

I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- **WFP assistance in Northern Mali is ongoing.** While access remains challenging in the northern regions, commercial transport is slowly resuming, allowing for the delivery of commodities by truck from Mopti and Bamako to Gao, Kidal and Ménaka. A large portion of the planned mixed food commodities have been delivered to assist beneficiaries in the Timbuktu region by boat.
- Re-establishment of WFP presence in Timbuktu, Kidal and Gao is a priority and will be done on a step by step basis. It is starting with **the inclusion of flights to northern destinations in the UNHAS schedule.**
- **In the northern areas of Mali, WFP plans to support 363,248 beneficiaries on a monthly basis through partner NGOs.** Distributions were completed in Niafunké district and are ongoing in Goundam, Diré, Timbuktu and Rharous districts in Timbuktu region. They are about to start in Ménaka district of Gao region.
- In addition, WFP launched deliveries through the **new logistics route from Niger to Ménaka, Gao.** The first trucks arrived on 21 February. WFP monitors the transport options very closely and uses the best routes and modalities available at a given time.
- Some of the deliveries to Kidal and Gao have been delayed following recent **clashes in these two regions** and are currently on standby until the situation allows for the resumption of deliveries (deliveries amount to the equivalent of two monthly rations for close to 22,000 beneficiaries).
- **The first monthly distributions to 80,000 IDPs in Bamako, Kayes, Ségou and Mopti regions has been completed** with partners ACTED ADR CARE and World Vision. The second round of distributions has started. Furthermore, unconditional cash distributions are ongoing in Kayes, and emergency school feeding was launched in Gao.
- **Funding to support those affected by the conflict in Mali and support Malian refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger is urgently needed** to cover current shortfalls (USD 122.6 million for the Mali operation, and USD 74.5 million to support Malian refugees and host communities in the neighbouring countries).
- Since April 2012, WFP supported some **135,000 IDPs in Mali, 214,000 non-displaced people in Northern Mali** and some **160,000 refugees** in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger.



Refugee family at the Goudebou site, Burkina Faso.
WFP/Celestine Ouedraogo

II. SITUATION UPDATE

- Humanitarian access in Northern Mali remains unpredictable and needs to be assessed on a day to day basis by the UN and its partners. WFP and partners continue to advocate for safe humanitarian space.
- Prior to the military intervention, an estimated 229,000 people were displaced in Mali¹, of which some 76,500 were estimated to be in northern Mali (Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal). Since the start of the intervention on 10 January, over 30,000 new displaced persons were identified (excluding northern Mali). According to the *Commission Mouvement de Populations* (CMP) report of 21 February there are now 260,700 displaced persons in country which is the highest number since last April 2012. Most IDPs are staying with host families,

¹ Source: Malian *Commission Mouvement de Populations* (CMP), the centralized source for provision of updated figures.

though there are some informal IDP settlements in Mopti and Bamako. WFP is working in close coordination with the Malian CMP the centralized source for provision of updated figures, agreed upon by all humanitarian partners and governmental counterparts.

- According to UNHCR (OCHA Humanitarian Snapshot 13 February 2013), nearly 22,000 new Malian refugees sought shelter in Burkina Faso, Niger and Mauritania since 10 January 2013. WFP has advocated for a level-2 registration exercise to ensure accurate numbers for food allocation purposes.

III. WFP RESPONSE

Mali

FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

*Since the occupation of northern Mali by non-state armed groups in April 2012, the **humanitarian and security conditions for populations in Northern Mali and for those displaced across the country have been of major concern**. Alongside support to people affected by the drought in Southern Mali, WFP has been providing assistance to populations in the North with NGOs that still have access to these areas, and has contracted a local NGO to carry out monitoring. Additionally, support was provided to internally displaced people (IDPs) settled across Mali. The new EMOP 200525 targets a total of 564,000 beneficiaries throughout the country.*

- In the northern areas of Mali, where access remains challenging with the ongoing military intervention, 363,248 beneficiaries are currently being targeted for support. Food deliveries have been undertaken from Mopti to Timbuktu, up the river *Niger*, for more than 100,000 beneficiaries. Distributions are ongoing in Timbuktu, Niafunké, Diré, Goundam and Rharous. WFP is currently delivering food to Gao and Kidal regions and has activated the transport of food through the Niger-Gao logistics route with the first trucks having reached destination in Menaka on 21 February.
- The recent clashes in Gao and Kidal have delayed some of the WFP deliveries to these two regions. The loading of more than 760mt of mixed commodities for Kidal were interrupted and are currently on standby until the situation permits the resumption of deliveries (equivalent to two monthly rations for close to 22,000 beneficiaries).
- However in Gao region, so far, WFP was able to deliver more than 370mt to Menaka district through the two routes (170mt were delivered through the Mopti route and 200mt were delivered through the Niger cross-border route) for assistance to more than 21,000 beneficiaries with cooperating partner ACTED. Another 200mt are currently on the way to Menaka from Niger where they are expected to arrive on 25 February.
- 80,000 food insecure IDPs and host household members were assisted throughout January with a first monthly food ration in southern Mali (Bamako, Segou, Sikasso, Kayes, Koulikoro and southern Mopti). The second round of distribution has started on 18 February in Bamako for 12,000 IDPs and host household members and will start subsequently in the other regions.
- In January, with the first blanket supplementary feeding distributions in Ségou, 862 children aged 6-59 months and 929 pregnant women and nursing mothers were assisted.
- Unconditional cash transfers are ongoing in Koulikoro for 21,445 beneficiaries. Transfers to another 14,395 beneficiaries will start soon in Kayes. Transfers are done in partnership with Orange, Welthungerhilfe and World Vision.
- Emergency school feeding has been launched in Gao region. Assistance is to be provided in 20 schools for a total of 8,605 school children.

LOGISTICS

- UNHAS has received the authorization to fly to Gao on 18 February, operated the first flight on 20 February and is planning the first assessment mission there by the end of this week if the security situation allows it. Much like the first flight to Timbuktu that took place last week, the first flight consisted of an assessment of the airstrip and conditions at the airport, followed up by a second flight to complete a more in-depth assessment of the security situation, storage opportunities and transport options at the airport. With the conclusion of the situation assessments in Timbuktu and Gao, both locations are being added to the weekly flights schedule. UNHAS will thus be flying to four domestic destinations from Bamako (Timbuktu, Gao, Mopti and Kayes) and to Niamey (Niger).
- WFP continues to actively explore all possible options for delivery of assistance to its northern intervention zones as the context evolves very rapidly in North Mali and opportunities vary. Timely information on existing possibilities is obtained via the logistics cluster, partners and transporters on a daily basis.

To ensure that all possible transport options are being used, WFP is using the new logistics route from Niger to Ménaka, Gao since 19 February 2013.

Burkina Faso

As of 20 February, 47,205 Malian refugees were registered in Burkina Faso (UNHCR). Refugees are hosted mainly across sites in the Sahel region in the north-east of the country and in the urban areas of Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso. WFP provides general food distributions to refugees in close collaboration with the Burkina Faso Red Cross and plans to start targeted supplementary feeding for children and pregnant women and nursing mothers with moderate acute malnutrition as well as blanket supplementary feeding for children under 2.

- Currently, 47,205 refugees are registered in Burkina Faso (UNHCR). Refugee arrivals have returned to the rates recorded prior to military intervention of 60 refugees per day.
- UNHCR has started the relocation of refugees from the site of Gountouré-gnégné towards Goudebou. Over the past week, two convoys took place transporting around 860 refugees.
- WFP continues to provide hot meals for up to 5 days upon refugees' arrival in the camps. This time period allows refugees to settle and for new arrivals to be individually registered. After registration, refugees receive a dry ration to provide for their food needs until the next monthly distribution.
- From 11 to 18 February, 5,426 beneficiaries were assisted at the Sahel site of Mentao, the largest camp in Burkina Faso. The tripartite agreement between WFP, UNHCR and its partners (IEDA and Croix Rouge Burkina Faso) for targeted food distributions has been signed. Croix Rouge will implement distributions in Ouagadougou while IEDA will carry out the distributions in the Sahel Region and the urban centre of Bobo-dioulasso.

ASSESSMENTS

- A joint UNHCR, WFP, Government cash and voucher feasibility study is ongoing in the Sahel Region and Ouagadougou. The assessment is covering ten markets, which are accessible to both refugees and host communities.

Niger

As of 20 February 2013, 53,841 Malian refugees were registered in Niger, mainly living in camps and makeshift settlements in the severely food insecure Tahoua and Tillabéri regions of western Niger along the border with Mali. Since February, WFP has been providing food assistance to an average of 45,000 refugees per month through general food distributions and to 2,000 children aged 6-23 months through the blanket feeding programme.

- To date, approximately 1,768 refugees have been relocated from Banibangou to Mangaize refugee camp. Upon arrival, these refugees receive a 15 days food rations to cover their needs during the installation process.
- WFP, UNICEF and UNHCR have agreed to extend the wet feeding programme under the blanket supplementary feeding activities for an additional two month period – up until May 2013. 5,963 refugee children are targeted to receive this assistance throughout the month of February. This support is complementary to food rations provided to all refugee households.

ASSESSMENTS

- The preliminary results of the joint post-distribution exercise were shared with cooperating partners. The results of the MUAC survey among children aged 6-59 are encouraging and show a positive effect of wet feeding activities. The nutrition survey planned for March 2013 in the camps will allow for confirmation of these results.

Mauritania

As of 17 February, 69,221 Malian refugees were registered in Mauritania (UNCHR), most of whom are vulnerable women and children from pastoralist or trader households. The refugees are mainly settled at the M'bera camp. Since the eruption of fighting in Mali, additional refugees have been registered in M'bera camp.



Distribution to M'bera camp refugees, Mauritania.
WFP/Mauritania

- As of 17 February, 69,221 refugees have been registered in M'bera camp according to UNHCR data. Concerning the influx of refugees from 13 to 19 February 2013, about 15,450 new arrivals have been reported by UNHCR. These refugees are mostly women, children and the elderly mainly coming from Timbuktu, Leré, Goundam, Lerneb and Nianfuke.
- The targeted food distribution that began on 30 January has been completed, assisting approximately 62,139 beneficiaries.
- Six nutrition rehabilitation centres for MAM treatment are operational in the camp. During the reporting period, 1,371 beneficiaries were assisted.
- The blanket supplementary feeding activity in M'bera camp has begun. More than the originally programmed 2,900 children will be targeted in

order to take into account new arrivals. A census conducted within the camp is currently in the process of defining the adjusted number of beneficiaries to be targeted.

IV. RESOURCING UPDATE

Mali Crisis - 2013 Project Overview:

Country	Project Number	Link to Project Document	Project Duration	Key Funding Figures			
				Beneficiaries	Total Requirements (USD Mio)	Current Project Shortfall (USD Mio)	Current Shortfall (%)
Mali	EMOP 200525	http://www.wfp.org/node/3516/3896/384302	1 Jan 13 - 31 Dec 13	564,000	137.22	122.62	89%
Regional EMOP (Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger)	Regional EMOP 200438	http://www.wfp.org/countries/burkina-faso/operations/current-operations	1 Jun 12 - 31 Dec 13	281,000 <i>60,000</i> <i>114,000</i> <i>107,000</i>	148.03	74.48	50%
Mali	UNHAS SO 200521	http://www.wfp.org/node/3516/3896/380798	1 Jan 13 - 31 Dec 13	N.A.	4.52	3.97	88%
Mali	ETC and Logistics Cluster SO 200534	http://www.wfp.org/node/3516/3896/384305	1 Jan 13 - 31 Dec 13	N.A.	3.41	1.03	30%
TOTAL				845,000	293.18	202.10	69%

- In 2013, WFP assists internally displaced people, host communities, as well as other vulnerable groups under the new **Mali EMOP 200525**. WFP urgently requires funding amounting to over **USD 122.6 million** to implement this operation. WFP is currently pursuing all options to resource this emergency operation and pre-finance activities internally.
- Furthermore, under the extended and revised **Regional EMOP 200438**, WFP will support refugees and host communities in Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mauritania with food and nutrition assistance. Requirements for the regional emergency operation, active in Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mauritania, amount to USD 148 million, out of which 74.5 million still need to be resourced (50%). This EMOP is extended until 31 December 2013 and no longer active in Mali, but only the neighbouring countries since 1 January 2013.
- In 2013, **UNHAS Mali (SO 200521)** utilizes a B1900D aircraft, based in Bamako, to support the humanitarian community. A total of **USD 4.0 million** is still required for this operation.
- **The Mali Special Operation in support of the Logistics and the Emergency Telecommunications Clusters, SO 200534**, is appealing for funding additional funding amounting to **USD 1 million**. In order to ensure business continuity for the humanitarian community and under reduced access to private sector logistics services, the Logistics Cluster and the ETC are preparing a capacity augmentation. The Logistics Cluster and ETC secure the human resources, the financial and the material means, as well as the coordination of all partners, in order to efficiently support the humanitarian community.

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