Highlights

In August 2014, WFP reached 695,121 beneficiaries under General Food Distributions. In September, WFP targeted 878,277 vulnerable people with emergency food and nutrition assistance, out of which 679,297 under General Food Distributions. This included a contingency for 3,000 beneficiaries affected by the floods in the North.

Situation Update

- Tenenkou and Youwarou villages in the Mopti region are currently inaccessible due to poor road conditions and require assistance.
- There are still tensions between armed groups in northern Mali. The security situation remains concerning, sensitive and unpredictable.
- Growing concerns are expressed by WFP partners regarding the lack of security and humanitarian access to northern regions.

WFP Response

- WFP’s emergency operation in Mali supports the government in responding to the multi-dimensional complex emergency in the country. The operation aims to save lives and rehabilitate the livelihoods of up to 1.3 million conflict-affected people at the height of the lean season (out of which 900,000 are located in the North) through targeted distributions, nutrition interventions, emergency school feeding and recovery activities. The late rains have led to an extension of the agricultural lean season, which could force vulnerable households to adopt irreversible coping strategies if they do not have access to food assistance. WFP is working in cooperation with the government and ICRC to assist 1.5 million beneficiaries in the North. WFP and the government are also providing assistance in the South.
- The SMART survey conducted in July and August 2014 found an increase of acute malnutrition in all the regions of the country. The survey shows that the overall stunting rate increased from 27.5 percent in 2013 to 28.1 percent in 2014. The rate of malnutrition ranges from 20 to 29 percent in a majority of the regions.

In numbers

1.5 million beneficiaries are being assisted through General Food Distributions by WFP, ICRC and the government during the lean season (June to October 2014).

Funding Update:

The shortfall for the Emergency Operation (EMOP 200525) is USD 142.7 million.

Food Security Cluster

A recent workshop involved the Food Security Cluster/FAO/REACH (Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger). The objective was the enhanced integration of nutrition into food security programmes for the reduction of malnutrition and improved resilience.

UNHAS

The 2014 shortfall for UNHAS (SO 200525) is USD 2.3 million. Without additional funding, UNHAS will have to stop flying in mid-October, 2014.
• The third voucher distribution in Gao was completed in mid-September and reached 39,906 beneficiaries for a total of USD 521,976.

Food Assistance
• WFP has distributed food in the two villages of Youwarou and Tenenkou that were flooded (Mopti region). Over 2,000 beneficiaries have been assisted with General Food Distributions and Blanket Supplementary Feeding. The assistance will continue for a period of three months until the affected people recover from the shock.
• In August, WFP reached 695,121 people and in September, WFP assistance targeted 878,277 vulnerable people with emergency food and nutrition assistance.

Logistics
• Since January 2014, UNHAS Mali has transported 11,069 passengers and 37.08 mt of cargo. They carried out five medical evacuations and one secure relocation in Goundam (Timbuktu region). In August 2014, they transported 1,461 passengers, 6.75 mt of cargo and carried out two medical evacuations.

Partnerships
• The Mali Country Office recently held a meeting with its cooperating partners and AMRAD (third party monitoring contracted agency) and discussed key monitoring findings: lack of beneficiary ration cards in some distribution sites, WFP food in markets in a few places, lack of nutrition awareness in blanket distributions, and tertiary transport challenges.

Resourcing Update
• Out of the USD 215 million needed for the Emergency Operation (EMOP 200525) in 2014, USD 82.3 million has been received, bringing the 2014 shortfall to USD 133.1 million.
• With a total project budget of USD 9.5 million for 2014, the UNHAS operation (SO 200521) still requires USD 2.3 million (24 percent of the

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