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Welcome to the **twenty-ninth issue** of the Assessor, the WFP Food Security Analysis newsletter, covering the months of **May, June and July 2011**.

1. WHAT'S NEW

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

- Afghanistan** - Market Price Bulletin, July 2011
Afrique de l'Ouest - Crise rizicole, évolution des marchés et sécurité alimentaire, Avril 2011
Bénin - Système d'information sur les marchés, 2011
Bénin, Niger, Nigéria, Tchad - Marchés et sécurité alimentaire dans le Bassin Est, Mars 2011
Cambodia - Food Price and Wage Bulletin: No. 27, May 2011
Chad - Evaluation de la Sécurité Alimentaire des Ménages dans la Bande Sahélienne Ouest du Tchad, Mai 2011
Côte d'Ivoire - Marchés et réponse humanitaire, Juin 2011
Egypt - Secondary Data Analysis of the Food Security Situation, May 2011
Ethiopia - Joint Government and Humanitarian Partners' Revised Humanitarian Requirements Document for South and South-eastern Parts of the Country, April 2011
Ethiopia - Food Security Situation: Special Issue, April 2011
Ethiopia - Monthly Market Watch, April 2011
Ghana - Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System, March 2011
Gambia - Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis, April 2011
Ghana - Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System, March 2011
Guinée - Evaluation rapide de l'impact de la hausse des prix en milieu urbain, Avril 2011
Guinée Bissau - Résultats de l'enquête approfondie sur la sécurité alimentaire et la vulnérabilité des ménages ruraux, 2011
Haïti - Bulletin d'analyse approfondie des marchés, 2011
Honduras - Monitoring Report: Food Security and Nutrition, April 2011
Indonesia - Monthly Price and Food Security Updates, 2011
Kyrgyzstan - Follow-Up Emergency Food Security Assessment, March 2011
Liberia - Ivorian Refugee Influx and Food Security: Nimba Refugee Assessment, March 2011
Liberia - Market Price Monitor: No. 16, April 2011
Liberia - Impacts of Rising Food - Fuel Prices and Refugee Influx: Emergency Food Security and Market Assessment, June 2011
Libya - United Nations Security and Humanitarian Access Mission, July 2011
Libya - Food Security in Libya - an overview, April 2011
Libya - Inter-agency Assessment Mission to Eastern Libya - FAO/WFP Highlights on the Food Security Situation, April 2011
Mauritania - Système d'Information des Marchés: Bulletin No. 1, Avril 2011
Niger - Albichir: Analyse approfondie des marchés et de la sécurité alimentaire: No. 18, Avril 2011
occupied Palestinian territory - Changes on Gaza Market and Household Conditions following Israel's 20 June 2010 New Access Regime, June 2011
Pakistan - Impacts of Shocks on Household Income and Food Consumption Simulation Modeling, May 2011
Philippines - Monthly Price and Food Security Update, March 2011
Philippines - Integrated Food Security Phase Classification: Pilot Exercise, September 2010
République démocratique du Congo - Etude des Marchés dans les territoires du Sud-Kivu et du Maniema, Juin 2011
Sierra Leone - Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis, 2011 Executive Brief
Southern Africa - Regional Food Security Update, June 2011
Sudan - Abyei: Food Security Monitoring System, April 2011
Sudan - Kassala & Red Sea State: Food Security Monitoring System: Round 3, February 2011
Sudan - Trends in Staple Food Prices in Selected Vulnerable States, June 2011
Tajikistan - Market Report, April 2011
Tajikistan - Procuring Wheat Flour, Pulses and Vegetable Oil, April 2011
Tunisia - Secondary Data Analysis of the Food Security Situation, April 2011
Tunisia - Food security Rapid Assessment, April 2011
Tunisia - Rapid Assessment of Tunisian returnees, March 2011
Tunisia - Rapid Assessment of Libyan refugees, June 2011
Tunisia - Rapid Food Security Assessment: Libyan Refugees in Tunisia, June 2011

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[Click here](#) for a **List of completed, ongoing and upcoming Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analyses (CFSVA) for 2010 and 2011.**

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2. FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENTS

a. Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA)

Three new CFSVAs were released: **Sierra Leone, The Gambia** and **Armenia** and are available **online**. A new style advocacy summary was developed for **Sierra Leone**.

CFSVAs for **China, Dominican Republic, and El Salvador** were finalized and await publication. The CFSVA for **Kenya** (urban), **Madagascar** and **Senegal** are being finalized. CFSVAs for **Southern Sudan, Zambia, Cameroun** and **Moldova** are in progress.

Preparatory work (survey design and enumerators' training) for a CFSVA in **the Congo** is ongoing. Collaborative analyses of the Living Standard Measurement Surveys with the World Bank for the preparation of national thematic reports on food security and nutrition will start in July in **Nepal, Malawi** and **Nigeria**.

b. Emergency food security assessments

An **EFSA was carried out in eastern Libya** in June by WFP, FAO, IRC, Save the Children and Mercy Corps. The household survey covers a total of 400 households, including returnees and host families. The report will be available in July

A rapid assessment of Libyan refugees in Tunisia was conducted mid June, in collaboration with UNHCR. The report is available **online**. An **assessment of food security situation in rural Tunisia** is being carried out, in cooperation with FAO. The report is expected end of July.

Guatemala Preliminary results of a follow-up EFSA implemented in Guatemala were presented in April. The final report is under finalization and will be available in July.

Honduras A follow-up EFSA will be carried out in the drought corridor in Honduras in June, under the coordination of the Technical Food and Nutritional Security Unit (UTSAN) and with the participation of the Secretariats for Health and for Social Development, of the Institute for Forest Development (ICF) and of several NGOs. FAO and WFP will provide technical and logistical support.

Sudan An assessment of the food security situation of the IDPs from Abyei is underway in Warrap, Wau and Agok and the final report is expected by end of July.

Rapid EFSA's are taking place in **Philippines** and **Pakistan** (Sindh province).

A rapid assessment of the impact of high food prices in **Guinea** (urban) has been finalized and the final report is available. A similar assessment is ongoing in **Guinea-Bissau**.

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c. Monitoring food security and prices

Azerbaijan WFP is supporting the Government of Azerbaijan in designing a Food Security Monitoring System (FSMS). The system will rely mainly on the government's data collecting mechanisms, with minimal primary data collection to be undertaken by WFP.

Sudan Data collection for FSMS in the North, West and South Darfur states were carried out in May, 2011. Reports will be available in July. In the Red Sea and Kassala states, the next FSMS round will be in July. In South Sudan, the 4th round of the FSMS is on-going and the report is expected in early August.

Market analysis report for **Côte d'Ivoire** is finalized and the report is available **online**. Emergency Food Security and Market Assessment report for **Liberia** is under finalization.

An urban Market Assessment in **The Gambia** has been conducted and the final report is under finalization.

East Africa The first cross border trade report was released in May. It provides an overview of cross border trade in 2010.

The last issue of the **Market Monitor covering 2nd quarter 2011** is available **online**. This bulletin is based on the standard price data sheets under revision by COs. Testing of the web based price monitoring tool is ongoing in OD Johannesburg.

d. Joint assessments

Joint Assessment Missions (JAM)

A Joint Assessment mission is taking place in **Rwanda**. The **JAM Chad** report will be available mid-July. A JAM is planned in August in **Namibia**.

Crop and Food Security Assessment Missions (CFSAM)

FAO and WFP are preparing CFSAMs in Burundi and Haiti.

3. CAPACITY BUILDING

A set of standard materials for **Qualitative Assessments trainings** is available on the Learning Toolkit (English). The 5-day course introduces key concepts on why, when, and how to use qualitative data, and demonstrates effective moderation and note-taking techniques and skills for conducting focus group discussions, semi-structured interviews and participatory mapping, piling and ranking exercises.

The **Technical writing course** Learning material in English French and Spanish is now available for self-study on the Learning Toolkit.

VAM Khartoum conducted two workshops for the **FSMS analysis in Darfur**, one in Nyala (South Darfur) in March and one in El Fasher (North Darfur) in June. Partners from the State Ministry of Agriculture have participated in both workshops. The main objective is to better enable local partners to actively take part in the FSMS analysis and to strengthen the capacity of Sudan institutions in the methodology of food security analysis, monitoring, and targeting. The training will be replicated in Khartoum during July with staff from Ministry of Finance.

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 All VAM staff who have not updated their information in the new system are urgently requested to do so.

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Procurement and Market analysis training VAM, P4P and Procurement jointly organized two trainings on basic procurement processes and market analysis tools required to inform procurement decision making in local and regional agricultural markets. Both trainings were held in Mombasa between end of May and end of June. These trainings are funded by USAID and directed at capacity building in eleven countries in Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Uganda, Ghana, Mali, Tanzania, Malawi, Liberia and Zambia).

Assessors' Database – open to food security consultants: Now that the Assessors' Database has been rolled out to all WFP regions, qualified consultants are invited to enter their assessment experience, skills and training. The database is used as a roster to identify eligible staff to lead and participate in food security assessments and analyses.

A Market Analysis and Food Security workshop was organised mid-April in **the Gambia**, with the participation of Government and partner organizations' analysts and programme officers.

4. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas task force WFP and FAO in collaboration with OXFAM, Concern, ACF and IFRC are developing a joint proposal to improve the existing tools, methodologies and experiences to provide effective Food and Nutrition Security guidance regarding assessment, targeting, monitoring, contingency planning and collaboration in urban and peri-urban areas.

Shock impact modelling system (SIMS) WFP and FAO presented the **Pakistan** case study at the end of May. The case study estimated the impacts of the global food price hikes and the August 2010 flood on households' food security in Pakistan. The Pakistan model was converted into a MS Excel/Access platform for further application at country office level for monitoring purpose. Work on **Bangladesh** and **Burkina Faso** case studies is ongoing.

ODXF participated in the first **Joint IDP profiling conference**, hosted by the Joint Interagency Profiling Service (JIPS). Outputs of profiling can be particularly useful for WFP analyses, especially with regard to joint indicators for profiling of different population groups.

Integrated Phase Classification

USAID has established a **Trust Fund managed by WFP to assist the IPC Global Support Unit's (GSU) activities**. The GSU is finalizing Version 2.0 of the IPC Technical Manual by August, and will hold several regional training workshops in the autumn to update IPC practitioners on the new elements.

Thierry Nègre from the EC Joint Research Committee is the new Chair of the IPC Steering Committee, replacing WFP's Joyce Luma.

5. FOOD SECURITY RESEARCH

A **validation study of the Food Consumption Score** indicator for the Latin American context is scheduled to be implemented between July and the end of the year in selected countries in the region. The study aims to validate the standard food consumption score indicator and thresholds to better reflect the poor dietary diversity and the nutritional situation of

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vulnerable and food insecure households. It will consider intra-household food sharing and differences in dietary diversity amongst households.

A proposal was submitted to CCAF (Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security, a CGIAR Research Program) to assess the **Climate Impacts on Livelihoods and Food Security (CLIFS)**. The principal aim of the proposed initiative is to improve the effectiveness of efforts in Nepal, Senegal and Ethiopia to build resilience and reduce the impact of climate risks on food security.

6. STAFF NEWS

Saidamon Bodamaev has joined the Tajikistan Country Office as National VAM Officer. Saidamon has previously worked for WFP as a Programme Officer in Tajikistan and Somalia.

Bakri Osman and **Abass Hamed** have joined the VAM unit in WFP Khartoum office as Food Security Officer and Abass as GIS officer.

Oscar Caccavale, Migena Cumani and Julie Saleh recently joined the VAM team as Market Analyst, GIS officer and Office Assistant respectively.

Perrine Geniez will move to Policy Division in July, to work on WFP's nutrition policy.

Ceren Gurkan and **Chiara Brunelli** left the Market and the CFSVA teams respectively to FAO.

Stéphanie Brunellin left VAM to start her Ph.D. in France.

7. OTHER

Five **joint UNICEF/WFP studies of the impact of the global economic and financial crisis on vulnerable people** were conducted in **Indonesia, Madagascar, Malawi, Nepal and Zambia** in the framework of the **Rapid Impact and Vulnerability Analysis Fund (RIVAF)** initiative. Results will be discussed in New York from 14 to 15 July. The RIVAF is part of the broader UN Secretary General's Global Pulse initiative aimed at developing a new approach to crisis impact monitoring, by harnessing real time information flows to better understand how populations are coping with global shocks.

The **FAO/WFP Joint Strategy on Information Systems for Food and Nutrition Security** was finalized. It will be discussed at WFP's Policy Committee before being presented at the November session of the Executive Board.

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