

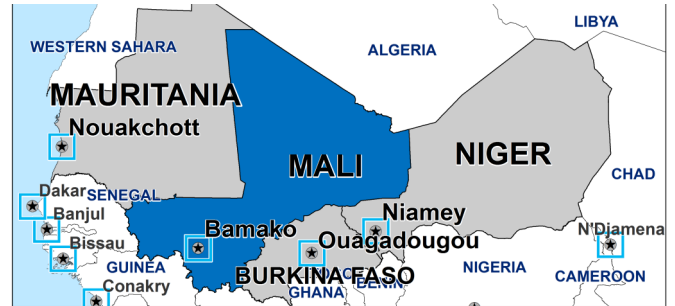


World Food Programme

Mali Regional Crisis Situation Report

Situation Update

According to UNHCR, there are some 80,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Mali and 17,000 returnees. Burkina Faso shelters some 34,000 Malian refugees, while Mauritania and Niger each host some 50,000 Malian refugees, respectively.



WFP Response

Under the Mali protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200719, WFP provides immediate food assistance to IDPs and returnees to save lives, promote stability and contribute to achieving the Zero Hunger Challenge. The regional emergency operation (EMOP) 200438 addresses the life-saving needs of Malian refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger, who fled the conflict in northern Mali since early 2012. In July, WFP assisted 490,000 beneficiaries in Mali and 136,000 Malian refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger.

Mali

- Heavy rains in the north have damaged people's livelihoods and affected WFP operations following the onset of the rainy season. Specifically, three communes in the Gao region, where WFP assists some 9,000 beneficiaries, have been difficult to reach due to ongoing insecurity and rain-damaged roads since May. As the rainy season is expected to constrain WFP access through September, WFP delivered an extra month's ration to beneficiaries in those areas during August distributions.
- Following a recent security incident in the Gao region where food was looted from partner warehouses, WFP has switched from food distributions to cash-based transfers in the area, to avoid similar future occurrences.
- Despite these challenges WFP continues to provide life-saving food assistance across the country, with some 544,000 people targeted in August.
- WFP organized a three day training workshop at the end of July in Bamako on results-based management and M&E processes in order to boost the capacity of WFP and its partners on the monitoring of activities and management of interventions.
- On 24 July 2015, WFP signed a multiyear Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Health

in order to strengthen collaboration on nutrition, including strengthening inter-governmental coordination and government capacity to address nutritional challenges.

Burkina Faso

- In July, WFP reached some 31,000 Malian refugees in Burkina Faso.
- An in-kind contribution of rice arrived during the month of August for GFD rations however, if new resources are not received soon, rations for rice and beans will need to be reduced from November onwards.

Mauritania

- Despite a delay in the consignment of an in-kind contribution, now expected in the fall, half of a standard food ration continues to be distributed under GFD activities due to the exceptional emergency contributions awarded by two generous donors. These allowed WFP to reach some 50,000 Malian refugees in July. However, nutritional activities for pregnant and nursing women were suspended, and as of August, school meals were only provided for two thirds of the school feeding days.

Niger

- WFP assisted some 46,000 refugees in July, reaching 95 percent of beneficiaries targeted for the month. This includes some 7,000 beneficiaries who received cash-based transfers, and approximately 2,300 children aged 6-23 months who received nutritional support.
- Due to a peak in the rainy season (May-September) heavy rainfall has been affecting WFP operations. In the Tazalit refugee hosting site August distributions began later than planned due to inaccessible roads as a result of the heavy rainfall. Whilst in several locations, the rains have damaged several food storage facilities.
- The results of the June Post Distribution Monitoring are now available. Food consumption rates in the camps and refugee hosting sites showed a decline since January 2015 (possibly due to the start of the lean season) but remain above the 10 percent threshold.

WFP Operations					
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (USD)	Shortfall (%)
Mali Regional EMOP 200438	01.06.2012-31.12.2015	123,000*	202,152,500	139,574,843	31.0%
Mali PRRO 200719	01.01.2015-	2,610,790	325,589,793	76,748,585	76.4%

*This represents the number of beneficiaries planned between 31 Dec 2014 - 31 Dec 2015