnutrition and prevent stunting

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Smallholder farmers and communities including those affected by recurrent climate shocks, in targeted areas have more resilient livelihoods and sustainable food systems by 2023

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Support targeted groups through livelihood and asset creation, gender-responsive and nutrition sensitive value chain development, weather insurance schemes, and innovative production technologies and practices

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 5: National institutions have strengthened capacities to manage shock-responsive systems, food security, nutrition and social protection programmes and policies by 2023

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Provide capacity-strengthening support including emergency response, early warning systems, supply chain, National P4P, weather insurance, nutrition-sensitive social safety net data collection and management, to national institutions and partners

Strategic Result 8: Global partnership support

Strategic Outcome 5: Humanitarian and development partners in Burkina Faso have access to common services to access and operate in targeted areas throughout the year

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- ICT, Logistics and other additional support may be provided to partners if needed

- **Capacity strengthening:** In the framework of the implementation of the tripartite protocol between the *Direction Générale de la Promotion de l'Economie Rurale* (DGPER), WFP organized training for 110 members from four farmers' organization (FOs) and purchased 4,000 triple-bottom packaging bags and four tarpaulins of 150 m2 each for the four FOs. These FOs include the "*Union Provinciale Féminine Namanegbzanga pour la Promotion de la Filière Niébé* (UPFN-PFN)" in Djibo, Potal and Gam-Naati in Dori (Sahel region) and the "*Coopérative Sahel Produits*" (COOPSAP) in Kongoussi (Centre North region).

Monitoring

- WFP Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) and Monitoring and Evaluation team participated in the analysis of the Cadre Harmonisé data and the drafting of the communication factsheet published in early March.
- The thematic evaluation on gender in WFP's interventions is ongoing. A series of training are scheduled for diverse audience including beneficiaries, partners, and WFP staff from April to the end of May 2019.

Challenges

- Burkina Faso is witnessing a surge in armed attacks and insecurity putting education under serious threat. Around 1,300 schools have closed, leaving some 170,000 children without education (OCHA West and Central Africa: [Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot, 19-25 March 2019](#)).
- The unexpected growing number of internally displaced persons and the impact on the food and nutrition security requires WFP to revise its crisis response plan and expand its surge capacity despite current funding deficit.
- Immediate contributions are required to provide adequate and timely emergency response.

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