Highlights

The two-month November/December distributions are under way. The distributions, targeting 352,374 beneficiaries, were completed on 15 December.

Situation Update

- The security situation in northern Mali continues to deteriorate with an increase in IEDs, mortar attacks and other security incidents. This is having an overall impact on WFP’s activities and limits staff movement.

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.

- In November 2014, in response to the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease in Mali, WFP assisted 130 affected people in partnership with the Malian Red Cross.

Food Assistance

- In November, WFP and its cooperating partners planned to reach 352,374 beneficiaries through General Food Distributions, nutrition and school meals activities. The general food distributions caseload has dropped from 592,408 assisted people in October to 219,000 in November, which is the harvest period.

In numbers

The November “Cadre Harmonisé” identified 263,049 food insecure people that required immediate food assistance out of which WFP assists 219,884 beneficiaries through general food distributions.

Funding Update:

No additional contributions were received during the reporting period for the Mali Country Office’s projects: EMOP 200525, CP 105830 and SO 200521.

Food Security Cluster

In total, 3.3 million people have been assisted by Cluster activities since March 2014. During the 2014 agricultural season, approximately 1.26 million people received livelihood support through the Cluster.

UNHAS

Due to an acute funding shortfall, UNHAS has reduced services as of 29 September 2014. With only one aircraft available, seats have been reduced from 30 to 18 seats.
Logistics
- Since January 2014, UNHAS Mali has transported 15,092 passengers and 51.33 mt of cargo. It carried out eight medical evacuations and one secure relocation. In November, UNHAS transported 1,216 passengers, 3.5 mt of cargo.

Partnerships
- The Country Office is continuing the technical review of proposals submitted by cooperating partners in order to begin preparations for the 2015 Field Level Agreements under the PRRO. The Country Office has now finalized the performance evaluations of the cooperating partners who implemented WFP supported activities in 2014.
- WFP and UNHCR met on 18 November and drafted a joint operational plan aiming to strengthen their collaboration in 2015. This joint action plan follows a memorandum of understanding signed in September by the two agencies.

Resourcing Update
- The Mali Country Office received in-kind donations of CSB+ and vegetable oil worth USD 9.3 million from the United States. So far, under the PRRO 200719, the Country Office has received USD 11.8 million (Canada and United States) of the USD 112.8 millions required in 2015.

Mali EMOP 200525

| Project Duration (Jan 13 - Dec 14) | Planned number of people (1,304,000) | Total requirements (in USD 351,290,175) | Total received (in USD 210,376,074) | 6 month Shortfall (%) 40.1% | People Assisted
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