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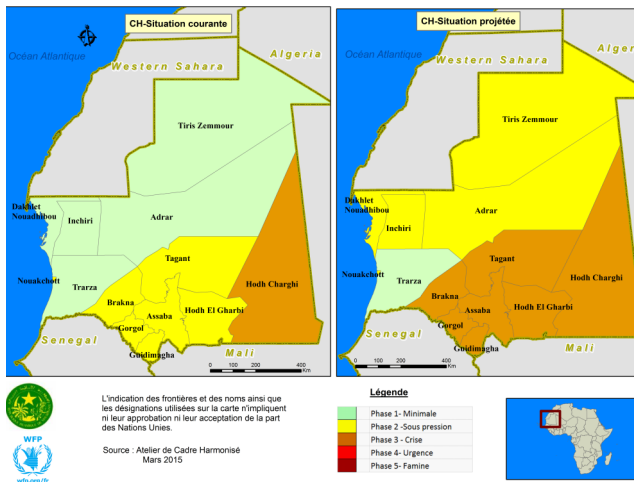
Mauritania

Highlights

- The lean season that started in February/March is extremely difficult for the poorest families.

Situation Update

- Final results of the 2014/2015 agricultural season from the Ministry of Agriculture show an increase of the crop production compared to last year and the last five year average.
- However, compared to the five year average the rain-fed production areas recorded a decrease of 32 percent compared to the last 2013-2014 campaign. This makes food access very difficult for the poorest Mauritanian families.
- As per the latest IPC exercise conducted in March 2015, it is now estimated that 260,000 people are in severe food insecurity and in urgent need of assistance (IPC phase III).
- The situation is expected to continue to deteriorate despite the response of the Government of Mauritania and of the international community.
- By June, some 465,000 people will face food insecurity. This include 21,000 people in extreme food insecurity with an almost total depletion of their livelihood (IPC phase IV) and 443,000 people in severe food insecurity who will not be able to meet their food needs without external assistance (IPC phase III).
- WFP worked with all actors to consolidate a global response plan which should be presented to partners in April 2015.



Mauritania: Food Insecurity Perspective March-June 2015

In numbers

1.3 million Mauritians in Food insecurity (IPC Phase II, III, IV) (IPC, March 2015)

129,761 Children and 7,746 pregnant and nursing women affected by acute malnutrition (SMART, August 2014)

52,566 Malian refugees in Mberra camp (UNHCR, 31 March 2015)

Funding Update

(shortfalls)-March-August 2015

PRRO 200640: US\$22 million

CP 200251: US\$3.1 million

SO 200803-UNHAS: US\$1.5 million

EMOP 200438: US\$1.5 million*

* taking into account the increase in planning figures from 34,000 to 52,500 beneficiaries due to delays in the deactivation process.

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance to Mauritanian Population

- In March 2015, WFP completed distributions to families in severe food insecurity implemented under the joint FAO-IOM-UNDP-WFP programme supported by UN CERF in Guidimakha. From January to March 2015, WFP distributed a monthly food basket composed of cereals, pulses, oil and salt to 27 270 persons; more than 93% of targeted beneficiaries.
- WFP also implemented target supplementary feeding activities to reach up to 9,875 children under 5 and 2,183 PLW suffering from moderate acute

malnutrition and 171 nutrition centre volunteers, in Gorgol and Guidimakha.

- Lack of funding forced WFP to suspend the School Feeding Programme as of March 2015. The school feeding programme was offering a safety net to some 86,719 primary school children from food insecure and vulnerable families.

Emergency assistance to Malian refugees

- In March, critical pipeline breaks hampered the distributions in the camp. WFP was forced to suspend general food distributions to refugees. Emergency School Feeding, treatment and prevention of moderate acute malnutrition among pregnant and nursing women were temporarily suspended.
- WFP was able to use internal mechanisms to mobilized stocks and resume distributions.
- With available funds WFP was able to reach 10.8 percent of intended beneficiaries focusing on most vulnerable.
- WFP provided targeted supplementary feeding to 694 children aged 6-59 months and 123 pregnant and nursing women.
- Over 5,380 children under five and 1,590 pregnant and nursing women benefited from prevention of malnutrition programme.
- Some 4,410 children in pre-primary and primary school received a daily snack via the emergency school feeding.



Logistics

- In March, UNHAS transported 249 humanitarian workers and over 1,167 kg of light cargo in 30 rotations between Nouakchott-Bassikounou-Nema.
- UNHAS facilitated two high level visits in Mberra camp and host population.

Partnerships

- For the implementation of its activities, WFP collaborates with the national coordination body for Food Security (CSA), the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development (MAED), the Ministries of Agriculture and Livestock, the Ministry of health, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development, FAO, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, a member of the CICR and 21 national and international NGO partners.
- Two high-level visits with key donors took place in Mberra camp and host communities.

Resourcing Update

- WFP thanks the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Finland and the European Commission for their generous contributions to the humanitarian air services operation, the assistance to most vulnerable Mauritanians families and the response to Malian refugees, respectively.
- WFP faces a funding gap of US\$28.1 million to cover its operations until the end of September 2015.
- WFP urgently needs to secure flexible funding to continue to provide assistance near to 545 000 food insecure people throughout the lean season. Given the lead time necessary to procure food, WFP needs to receive contribution to procure food to cover for distributions to refugees from September onwards.

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WFP Operations							
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in US\$)	Total received (in US\$)	6 month shortfall* (%)	People Assisted March 2015	
						Planned	Reached
PRRO 200640	7/14-12/16	604,752	87.8	12	62	195,427	39,499
CP 200251	1/12-12/16	242,722	31.6	8.5	94	156,372	—
EMOP 200438	6/12-12/15	—	200.1	136.2	0**	48,000	12,200
SO 200803	1/15-12/15	—	5.5	1.2	71	—	—

* March - August 2015 ** 22 percent -US\$1.5 million including the budget revision

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