In Numbers

- **3,350 mt** of food assistance distributed
- **USD 2.2 m** cash-based transfers made
- **USD 83.9 m** six-month (May-October 2022) net funding requirements
- **287,895 people assisted** in April

Operational Updates

- **Food assistance to crisis-affected people**: In April, under Activity 1, as part of its response to the pastoral pre-lean season (March-May), WFP distributed USD 2.8 million to crisis-affected people, including 120,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 250,000 vulnerable resident households through e-vouchers and mobile money, to complement the Government’s distributions. The assistance was transferred using WFP’s beneficiary and transfer management platform (SCOPE).

- **Support to vulnerable households and smallholder farmers**: In April 2022, WFP assisted 208,056 beneficiaries from 198 villages in Koulikoro, Ségou, Mopti, Timbuktu, Gao and Menaka, distributing USD 1.1 million in cash transfers as part of the integrated resilience package. The beneficiaries participated in asset-creation activities such as drilling wells, building water pumps, road rehabilitation, and building dams, fishponds, and stone barriers.

- **School feeding**: Under activity 3, WFP assisted 114,399 schoolchildren, including 55,381 girls, who received daily hot meals in 531 schools in Mali’s central, northern, and southern regions. Directly injecting cash into the local economy, WFP transferred an additional USD 269,900 to schools, enabling them to procure locally produced food for their school canteens.

- **Nutrition**: In April 2022, WFP provided 3,351 metric tons of specialised nutritious foods to 8,061 children, of whom 3,340 children are aged 6-23 months, as part of its prevention of chronic malnutrition programme. The treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) activities reached 4,721 children aged 6-59 months and 2,149 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) in Mali’s northern, central, and southern regions. WFP distributed USD 28,427 to 3,977 PLW as part of its prevention of chronic malnutrition programme in Menaka, Tombouctou, Gao, Mopti, Ségou, Koulikoro, Kayes, and Kidal.

- **Assistance to caretakers**: WFP transferred USD 16,856 to cover the food and nutritional needs of over 810 caretakers of children with acute malnutrition who are treated in the intensive nutritional recovery units in Gao, Menaka, Tombouctou, Mopti, Ségou, Koulikoro, Kayes, Sikasso, and Kidal regions. Thanks to this support, cases of treatment drop-out continue to fall as caretakers of children on treatment have access to three meals a day.
**Strategic Outcome 1:** By 2030 national institutions and entities have strengthened capacities to manage equitable food security, nutrition and social 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 5:** 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 (UNHAS) flight services that 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, to support effective and efficient humanitarian response.
- Provide on demand engineering services to support effective and efficient humanitarian response.
- Provision of humanitarian air service in support of DG- ECHO funded projects.

- **Stunting prevention:** In April 2022, WFP provided food and nutritional assistance to over 3,884 children and 10,100 PLW through cash transfers amounting to USD 168,598.

- **Improving operations management through digitalisation:** To improve overall management and accountability to affected populations, WFP started implementing its digitalization plan for better beneficiary identity management through beneficiary registrations and assistance delivery using SCOPE. From 1 June 2021 to 30 April 2022, WFP supported 125,128 households with cash transfers and in-kind food assistance.

- **Household Economic Analysis (HEA):** WFP supported the Government-led HEA analysis held in April 2022. This analysis provides an update on the food security situation in the country by livelihood zone from April 2022 to September 2022. The results of the national HEA analysis revealed that food insecurity in Mali significantly worsened due to the high price increase in the 15 livelihood areas analysed out of the 17. Compared to the October 2021 analysis, the new analysis showed significant deterioration in the food security conditions in all localities. In addition to poor agricultural production and the insecurity, a determining factor has been the increase in the cost of basic foodstuffs, which has doubled in some locations compared to the reference year.

**Challenges**

- **Assistance to food-insecure households,** including IDPs and host communities, is affected by resource constraints. Overall, for the next six months (May-October), WFP Mali requires USD 83.9 million to assist 1.2 million people vulnerable to food and nutrition insecurity.

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