



World Food Programme

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In Numbers

140,120 people assisted
in June 2023



US\$ 170,934 cash-based transfers made in June

US\$ 16 million six-month (July-December 2023)
net funding requirements

Operational Context

Senegal is a stable and democratic country, ranking 71st out of 121 countries in the 2022 Global Hunger Index. Senegal was ranked 131 out of 191 in the 2021 Gender Inequality Index. The country is frequently subject to climate hazards, especially in the semi-arid North. Insufficient food production, droughts, land degradation, high food prices and low resilience further compound food insecurity. The March 2023 Cadre Harmonisé (CH) indicates that food security is expected to deteriorate during the lean season (June – August 2023) with 1.3 million people expected to face acute food insecurity (CH Phases 3 and 4) compared to 679,989 people in March – May 2023.

The Government is committed to improving economic growth through its flagship Plan for an Emerging Senegal (2015–2035). All WFP programmes are in line with national priorities. WFP uses school feeding programmes as an entry point in communities for a series of integrated and gender-transformative activities: nutrition, rural development, capacity strengthening and emergency operations. WFP also supports the national social protection programme, which aims to tackle chronic poverty and strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities.

Despite mitigation measures put in place by the Government, the COVID-19 crisis had a significant impact on the levels of food insecurity across the country. WFP is complementing national efforts by providing emergency cash assistance to vulnerable populations as well as technical assistance to the Government to support the economy and mitigate the effects of food insecurity.



Population: 17.7 million

2021 Human Development Index: 170
out of 191

Income Level: lower middle income

Chronic malnutrition: 19 percent of
children between 6-59 months

Operational Updates

- Strengthening Resilience and Livelihoods:** WFP carried out three community-based participatory planning (CBPP) sessions in Goudiry (Tambacounda region), Kanel (Matam region) and Podor (Saint-Louis region) departments as part of the “Joint Programme for the Sahel in Response to the Challenges of COVID-19, Conflict and Climate Change” joint Rome Based Agencies - Government of Senegal programme. CBPP supports the identification of community needs, which are integrated into community planning for the next two-three years. It also informs food assistance for assets (FFA) operations which are expected to begin in the coming months.
- In northern Senegal’s Matam department (Matam region), WFP carried out a hands-on-training, with the participation of 30 people on syntropic farming, including community members, government technical services, and Civil society. Syntropic farming is a nature-based farming system that aims to grow a diversity of vegetation in an area over time, while simultaneously restoring ecosystems. The training strengthened the capacities of the participants on this technique for its future application in the Sahelian, arid regions of northern Senegal.
- School Feeding:** WFP provided meals to 140,120 children in 626 public elementary schools across six regions. WFP also budgeted with the Ministry of Education the 2023 Systems Approach for Better Education Results (SABER) action plan. Further, WFP is preparing for the implementation of home-grown school feeding starting in 2024.
- Nutrition:** WFP prepared a memorandum of understanding with the Kolda Medical Region for providing food assistance to vulnerable people living with HIV. This assistance is expected to start this month. WFP is also working on the validation of the WFP – Conseil National de Développement de la Nutrition (CNDN) 2023 operating framework to ensure the smooth and efficient implementation of

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Photo Caption: Market Garden activities, Food for Asset, Diende Sedhiou
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nutrition interventions, focusing on both prevention and treatment. Meanwhile, WFP is planning to distribute food supplies to CNDN stores by the end of July.



WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2019 -2024)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
132.5 million	58.3 million
2023 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (July – December 2023)
17.3 million	16 million

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food insecure populations in targeted areas have access to adequate food during the lean season.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities: Provide seasonal food/cash assistance and complement the Government's social transfers to food insecure populations.

Strategic Outcome 5: Crisis-affected households and communities in targeted areas can meet their basic food and nutrition needs both during and in the aftermath of crises.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Provide general food distributions, nutritious food and/or cash transfers to crisis-affected beneficiaries.
- Provide specialized nutritious food to crisis-affected households to prevent acute malnutrition.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable populations in targeted departments, including children, pregnant and lactating women and girls and other nutritionally vulnerable individuals, have improved nutritional status.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide beneficiaries with specialized nutritious foods and programs to prevent and treat acute and chronic malnutrition.
- Support the Government in addressing micronutrient deficiencies and enhance the availability of diverse, safe and healthy foods.
- Provide home-grown school meals to vulnerable Senegalese children in targeted departments during the school year.

Strategic Result 4: Sustainable food systems

Strategic Outcome 3: Food-insecure populations and communities exposed to climatic shocks and other risks in targeted areas have resilient livelihoods and sustainable food systems all year.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide livelihood and climate adaptation support to targeted groups through integrated risk management and market opportunities.

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 4: National and local institutions have strengthened capacities to manage food and nutrition security, social protection and resilience-building programmes by 2023.

Focus area: Resilience-Building

Activities:

- Build and enhance the capacity of central and local government in food and nutrition security analysis, emergency preparedness and response, supply chain management and gender.

- **Food assistance:** A complementary distribution is planned for early July in Matam for 3,650 families that did not receive assistance last year mainly due to connectivity issues.

Monitoring

- WFP is elaborating its next Country Strategic Plan (CSP) for 2024-2028.
- The electronic version of the multi-activity monitoring report (RSMA) tool was launched. This tool will enable WFP to monitor progress towards its goals and objectives and identify areas where improvements can be made. WFP is also developing a dashboard to track program performance.
- Further, WFP is preparing for a targeting mission to Kédougou, a region that was identified as a priority for intervention in 2023. The mission will pinpoint the most vulnerable families in Kédougou in need of food assistance to inform WFP's response.

Challenges

In July, the primary challenge for WFP Senegal was securing timely, flexible funding for our essential operations. This constraint has particularly impacted our School Feeding Programme, compelling us to reduce support to half the original number of schools. While the Country Office remains deeply committed to this crucial initiative, we are still awaiting the anticipated funds to sustain and expand the programme. The timely arrival of these resources is vital for resuming our full-scale efforts. We extend our thanks to our partners and underscore the urgency of immediate financial support to continue making a meaningful impact.

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