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Operational Context

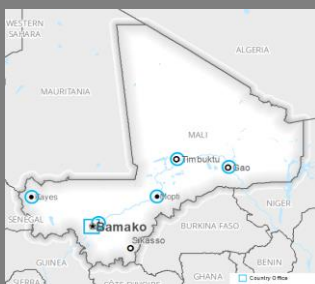
Mali is a vast land-locked country in the heart of the Sahel region. Social indicators remain among the lowest in the world, and the country ranks 184 out of 189 on UNDP's 2018 Human Development Index. Agriculture, livestock and fisheries account for about one-third of Mali's gross domestic product (GDP) and nearly 70 percent of employment (primarily involving subsistence production). One in eight primary school-aged children do not attend school; of those enrolled in schools, only one-third are girls.

Following a political coup in March 2012, much of northern and central Mali was occupied by non-state armed groups. A UN peacekeeping mission was deployed to the country in July 2013. Since mid-2016, there has been a multiplication of local conflicts and insecurity hampering humanitarian access and leading to increased population displacement and vulnerability of conflict-affected communities.

In August 2020, the Government was overthrown by a military coup. A civilian government has been appointed for an 18-month transition period to prepare for new elections by April 2022.

With the COVID-19 outbreak declared in Mali on 25 March 2020, WFP stepped up to support the Government in monitoring COVID-19 impact on food security, providing food and nutrition assistance as well as expanding safety nets to cover populations increasingly affected by the socio-economic impact of the health crisis. WFP also provided a logistics response through transport and storage of medical equipment.

WFP's operation in Mali focuses on emergency response, resilience building and strengthening of national capacities. WFP (2020 Nobel Prize laureate) has been present in Mali since 1964.



In Numbers

461 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 4 m cash-based transfers made

USD 29.5 m six months (January 2021- June 2021) net funding requirements

538,000 people assisted in December 2020

Operational Updates

- In December 2020, the Food Security cluster estimated that 4.7 million people in Mali will be affected by food insecurity in 2021, while the people in need of humanitarian food assistance in 2021 is estimated at 2.2 million. The Food Security cluster members will target 1.7 million people, representing 80 percent of the people in need under the 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan.
- Under its emergency programme, WFP responded to the immediate needs of 363,000 vulnerable people, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), people economically affected by the impact of COVID-19, vulnerable people in IDP host communities and flood-affected people in the northern and central regions of Mali.
- As part of its efforts to improve local food production in Mali, WFP is supporting 14 local food transformation units identified in Koulikoro, Mopti and Timbuktu regions. In December 2020, a flour fortification unit was installed in Timbuktu. Another unit is under preparation in Mopti, central Mali.
- On 11 December, the WFP-supported modules for the "Nutrition in School" initiative were technically validated under the leadership of the Ministry of Education. This initiative will be rolled-out in 2021 with the objective of raising awareness of school children, teachers and parents on best feeding practices and essential family practices to improve nutrition.
- WFP continued to support the Government's COVID-19 response through the provision of its expertise in supply chain, inventory management and warehouses for the storage of medical supplies. From April to December 2020, 10,000 cubic meters of medical supplies were stored in WFP-managed warehouses, while 4,000 cubic meters were delivered to the various regions in the country.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In December, UNHAS services were used by 101 organizations. A total of 1,251 passengers and 4,960 kg of freight were transported to six destinations, a significant increase in passengers compared to previous months. UNHAS is also managing an ECHO-flight aircraft based in Mopti and which serves seven destinations across the country. Through the ECHO-flight, 168 passengers and 1,991 kg of light cargo were transported on behalf of 20 organizations in December.

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Caption: The filter dam built as part of FFA activities in Nossombougou, Koulikoro region

Country Strategic Plan (2020-2024)

2020 Total Requirement (in USD)	2020 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
183 m	168.6 m	29.5 m

Six-month Net Funding Requirements as of 13 January 2020

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food (SDG Target 2.1)

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected people in targeted areas, including refugees and internally displaced persons, are able to meet their basic food and nutrition and nutrition needs during and in the immediate aftermath of crisis.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Provide an integrated food assistance package to vulnerable men, women, boys and girls affected by crisis based on a needs assessment and ensure that preparedness measures are taken to support a response that is timely, effective, equitable and in line with the national safety nets strategy.
- Provide an integrated nutrition package, including both preventative and treatment elements, to vulnerable men, women, boys and girls affected by crisis based on a needs assessment.

Strategic Outcome 2: School-age girls and boys in targeted areas have increased current and future resilience while meeting their basic food and nutrition requirements during the school year.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide school meals to girls and boys during the school year in targeted areas in a way that supports local markets and promotes girls' enrolment [modalities: food, cash-based transfers, capacity strengthening, service delivery]
- Provide safety nets to vulnerable populations in targeted areas, particularly women (tier 1) in line with an adaptive social protection approach [modalities: cash-based transfers, capacity strengthening].

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition (SDG Target 2.2)

Strategic Outcome 3: Nutritionally vulnerable populations in targeted areas, including children and pregnant and lactating women and girls, have improved nutritional status throughout the year.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Support national nutrition programme to ensure provision of preventive and curative nutrition services (including SBCC, local food fortification, complementary feeding and capacity strengthening) to targeted populations.

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and incomes (SDG Target 2.3)

Strategic Outcome 4: Communities in targeted areas, including smallholder farmers (particularly women-led groups), have more resilient livelihoods for improved food security and nutrition throughout the year

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide conditional support to food-insecure vulnerable households, linked to the development or rehabilitation of productive, natural or social assets, the intensification and diversification of livelihood activities and improved access to markets, using an integrated, gender equitable and participatory community approaches.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities (SDG Target 17.9)

Strategic Outcome 5: By 2030 national institutions and entities have strengthened capacities to manage equitable food security, nutrition and protection policies, programmes and interventions in support of zero hunger

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide a package of capacity-strengthening support to national institutions and entities on analysis and planning; coordination policy coherence; implementation; and monitoring, evaluation evidence creation and knowledge management in support of decision making.

Strategic Result 8: Global partnership support (SDG Target 17.16)

Strategic Outcome 6: Humanitarian partners in Mali have access to common services that enable them to reach and operate in crisis affected areas throughout the year.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Provide United Nations Humanitarian Air Service flight service allow partners to reach areas of humanitarian intervention.
- Provide logistics, information and communications technology common and coordination services, as well as other preparedness interventions in the absence of alternatives, in order to support effective and efficient humanitarian response.
- Provision of Humanitarian Air Service in Support of DG-ECHO Funded Projects
- Provide on demand engineering services in order to support effective and efficient humanitarian response.

Monitoring

- In December, 3,450 households were surveyed as part of the second post-distribution monitoring (PDM) campaign. Respondents included, among others, 40 percent of women, 12 percent of IDPs, and 22 percent of people affected by seasonal floods. Results are yet to be released.
- The country office completed, in December, data collection for baseline and midline survey of resilience activities. Overall, 4,100 households in Segou, Mopti, Tombouctou and Gao regions were reached and preliminary results are yet to be released.

Protection and Accountability to Affected Populations

- Findings from the post-distribution monitoring exercise conducted in December indicated that the proportion of people informed about their overall entitlements have increased from 59 percent in December 2019 to 81 percent in December 2020. The complaints and feedback mechanism (CFM) was known to 61 percent of crisis-affected people in 2020, compared to 40 percent in 2019, while 74 percent of people were informed about the quality and quantity of their food entitlements in 2020 compared to 53 percent in 2019.

Donors

Donors to Mali in 2020 include Canada, Denmark, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, the Government of Mali, Monaco, Norway, Private Donors, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and USA. Additional support has been provided by UN CERF, UNICEF and the UN Peacebuilding Fund.