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Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe

Eastern and Central Africa

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2011 Assessment schedules are no longer updated as they will be available by end of March in the Assessment Tracking Database and accessible to external users. In the meantime, information on the planned assessment can be requested to the Regional Bureaux.

Welcome to the **twenty-seventh issue** of the Assessor, the WFP Food Security Analysis newsletter, covering the months of **January and February 2011**.

1. WHAT'S NEW

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LATEST REPORTS AVAILABLE ON THE WFP FOOD SECURITY WEBPAGE (click on the title to access the report)

Afghanistan - Market Price Bulletin, February 2011 and January 2011
Afghanistan - Market Price Bulletin, December 2010
Bangladesh - Food Security Monitoring System: Special Issue, January 2011
Bangladesh - Food Security Monitoring System: Bulletin No 3, Nov. -Dec. 2010
Benin - Système d'information sur les marchés No. 16, Décembre 2010
Bolivia - Reporte de Monitoreo de la Seguridad Alimentaria: Junio - Noviembre 2010
Cambodia - Food Price and Wage Bulletin, 2010
Cameroun - Evaluation rapide de la sécurité alimentaire des populations réfugiées et hôtes des régions de l'Adamaoua et de l'Est du Cameroun *Août 2010*
Chad - Marchés et sécurité alimentaire, Février 2011
Cote d'Ivoire - Système de suivi de la sécurité alimentaire, Novembre 2010
Ethiopia - Monthly Market Watch, November 2010
Ghana - Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System, December 2010
Guinée - Suivi de la sécurité alimentaire: N. 2, Décembre 2010
Honduras - Reporte de Monitoreo: Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional, October 2010
Kyrgyzstan - Emergency Food Security Assessment, August 2010
Liberia - Comprehensive Food Security and Nutrition Survey, 2010
Liberia - Ivorian Refugee Influx and Food Security, January 2011
Liberia - Market Price Monitor, 2010
Madagascar - Mission FAO/PAM d'évaluation de la sécurité alimentaire, Novembre 2010
Niger - Albichir: Analyse approfondie des marchés et de la sécurité alimentaire: No. 14, Décembre 2010
Niger - FAO/WFP Mission conjointe d'évaluation des récoltes et de la sécurité alimentaire, Janvier 2011
Northern Ghana - Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System, November 2010
Occupied Palestinian territory - Food Security and Market Monitoring Report: No. 26, August - November 2010
Southern Africa - Regional Food Security Updates, January 2011
Sudan - Government of Sudan and FAO/WFP Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission, January 2011
Sudan - FAO/WFP Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission to Southern Sudan, January 2011
Sudan - Food Security Monitoring System, 2010
Tajikistan - Food Security Monitoring System: No. 8, December 2010
Tajikistan - Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Aug.- Nov. 2010
The Gambia - Rapid Joint Assessment of the Impact of the Heavy Rains and Floods, September 2010
Yemen - Market Study, December 2010

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2. FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENTS

a. Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA)

Burkina Faso and **Liberia** reports were released and are available **online**. Reports for **Armenia, China, Dominican Republic, Senegal** and **Sierra Leone** are under finalization.

Analysis is underway for **Kenya** (urban), **El Salvador, the Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar** and **Zambia**. Preparatory work for a CFSVA in **Cameroon** is ongoing.

As a result of the **WFP - World Bank agreement**, CFSVA core food security modules are being integrated into the Living Standards Measurement Study - Integrated Surveys on Agriculture (LSMS/ISA) surveys in countries of "mutual interest". So far, core modules have been included in the ongoing LSMS/ISA surveys: Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Nigeria.

A **CFSVA consultative stakeholders meeting** took place in Rome from 27 to 28 January to review challenges and achievements related to the CFSVA implementation process and discuss the way forward. The meeting gathered representatives from WFP, World Bank, FAO and IFAD as well as from the Governments of Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The report from the meeting is under preparation.

A joint **FAO/WFP proposal for a series of national SOFIs** (State of Food Insecurity) is currently under preparation. The project will aim to support the compilation of national SOFIs in 5 to 10 countries for a period of 2 years.

b. Emergency food security assessments

Syria A rapid EFSA is underway to better understand food insecurity of Iraqi refugees and needs for food assistance. This is an exercise prior to the Joint Assessment Mission planned for September 2011.

c. Monitoring food security and prices

Global Update The fourth issue of the biannual bulletin for the period covering second half of 2010 is under finalization.

The Programme Monitoring & Evaluation and Food Security Analysis FSMS teams in close consultation with Regional Bureaux have started an initiative to **strengthen the linkages between food security monitoring and programme monitoring**, to increase the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of food assistance programmes for improved decision-making. The initiative draws on lessons from the Community and Household Surveillance (CHS) in Southern Africa.

Azerbaijan The Azerbaijan government is funding a WFP study to design a food security monitoring system for the country. The design is based on market data (commodity and wages) collected by the Statistics department. WFP will also collaborate with the World Bank to ensure that the planned Living Standards survey will include food security.

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Market Monitor The 10th issue– monitoring staple food prices in 61 countries – was released end of January.

Globally, cereal prices have increased significantly during the last quarter of 2010 mainly due to several natural hazards (flood in Pakistan and recently Australia, drought in Russia). The bulletin highlighted price increases in several countries across the different regions. Highest increases were recorded in **Armenia, Benin, Guinea, Nepal** and **Zimbabwe**.

Country specific market monitor reports were also published in **Afghanistan, Benin, Liberia, Niger** and **Yemen**.

d. Joint assessments

Liberia A joint emergency assessment to understand food insecurity and needs of Ivoirian refugees residing within the host population in Liberia is under preparation, in collaboration with. Ministry of Agriculture, FAO, UNHCR, Action Contre la Faim and Norwegian Refugee Council. A JAM is planned for March, when the refugees are likely to have moved into camps.

Joint Assessment Missions (JAM)

Ecuador Preparation for fieldwork in March is underway. The JAM will be supported with a response analysis process.

Crop and Food Security Assessment Missions (CFSAM)

Niger, Northern Sudan and **South Sudan** CFSAM reports are available **online**.

3. GUIDELINES

The **Operational Guidelines on Coordinated Assessments in Emergencies** were released early February by the IASC Needs Assessment Task Force (NATF). This provisional document emanates from the NATF process aiming at improving assessments coordination and data consolidation, particularly in the early stages of a sudden onset crisis. The NATF guidance gives recommendations for enhanced assessment preparedness, describes recommended standard operating procedures, roles and responsibilities for humanitarian actors and provides an Assessment Framework to orient humanitarian country teams in different phases of a crisis assessments and monitoring. The document will be revised throughout the course of 2011 based on additional inputs and consultations, and lessons learned from field use.

4. CAPACITY BUILDING

Enhanced Capacity in Food Security and Response Analysis (ENCAP)

Recent or planned training courses: A regional training on the basics of food price analysis for VAM, P4P and procurement staff was held between 24-27 January in Guatemala City, Guatemala. All WFP regions have now received this basic course. French-language Advanced EFSA training will be held in Dakar on February 21-25; the training materials are available for review on the **Learning Toolkit**.

Assessors Database The revised Assessors Database has been rolled out to four Regional Bureaux to date (ODJ, ODK, ODC and ODD) and

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will be extended to the remaining ones by the end of March. It contains essential information to the tracking of skills, identification of future capacity development needs, and searching for skilled staff to conduct assessments. All VAM staff are invited to update their profile.

5. RESPONSE ANALYSIS

A joint **FAO-WFP Workshop on Food Security and Response Analysis** took place on 8-9 February in Rome. Bringing together technical staff from UN, NGOs and academia, the meeting focused on the scope of response analysis for food security and nutrition in different stages and types of emergencies.

Djibouti A consultation between Government, WFP and main stakeholders was held early February, following the WFP urban Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) that merged Food Security, nutrition and Cost of Diet into one assessment. Purpose of the exercise is to validate the EFSA results and support the design of adequate responses.

The results of Secondary Data Analysis on food security and nutrition situation - carried out in **Chad** between November and February - will be discussed during a response analysis consultation with Government and partners from 17 to 21 of February. The outcome of this process will feed into the formulation of new projects for 2012.

6. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

IASC Needs Assessment Task Force (NATF) NATF Operational Guidance was released early February (see above under guidance). A Multi-cluster/sector Rapid Assessment (MiRA) tool is under development and expected to be released by early March.

The Assessment Capacities Project (ACAPS) will run a regional coordinated assessments training in Chiang Mai (Thailand) in March with the aim of populating the roster and pool.

7. FOOD SECURITY RESEARCH

Research on the **Food Consumption Score validation**, aimed at establishing thresholds corresponding to caloric requirements, is ongoing. Preliminary analysis on the Malawi dataset is underway. The latter is the first Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) dataset including the WFP-module for Food Consumption Score and Coping Strategy Index. The full LSMS dataset will be available in April.

8. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Text Messaging for data collection and transmission

Harmonization of the approach and protocols for use of text messaging (SMS) for data collection and transmission is ongoing, based on the lessons learned from use of SMS for monitoring the Informal Cross-boarder trade in southern Africa, Great Horn of Africa and nutrition monitoring in Senegal.

The **VAM Online Reporting System** will be rolled out in Southern Africa by the end of February.

The system is designed to enable Country Offices to update online

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information pertaining to the current food security situation (prices, agriculture, early warning etc.) on their own page and with a link to the Assessment Tracking database.

The **Assessment Tracking Database** will be rolled out to all regions between mid-February and end March. By ensuring alignment between country strategies, operations and assessments, the database is a key tool for WFP to strengthen its planning and accountability for food security analysis activities.

9. STAFF NEWS

Koffi Akakpo leaves the Regional Bureau in Dakar to take up his new assignment in DRC.

Blake Audsley has moved from Purchase for Progress (P4P) to ODXF team to work on P4P market-related issues.

Astrid Sacristan has joined the ODXF team as JPO. She will mainly work with the EFSA and capacity building teams. Before joining the headquarters, Astrid worked as Programme officer in Peru.

Anne-Claire Mouilliez and **Perrine Geniez** have joined the ODXF team in February as temporary replacements for Sylvie Montembault and Cinzia Papavero respectively.

10. OTHER

WFP Corporate and joint FAO/WFP Strategies on Information Systems for Food and Nutrition Security.

The development of the WFP Corporate Strategy on Information Systems for Food and Nutrition Security (ISFNS) and of the joint FAO/WFP ISFNS strategy is at the finalization stage. After the initial internal reviews, both strategies were discussed between agencies as well as with selected external stakeholders.

More specifically, the WFP corporate strategy and the joint FAO/WFP strategy were discussed during the second meeting of **Consultative Group on Food Security Analysis**, held on 15th December 2010.

This was followed by a **joint consultation between FAO and WFP** held at Headquarters level mid- January to review and validate the first draft of the joint ISFNS strategy and agree on the next steps towards implementation.

Finally, the corporate WFP ISFNS strategy was discussed and endorsed during the biannual **Global VAM meeting** held in Rome end of January and gathering VAM officers from six Regional Bureaux and eleven Country Offices as well as from Headquarters.

Drafts of the strategies incorporating the results of the aforementioned revisions were submitted early February to be shared with the organization's management.