



WFP Senegal Country Brief

WFP Assistance

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
Country Programme			
CP 200249 (Jan 2012 – December 2017)	81 m	25 m (31%)	0.9 m
Protecting lives and promoting resilience of food insecure communities including conflict affected Casamance. PRRO 200681 (Jan 2015 – December 2017)			
	65 m	18 m (27%)	3.5 m

*November 2017 - April 2018 (from January to December 2018, WFP will operate under the T-ICSP, a new programmatic framework)

GENDER MARKER 2A PRRO 200681

WFP provides food and nutrition assistance in all 14 regions of Senegal, and is increasingly targeting the most vulnerable communities with an integrated assistance package for better results. WFP envisions a hunger free Senegal, in which food-insecure households have access to adequate nutritious food all year around; and vulnerable populations are resilient to shocks and are able to rely on integrated sustainable food systems.

Through the PRRO and Country Programme, WFP maintains a twin track response – responding to shocks and assisting populations in their early recovery, while continuing efforts to build resilience in anticipation of shocks. WFP adopts multi-annual planning for its resilience interventions (Rural Resilience Initiative, Food assistance for Assets and Village Security Stock), with a focus on the same vulnerable communities over two to three years.

WFP supports the Government leadership in food security and nutrition. WFP partners with national counterparts on food and nutrition analysis, early warning and the expansion of rural development and social safety nets programmes. WFP also invests in communities ownership and strengthening of

Highlights

- WFP contributed to the emergency response plan (PUSA) approved by the Government of Senegal for the 2017 lean season by continuing the provision of targeted food assistance to vulnerable populations in the Matam region, northern Senegal.
- WFP strategically opened a new sub-office in the Kolda region to ensure a greater coverage of the entire southern region. The inauguration was attended by various authorities and key partners.

monitoring and evaluation activities to ensure the quality and performance of programmes.

Overall, activities include targeted food assistance, supplementary feeding, school meals and FFA. WFP is also prioritising local procurement – through the Purchase from Africans for Africa (PAA) partnership with FAO and Brazil – and cash-based transfers (CBT). Jointly with Oxfam, WFP is extending R4, a Rural Resilience Initiative, which mobilises rural communities to build agricultural assets with elements of insurance, credit and savings.

Senegal gender indicators reveal the disadvantaged position of girls and women. WFP is mainstreaming gender sensitivity as an integral part of every project. WFP implements tailored interventions across the agriculture, education and nutrition sectors to contribute towards gender equality and women's empowerment and access to food for people living with disability and the elderly. Moreover, efforts are made by WFP and local partners to facilitate "special distributions at home".

In Numbers

174,500 people in need of food assistance

85,425 people assisted in October 2017



Main Photo

Credit: WFP/Paulèle Fall
Caption: Inauguration of Kolda's sub-office, with the Governor and the Mayor of Kolda as well as WFP Director (from left to right).



October 2017

Operational Updates

Opening of a new field office: WFP's new sub-office in the Kolda region, in southern Senegal, was inaugurated on 13 October. The event was presided by Mr. Abdoulaye Bibi Baldé, Mayor of Kolda and Minister of Communication, Telecommunications, Posts and Digital Economy. The inauguration was attended by several high-level participants including the Prime Minister's Special Adviser, directors of key governmental partners, Kolda's Governor, WFP's Regional and Country Directors, UN partners (UNICEF, FAO, IOM) and local authorities. The ceremony was organized in collaboration with UNICEF which also relocated its local representation from Ziguinchor to Kolda. WFP and UNICEF are joining IOM in this southern region of Senegal where they intend to carry out complementary interventions and assist common targets in Kolda, Ziguinchor, Sedhiou, Tambacounda and Kedougou.

Targeted Food Assistance (TFA): In support of the Government's emergency response plan (PUSA) for the 2017 lean season, WFP Senegal carried out food vouchers distributions in four localities of the Matam department (Bokidiawé, Nabadji Civol, Ourosogui and Ogo). About 37,000 vulnerable people received WFP assistance for a value of USD 335,000 (XOF 185,880,000).

Resilience and Rural Development (R4 initiative):

Through a grant awarded by the French Government, two distributions of food vouchers were carried out in Kolda and Tambacounda regions for a total of 6,000 participants and 54,000 people. The value of distributed food vouchers is about USD 218,000 (XOF 121,000,000). A toll-free number (800800802) was set up to enable recipients to provide feedback – including complaints – on the assistance provided by WFP. The number is distinctly indicated on the vouchers distributed.

Given the context of country offices' cross-fertilization and collaboration, a R4 team member participated to a pre-feasibility study mission in Niger. The mission's objective was to enable WFP Niger to learn from WFP Senegal's experience on innovations in integrated climate risk management and to assess the feasibility of implementing a similar approach in the Niger context.

A diagnostic study on cereal banks was launched to enable a collaboration between WFP, World Vision and the Agriculture Directorate in order to integrate WFP's cereal banks approach into the government's policies and programmes.

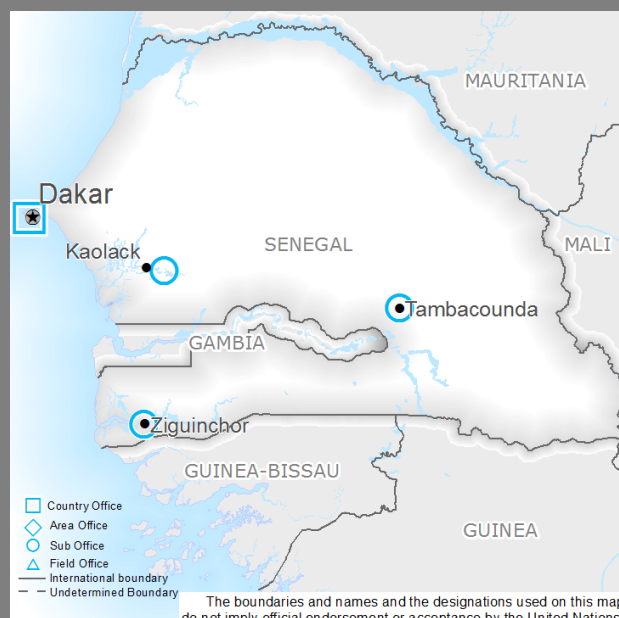
School meals: After three months of vacations (July, August, September), the academic year resumed in October, in accordance with the Senegalese school calendar. However, schools reopening are uneven across regions and accordingly, WFP will resume its school meals activities gradually. WFP has developed a school meals operational plan for the 2017/18 academic year. About 160,000 beneficiaries will be assisted through 818 primary schools.

Cash-based transfers (CBT): As part of the development of the CBT modality, WFP (Regional Bureau of Dakar and Senegal Country Office), intends to enhance beneficiaries' financial inclusion through digital transfers (electronic cash or voucher transfers) with the support of UNCDF. The tender process is ongoing for the selection of service providers for electronic transfers.

Challenges

WFP urgently needs USD 3.5 million for the next six months, from November 2017 to April 2018, under PRRO 200681. The lack of funding affects WFP planned activities such as school meals, rural development, capacity development and augmentation.

Country Background & Strategy



Senegal ranks 37th out of 76 countries in the Global Hunger Index. Over the past decade, inadequate and unstable household food production due to deficit harvests caused by recurrent drought, floods, desert encroachment and salinization of arable lands, high dependency on local markets, persistently high food prices and low resilience have compounded the food security of Senegalese households and communities. As a result, nearly half of its population continue to live in poverty and have difficulty meeting basic food, health, education and housing needs. Poverty and food insecurity are highest in the remote Casamance region, further burdened by continuing low level conflict.

The Government of Senegal is committed to boost national economic growth and reduce poverty through the *Plan Sénégal Emergent*. A National Programme is being rolled out for Family Social Security Transfer (*Programme National de Bourse Familiale*) to tackle chronic poverty and make poor citizens more resilient to shocks. This programme, however, only targets a quarter of a million people in need. Many Senegalese resort to internal or international migration for financial survival. The Government of Senegal is also committed to gender equality and has a legal framework to protect women's rights.

WFP has been present in Senegal since 1960.

Population: **14.6 million**

2015 Human Dev Index:
170 out of 188

46.7 percent live below the poverty line

Chronic Malnutrition: **17.1 % of children (6 to 59 months)**

Donors

PRRO: USA, United Kingdom, European Union, Japan, France, Finland, Green Climate Fund

CP: Canada, Japan, Luxembourg, Private Donors

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