



WFP Mauritania

Situation Report #35

29 February 2016

In Numbers

- 468,000** people in need of food assistance
- 198,000** people in need of nutrition assistance
- 9 regions** affected
- 50,000** people displaced
- 436,000** people targeted by WFP assistance among which 50,000 refugees

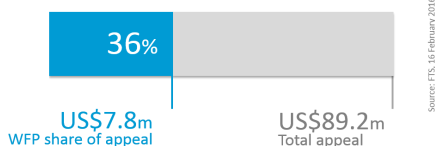
Highlights

- On 01 February 2016, WFP and UNHCR published the report of the [Joint Assessment Mission \(JAM\)](#) 2015 for Malian refugees carried out in August/September in Mberra refugee camp and four key host communities.
- On 04 February 2016, preliminary recommendations of the 2015 country portfolio evaluation were presented and discussed with key partners. Findings will be used to reshape WFP interventions in country towards the new programme cycle.
- On 11 February 2016, UN agencies warned that immediate funding shortfall threatens assistance to Malian refugees in Mberra.

Funding Update

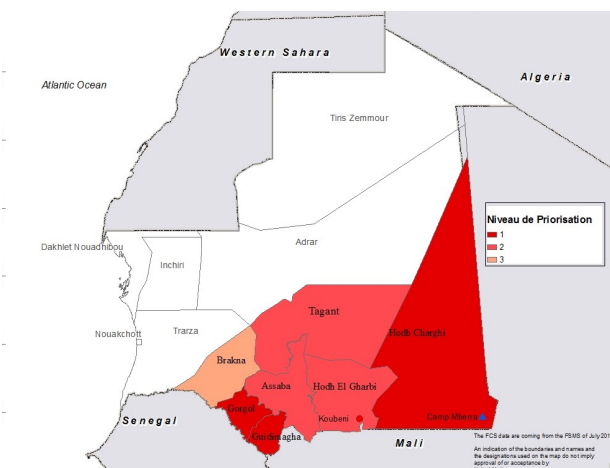
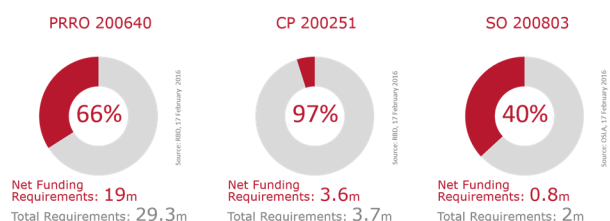
GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

Humanitarian Response Plan 2016



WFP FUNDING REQUIREMENTS PER OPERATION

February - July 2016



Mauritania: Intervention areas per level of priority

Situation Update

- As per [FEWSNET latest food security outlook](#), despite improvement in availability and access to food at country level, poorest rural families of the pastoral and agropastoral and rainfed livelihood zones will continue to struggle to afford some essential non-food expenditures such as health and education through March 2016.

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance to Mauritanian Population

- In January, WFP extended assistance to 70,818 food insecure and highly vulnerable people in rural regions of Gorgol, Guidimakha, Hodh El Chargui, Assaba, Tagant and Kobeni.
- In total, more than 11,900 children and 4,230 suffering from or at high risk of malnutrition received assistance through nutrition interventions and food assistance.
- WFP also extended assistance to about 440 nutrition centre volunteers.
- More than 57,000 people from poorest rural families benefited from food assistance using cash or food modality.

Assistance to Malian refugees in Mberra camp

- In January, WFP provided assistance to 49,532 refugees reaching 99% percent of all intended beneficiaries.
- All refugees received a reduced food ration composed of rice, pulses and oil equivalent to 90 percent of the standard food ration.

Photo: Lima (centre) and her friends eat school meals at Debaya M'bekira primary school. WFP/Agron Dragaj

- Children below five and pregnant and breastfeeding women also received nutritious supplement for prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition.
- Pre-primary and primary school children attending schools in the camp received a daily snack.



Logistics

- On 14 January, UNHAS facilitated a medical evacuation from Bassikounou to Nouakchott on behalf of the NGO *Action Contre la Faim-Espagne*.
- In January, UNHAS transported 179 humanitarian workers and over one metric tonne of light cargo in 29 rotations between Nouakchott-Bassikounou.

Partnerships

- WFP renewed its agreements with NGO partners. Only most performant partners were maintained. As of 29 January WFP has field level agreements with 17 NGOs for the implementation of food and nutrition assistance to Mauritanian families until June. WFP also has field level agreements with two NGOs for the implementation of activities in Mberra camp for six months until end of July.
- On 05 February, WFP and the national food security coordination body (CSA in French) signed the co-management document. The document outlines the responsibilities of each organisation in the implementation of food security, resilience and nutrition activities.

Resourcing Update

- WFP faces a funding gap of USD22.8 million (approximately 69 percent of the total requirements) to cover its operations of assistance to poorest Mauritanian families affected by food insecurity and malnutrition and to Malian refugees in Mberra camp until the end of July.

- An additional USD0.8 million is required to support UNHAS operation through July.

Impact of Limited Funding:

- Critical funding gap forced WFP to suspend all school meal distributions as of end of December. WFP and the Ministry of Education are seeking national resources to resume distributions for 25 days. WFP will use the little stocks available to complement the distribution and provide school meals for an additional seven days.
- Lack of resources is forcing WFP to reduce assistance in the 6 most-vulnerable areas of the country: Assaba, Hodh El Chargui, Hodh El Gharbi, Gorgol, Guidimakha and Tagant. Moreover, in these areas, WFP will be forced to scale down blanket supplementary assistance provided to most vulnerable rural families affected by food insecurity and malnourished children and pregnant and breastfeeding women in April and May 2016 in Gorgol and Guidimakha.
- WFP is stepping up donors outreach efforts to mobilize the resources needed and progressively scale up intervention to reach Hodh El Gharbi and Brakna.
- Insufficient stocks force WFP to distribute a reduce ration to all refugees in the camp. Without new contributions, WFP will need to continue to reduce food and cash rations.

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WFP Operation

	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (%)	People Assisted in January	
						Planned	Reached
CP 200251*	01/12-02/16	440,932	72.7m	8.8m	97	-	-
PRRO 200640**	07/14 -02/16	525,205	90.2m	32.2m	66	93,086	120,350
SO 200803	01/15-12/16	-	10m	4.4m	40	-	-

*distributions under the CP have been suspended as of end of December due to lack of stocks; ** Since 01 January 2016, the PRRO accommodates the needs of Malian refugees previously address through the R-EMOP 200438 which ended on 31 December 2015