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# WFP Burkina Faso

## Country Brief

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### Operational Context

The rising insecurity continues to deteriorate across all regions of Burkina Faso, resulting in a massive populations displacement. As of 22 April 2020, over 848,000 people have been officially displaced. Due to the spreading of COVID-19, the Government of Burkina has declared a state of emergency, closed its borders, introduced social distancing, banned grouping exceeding 50 people, suspended biometric registrations. In April, changes about government measures are related to the curfew, brought from 7 PM – 5 AM to 9 PM – 4 PM, the schools closure extended to mid-May, and the closure of towns extended where COVID-19 cases have been reported. In addition, the latest food security analysis (Cadre Harmonisé) projected 2.1million people to be food insecure during the upcoming lean season (Jun-Aug 2020).

To respond to the food and nutrition assistance needs in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, WFP has declared a Level 3 emergency in the three Central Sahel countries. WFP operations in Burkina Faso include emergency food assistance to IDPs and host families, refugees and lean season affected people; school feeding including emergency school meals programme and 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 development; 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.



Population: **20.4 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **182 out of 189 countries**

Income Level: **Low**

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

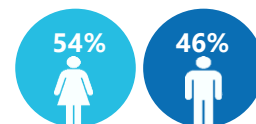
### In Numbers

**7,659.9 mt** of food assistance distributed

**USD 1.9 m** of cash distributed

**USD 54 m** six months (May-October 2020) net funding requirements

**657,334** people assisted in April 2020



### Operational Updates

**Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):** So far in April, WFP assisted 432,444 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 22,260 members of host families in the Boucle du Mouhoun, Centre-Nord, Est, Nord and Sahel regions with a total of 7,158 mt of food. In addition, 71,866 beneficiaries residing in the Centre-Nord region received USD 967,537 via a cash-based transfer through mobile money. Nutritional support was provided to 20,914 children aged 6-23 months and 11,703 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) as part of the prevention of acute malnutrition programme.

**Assistance to refugees:** WFP continued to provide assistance to Malian refugees residing in the Sahel region. Despite the insecurity affecting humanitarian access as well as the mobility and security of refugees, WFP, and other actors present in the camps, assisted a total of 5,744 refugees with in-kind food assistance.

Discussions are ongoing between WFP, UNHCR and *Vétérinaires Sans Frontières* (VSF) to readjust activities following refugee's displacement from Goudéou camp to the town of Dori for security reasons. With the COVID-19 outbreak, the animal fair which was initially planned for the 20 May to support refugee's empowerment, actors are now opting to replace this activity with a distribution of 10 small ruminants to each of the 400 targeted households (200 refugees and 200 host-families).

**Education:** As schools are closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, WFP continues to monitor the situation with the Ministry of Education and Education Cluster to resume assistance as soon as schools reopen.

**Nutrition:** A total of 12,685 beneficiaries including 10,153 children aged 6-59 months suffering from moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and some 2,532 PLW received specialized nutritious food in the Boucle du Mouhoun, Centre-Nord, Est, Nord and Sahel regions.

**Resilience:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, community activities have been stopped since 24 March, to avoid the propagation of the virus. Activities continued in April are those deemed critical (more than 75% completed) to prevent the loss of the works if not completed, particularly with the upcoming rainy season. To comply with the government restrictions in terms of grouping, cooperating partners re-grouped participants in small groups of 6 to work in turn to finalize their activities. In the Centre-Nord region, 144 participants managed to build 24 wells near gardens on three different sites in the commune of Boussouma. In the Est, Nord and Sahel regions, a total of 111,950 beneficiaries received USD 952,866 cash-based transfer and 385 beneficiaries received 5.93 mt of in-kind food for activities they have conducted in March.

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**Main photo:** Credit: WFP/ Jeanine Traore

**Caption:** A Malian refugee in the paddock she built in Goudéou camp (Sahel region) for the sheep she purchased through WFP self-reliance project.

# WFP Country Strategy



## Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2020 Total Requirement (in USD)	2020 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
201.8 m	87.7 m	54 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 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 have access to common services to access and operate in targeted areas throughout the year

**Focus area:** Crisis Response

#### Activities:

- Provide technical assistance through the Emergency Telecommunications Sector/cluster to national disaster management offices and other relevant partners to strengthen emergency communication and coordination mechanisms.
- Provide on-demand services to the Government, humanitarian and development partners.
- Provide humanitarian Air services to national disaster management offices and other relevant partners to access areas of humanitarian interventions

**Capacity strengthening:** WFP signed a memorandum of understanding with N'GOURLAM SOUDOU KOSSAM (GSK), the new milk production unit (MPU) in Bani (Sahel region), with the objective of strengthening the capacity of the MPU, by training MPU members on milk transformation, hygiene and sanitation, equipment provision and, on the longer term, supporting the MPU to identify new markets for the marketing of yogurt.

WFP developed a module on the post-harvest losses and home-grown school feeding to raise awareness and inform targeted communities on the importance of reducing losses, as well as on the opportunity of accessing equipment to preserve their crops. Equipment provision will be done in exchange of crop that will be used for school meal. This module will be broadcasted on radio with the objective of substituting community awareness activities in line with COVID-19 restrictions.

From 14 to 28 April 2020, three diagnostic workshops were conducted with the government technical departments – the Permanent Secretariat in charge of Crisis and Vulnerability Management in Livestock, the Minister of Agriculture and Water Resource Management's early warning system and the national entity for food security stock management – to develop respective capacity-strengthening plans to prepared in 2020.

## Monitoring/Evaluation

Due to the rising insecurity combined with the COVID-19 outbreak, WFP undertakes market analysis every two week in 19 markets from WFP intervention areas. Compared to the previous months, the main results outlined can be summarized as such: i) the situation on the agricultural markets remains satisfactory and stable in term of supply, ii) food prices decreased with respect to March and even compared to the national average for the past five years, iii) animal prices decreased as the cattle markets register only fewer livestock exporters leading to a deterioration in the terms of trade (for instance exchanging animals with sorghum).

To mitigate the risks of limited access due to the current situation, WFP contracted a "call centre" to support the implementation of the mobile vulnerability analysis and mappings (mVAMs) and the mobile post distribution monitoring (mPDMs) as well as collecting up-to-date information on prices and beneficiary information. The first mobile data collection is planned for early May.

## COVID-19

WFP continued support to the Government for COVID-19 response. This included technical advisory role and capacity strengthening of government agencies; enhancing storage and logistics capacity as well as facilitating the arrival of personal protective equipment in-country; and supporting government targeting for distributions aimed at individuals directly affected by COVID-19 in Ouagadougou.

## Challenges

WFP urgently need USD 54 million to ensure the continuous assistance to the people in need of food and nutritional assistance until October 2020, excluding additional needs related to COVID-19 response.

Insecurity continues to affect WFP operations and its ability to provide continued assistance to affected populations. While the security situation continues to deteriorate in the Sahel, affecting Malian refugees, a security incident affecting a WFP transporter, caused 51 mt of food to be looted by unidentified armed individuals. WFP is continuing to implement a humanitarian access strategy to mitigate risks of similar incidents.

The COVID-19 outbreak continues to spread throughout Burkina Faso with 9 out of 13 regions affected. As of the 30th April ,649 confirmed cases, and 44 deaths were reported. WFP is closely monitoring the situation and taking measures to protect its staff, beneficiaries and partners to ensure a continuous food assistance to IDPs and host populations.

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