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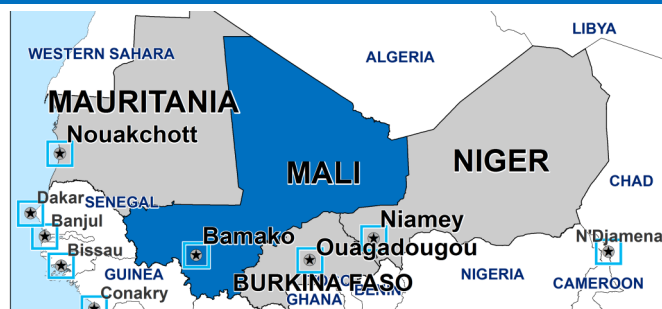


World Food Programme

Mali Regional Crisis Situation Report

Situation Update

According to UNHCR, there are some 62,000 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 August, WFP assisted 443,000 beneficiaries in Mali and 126,000 Malian refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger.

Mali

- During the month of September, food distributions in the north were hindered by ongoing insecurity in the area, affecting access to some 18,500 beneficiaries. Despite these challenges WFP continued to provide life-saving food assistance across the country, targeting some 290,000 people in September. In addition, with the start of the school year in October, WFP plans to assist about 162,000 students through school meals.
- Although the lean season and related distributions should have ended as of 30 September, WFP will continue to assist 102,600 beneficiaries with up to 75 per cent rations until the end of the year.
- WFP is also actively supporting the Government of Mali in its National Survey on Food and Nutrition Security (ENSAN). Enumerators were trained and collected data throughout the country during the month of September. The results of the ENSAN will be used to inform forthcoming needs assessments, such as the 2016 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO).

Burkina Faso

- The coup d'état on 16 September severely affected WFP's activities in the country for the month. Food and cash distributions were delayed, and only resumed at

the very end of the month (September 28). WFP opted to deliver food rations with no cash, to avoid security risks given the risen tensions. However this mitigating action has affected WFP's food stocks, so that food shortfalls which would normally have started in December will now commence in early November. WFP will urgently need resources to replenish food stocks.

- As the country's public services were also affected, so were the WFP activities linked to them, such as a delay in the reopening of schools for the new academic year, which halted school feeding activities. Health centers also closed, so that nutritional support for children 6-59 months, and pregnant and nursing women, suffering from Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) at Goudebou and Mentao camps, has also been interrupted.

Mauritania

- In September, due to some exceptional contributions, WFP was able to move the necessary stocks to resume all distributions at Mberra. With the arrival of Super Cereal, pregnant and lactating women are receiving full rations under the blanket supplementary feeding activity. General food distribution beneficiaries continue to receive reduced rations pending new contributions.
- WFP, together with UNHCR, the government, and the support of ten partner organizations, conducted a joint assessment mission to the Mberra site and host community. Findings will be discussed in October.

Niger

- Food assistance to Malian refugees in the camps and refugee hosting sites proceeded as normal for the month of September; targeting 50,400 Malian refugees.
- Voucher distributions in the Mangaize site were coupled with the distribution of cash for non food items (NFI). This pilot operation (financed by UNHCR) began in July and will continue until the end of 2016, where each household receives 10,000 CFA monthly to allow refugees to pay for their own NFIs when needed.

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	141,575,112	30.0%
Mali PRRO 200719	01.01.2015–31.12.2017	2,610,790	325,589,793	76,773,399	76.4%

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