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OPERATIONAL UPDATE

MALI - February 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Increasing instability in central and northern regions of Mali continues to drive food insecurity at an alarming rate. **650,000 people are currently food insecure** and projected to rise to over 1.1 million people in 2020.
- **Reinforcement and preservation of investments in resilience building activities** will be critical to achieving longer-term, sustainable food security and contributing towards enhanced stability in Mali.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE SCALE-UP

Under the Central Sahel L3 Emergency Response, WFP has put the necessary capacity in place to scale-up emergency food assistance to almost **700,000 conflict-affected communities and populations vulnerable to food insecurity in the lean seasons**.

As co-lead of the Food Security Cluster, WFP is **coordinating the provision of emergency food assistance** with NGO partners and the Government of Mali. This will ensure an increased coverage of critical assistance to food insecure populations as humanitarian needs continue to rise in 2020.

Urgent support is needed to sustain adequate provision of humanitarian assistance in Mali in this critical moment. As WFP increases its budget to reach those most in need, an **additional US\$ 45 million is required** to provide emergency food and nutrition assistance at the peak of food insecurity (June—September).

PRESERVING RESILIENCE GAINS

In 2019, over **200,000 persons benefitted from an integrated package of complementary activities** (school feeding, prevention of chronic malnutrition, food for assets, and access to markets) designed to strengthen resilience by targeting the same

KEY NUMBERS

650,000	PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN IPC 3-5
1.1 M	PROJECTED NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOOD INSECURE IN JUNE 2020
207,751	INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (JAN 2020)

Reinforcing investments in resilience is critical to attaining long-term food security, reducing a protracted need for humanitarian assistance and contributing towards efforts to enhance social-cohesion and stability.

A joint FAO, UNICEF and WFP strategy for resilience and zero hunger has been finalized, to guide the three agencies towards providing more coherent support to achieving Zero Hunger in Mali.



¹Cadre Harmonisé (November 2019)

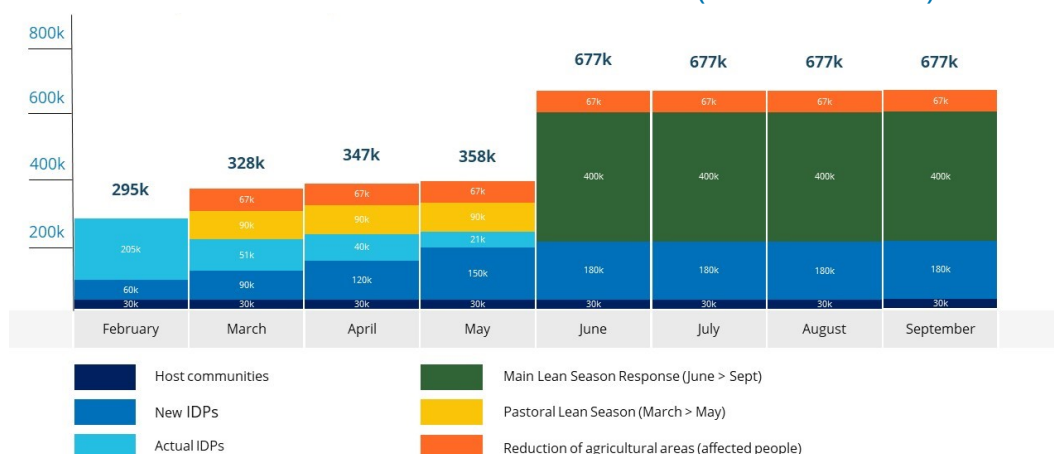
²Commission sur le Mouvement des Populations (31 December 2019)



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020

In line with the Cadre Harmonise indications and rising humanitarian needs in Mali, WFP is **scaling-up Crisis Response interventions** to support the increasing number of food insecure populations. Almost 700,000 people will receive targeted food assistance, informed by WFP’s Food Gap Analysis conducted in 2019 which outlined the economic gap households face in reaching their basic food needs. Such targeting will enhance the impact of WFP’s assistance, prioritising those most vulnerable to food insecurity.

WFP MALI CRISIS RESPONSE SCALE-UP PLAN (FEB—SEPT 2020)



In 2020, WFP is **targeting 265,000 people through an integrated resilience package of assistance**, partnering with FAO and UNICEF to reinforce impact of activities at the community level. Continued investment in resilience-building activities to mitigate the impact of shocks and provide viable livelihood opportunities will promote social cohesion while improving long-term food security, contributing towards stability and peace efforts in Mali.

WFP is launching a communication campaign with affected communities in the forthcoming weeks. This will not only ensure communities are well-informed of their entitlements, but will support WFP’s community-level acceptance and access in Mali. In addition, the toll-free **complaint and feedback mechanism hotline** continues to be promoted to ensure **sensitive and protection cases**. Since launched in 2019, the hotline has received nearly 2,000 calls per month.

IMPACT OF LACK OF RESOURCES

Despite ongoing efforts to mobilise resources, **critical funding gaps are expected from May 2020** directly ahead of the agricultural lean season and the peak of food insecurity. WFP faces a funding gap of US\$ 62 million for Crisis Response activities in 2020, of which **US\$ 45 million is required for the lean season response** alone.

WFP Mali’s overall net funding requirements for the CSP for the next six months (March—Aug) stand at US\$ 49.5 million. WFP urgently requires confirmation of new resources to avert disruption or reduction to the provision of critical food and nutrition assistance.

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