



# WFP Burkina Faso Country Brief October 2019

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## Operational Context

Rising insecurity in Burkina Faso continue to cause displacement of households forced to flee for safety. As of 8 October 2019, approximately 486,000 were reported by OCHA as being present in the country. Over 2,000 schools and 50 health centres are closed leaving about 300,000 children out of school and more than 531,000 persons without access to basic social services. The country has been declared on state of emergency until 12 January 2020 in 14 of the 45 provinces of the country. To respond to this volatile context, WFP has declared a L3 emergency in the country.

Overall, WFP operations in the country include emergency food assistance to IDPs and host families, refugees and lean season-affected people; school feeding including support to a local yogurt production project; treatment and prevention of malnutrition; food assistance for assets for small-scale agriculture; Purchase for Progress (P4P) project to support value chains; micro-insurance (R4) and macro-insurance (African Risk Capacity); national capacity strengthening; provision of information and communication technology, logistics and other support to partners as needed.

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.

The World Food Programme is present in Burkina Faso since 1967. Through its activities, WFP contributes to support the efforts of the country in achieving food and nutrition security.



Population: **20.4 million**

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

Income Level: **Lower**

SMART 2018 -Chronic malnutrition: **25% of children aged 6-59 months**

## In Numbers

**3,590 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 102,375** cash-based transfers distributed

**US\$ 53.5 m** six months net funding requirements (November 2019–April 2020)

**244,056** people assisted in October 2019.



## Operational Updates

### Assistance to refugees:

WFP continues to assist Malian refugees in the two official camps of Goudebou and Mentao (Sahel region). In October, food assistance was provided to 15,623 refugees in Goudebou with 140.79 mt of in-kind food. 15,111 refugees from the very poor and poor category in the camp of Goudebou received USD 102,375 cash-based transfers marking the end of direct cash distribution to refugees. Due to the rising insecurity, WFP is evaluating the possibility and feasibility of delivering cash-based transfers via mobile platforms. Distributions for Mentao refugee camp suffered operational delays linked to the security situation and distributions previously planned for October took place in November.

### Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):

General food assistance to IDPs is ongoing in the Sahel, Est, Centre-Nord, and Nord regions. In October, a total of 217,655 IDPs received lifesaving assistance. SCOPE is currently being used for in-kind distributions in the Centre-Nord. 3,566 households were registered through the SCOPE platform. A further scale-up of SCOPE usage is planned with the introduction of cash-based transfers targeting IDPs.

### Education:

In October, WFP provided food assistance 10,044 students who received globally a total of 13.9 mt of rations comprised of cereals, beans and oil. 734 schoolgirls received take-home rations to sustain and foster their school attendance. WFP also continued supporting 10 schools through distributions of yogurt produce by the three milk transformation units in Dori.

To support children affected by the crisis, WFP plans to provide assistance to schools and alternative educational facilities through the implementation of emergency school feeding activities.

### Nutrition:

Moderate acute malnutrition prevention activities continued to be realized in the four regions (Nord, Centre-Nord, Sahel and Est) with low coverage due to insecurity which led to health centres closure and health workers abandoning their posts.

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**Main photo**

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**Caption:** Community Based Participatory Planning in the Sahel region.

## Country Strategic Plan (1 January – 31 December 2019)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
117.9 m*	78.9 m	53.5 m**

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

\*\* Data as of 5 November 2019

## 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

**Resilience:** In October, five Community Based Participatory Planning (PCP) were conducted of which four in the Centre-Nord region and one in the Sahel region. Activities identified by communities during these PCP are expected to be implemented starting in November. Food assistance for assets creation activities also included a field mission conducted to capitalize on best practices in integrated resilience in the Centre-Nord region and a joint mission WFP- Oxfam to assess the constraints of setting up the soybean processing unit in potential sites in Orodara.

WFP facilitated the organisation and participated in the G5 Sahel workshop on 17 October. The objective of this workshop was to provide a platform for consultation for the different actors involved in resilience activities and operationalize the implementation of the actions plan of the Resilience and Human Development axis of the G5 Sahel.

**Capacity strengthening:**

On 18 October 2019, WFP attended the meeting with Proparco, the branch of the French Development Agency dedicated to the private sector and the International Finance Corporation. These institutions have initiated a common approach to strengthen their interventions with the private sector in the G5 Sahel countries, particularly in the agricultural/ food processing sector. The objectives of the meeting were to: (i) Identify market vulnerabilities and key business environment constraints for agricultural and agri-industrial stakeholders; (ii) Identify actors (private companies, inter-professionals) playing a role of "aggregators" capable of reaching a significant number of smallholder farmers and accompanying them to increase their technical, financial and agronomic competence; (iii) Identify existing counterparts' projects which could be part of this process; and (iv) Discuss possible financing options for these projects in terms of loan and technical assistance.

**Monitoring**

A joint Government, WFP, FAO and other partners' mission to evaluate the Agricultural campaign was organised across the country during the week of 21st October. WFP mission focused on the Centre-Ouest and Nord regions outlining that a decline in the agricultural production is foreseen for this year strictly linked with an uneven and poor rainfall across the regions.

Post-distribution monitoring for the lean season has been completed and preliminary results will be available in the coming weeks. The collection of the Cadre-Harmonise' data is ongoing with report expected in November. In addition, a national nutrition survey is ongoing in areas with large presence of internally displaced populations (Sahel, Centre Nord, East and Nord regions).

**Challenges**

USD 53.5 million are urgently needed to ensure the continuation of WFP activities to people in need of food and nutritional assistance until April 2020.

The rising insecurity is impeding WFP capacity to access vulnerable population in a timely manner. For instance, attacks perpetrated by non-state armed groups (NSAGs) in the Centre-Nord during the last week of October caused delays in WFP operations in the area.

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