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Country Brief

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Operational Context

The security situation in Burkina Faso is incrementally worsening, especially in the northern and eastern parts of the country due to attacks and threats from non-state armed groups. On 1 January 2019, the President declared a state of emergency in 14 of the 45 provinces of the country. Due to security incidents, about 171,000 women, men, children and elderly people fled to safer areas. Over 1,000 schools and 16 health centres were closed leaving about 146,000 children out of school and more than 146,000 persons without access to basic social services.

Burkina Faso is a semi-arid country in the Sahel. Its population is estimated at about 20.4 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.

Results of the March 2019 *Cadre Harmonisé* indicate that some 400,000 people are currently experiencing food crisis (Phase 3). Nearly 4 million people, spread across all regions in Burkina Faso, will be under food stress (Phase 2) and some 688,000 persons are at risk of food crisis (Phase 3 and 4) from June 2019.

WFP is present in Burkina Faso since 1967 and supports national efforts to reduce food insecurity and undernutrition. Its work includes developing 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**

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Main photo

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Caption: A beneficiary leaving a local facility used as SCOPE registration centre in Ringuema village (Centre-North region).

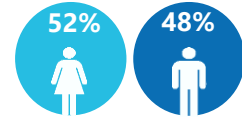
In Numbers

604 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 136,653 cash-based transfers made

US\$ 43 m six months net funding requirements (June-November 2019)

101,519 people assisted in May 2019



Operational Updates

- **Assistance to refugees:** Due to persistent insecurity in Mali, over 25,000 Malian refugees are present in Burkina Faso. In addition to food assistance, WFP has developed a self-reliance programme for 320 households (about 1,600 persons) that have the most difficulty to meet their basic food needs. In May 2019, 22,700 Malian refugees in the two official camps of Goudebou and Mentao (Sahel region) received food assistance with 263.5 mt of in-kind food and USD 160,065 cash-based transfers distributed.
- **Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):** The effects of security incidents on the level of food security of affected populations remain a concern. WFP and other humanitarian actors coordinate their actions to provide adequate assistance. In May, more than 13,600 IDPs essentially concentrated in the Sahel region, which is the most affected by insecurity, received food assistance with over 232 mt of cereals, beans, SuperCereal and oil distributed. Due to the constant increase of the number of IDPs, WFP is scaling up its response plan.
- **Education:** Some 39,700 schoolchildren attending WFP-assisted schools in Dori and Djibo (Sahel region) received two meals per school day in May (209 mt). A total of 14 mt of locally-produced yogurt was served to over 6,700 pupils in Dori (more than 1 out of 2 children were girls). Yogurt was purchased from women groups-owning and managing the milk processing units (MPUs) in Dori. WFP provides technical support to these groups to ensure the production of quality yogurts. To contribute to the promotion of girls' education, WFP also gave 10 kg of dry cereals in take-home rations (THR) to about 4,200 school girls who maintained a minimum attendance rate of 80 percent.
- **Nutrition:** 30,500 children aged 6-59 months and 7,600 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) received nutritional support from WFP for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition. Overall 244.5 mt of fortified blended food was distributed in this respect. Over 3,100 children aged 6-23 months and 3,900 children aged 24-59 months were also screened for prevention purposes.

Resilience: With the rainy season approaching, the 9,200 participants to the creation of productive assets ensured that asset-creation activities started the previous month were ready for the agricultural campaign. WFP distributed about USD 141,000 of which USD 112,400 via cash-based transfers (CBT) and USD 28,600 via SCOPE-cards. SCOPE was launched in May 2019 and started in the East region.

Country Strategic Plan (1 January – 31 December 2019)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
113.2 m*	46.8 m	43 m

* Total requirements based on Budget Revision #3 figures, pending approval

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 6: 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:** Based on data collected during the assessment of gender mainstreaming in WFP's interventions from 2016-2018, a workshop was organized for WFP staff members and cooperating partners. The objective was to enhance the integration of gender-sensitive thematic during programmes' implementation. In support to value chain development, WFP improved the technical capacities of the Provincial Union of Rice Producers (*Union Provinciale des Producteurs de Riz, UPPR*) of Komandjari in the East region. The farmers' organization received specialized equipment: rice thresher/winnower, rice huller, stove for steaming, steamer, rice stoner/winnower, bagger machine (wide opening), weighing scale with a capacity of 100 kg, sewing machine, etc. Following technical training on quality assurance, the women's group managing a new enrolled milk processing unit, PAMIRAL, received specialized equipment required along the production line and storage (milk processing and maintaining the cold chain). This is part of the extension of the milk project in Dori.

Monitoring, assessments and evaluation

- In the framework of the implementation of its response plan, WFP conducted a rapid markets' assessment to have more reliable data on the functioning of local markets pre-lean season. Results will be completed with findings of the Emergency Needs Assessments (ENA) study with a focus on IDPs and host populations. The study started end of the of May and the first results are expected by mid-June.
- Assessments for the establishment of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) operation are ongoing. With increased access constraints in the northern and eastern parts of the country, the use of air transport is seen by humanitarian actors as a good alternative to reach beneficiaries.
- With regards to the installation of the hub of the United Nations agencies (UN integrated presence), information technology assessments were carried out and meetings organized with the different UN agencies present in Burkina Faso. This led to the elaboration of a concept note and concept of operations for this specific area.
- Other assessments include: the independent decentralized formative evaluation on gender that identified the strengths and weaknesses of each activity carried out by WFP in Burkina Faso and the post-distribution monitoring survey (PDM) on resilience activities carried out in Centre-North, East, North and Sahel regions. Reports will be available by the end of June.

Challenges

- Nation-wide, global malnutrition stands at 8.5 percent and in areas where insecurity is high some health centres are either closed or offer limited services. Some beneficiaries targeted for the treatment of malnutrition have difficulty reaching or are unable to reach health centres WFP supplies with specialised nutritious products.
- WFP operations in Burkina Faso are underfunded. **USD 43 million are still required** to provide adequate and timely assistance to people in need of food and nutritional assistance from June to November 2019.

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