



SAHEL – FOOD INSECURITY AND COMPLEX EMERGENCY

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Following the start of seasonal rains, above-average rainfall in parts of the Sahel has resulted in flooding, particularly in Niger. Floods throughout Niger beginning in mid-July have affected more than 400,000 people and resulted in at least 52 deaths as of August 27, according to the U.N. The Government of Niger (GoN) and humanitarian organizations have mobilized emergency relief supplies and food commodities for distribution. On August 28, U.S. Ambassador Bisa Williams issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the floods. In response, USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provided \$50,000 for immediate shelter assistance to flood-affected populations. A USAID/OFDA regional advisor has also traveled to Niger to meet with relief agencies and assess the humanitarian situation.
- Although the rainy season has permitted agricultural activities and improved water availability throughout the Sahel, rains threaten to increase locust infestations in agricultural areas of Chad, Mali, and Niger. On August 29, the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) reported that locusts continue to breed in central and northern Niger and that additional locusts may lay eggs by mid-September. The situation is likely similar in northern Mali, where insecurity continues to hamper locust survey and control efforts. FAO ground survey teams have detected only small, scattered numbers of adult locusts in Chad and Mauritania.
- Recent rains have also heightened the risk of transmission for waterborne diseases, such as cholera, which is endemic to many West and Central African countries. According to U.N. World Health Organization data, the number of cholera cases reported in Niger has risen by more than 70 percent from 2,005 to 3,422 since late June, although only two percent of the cases have resulted in deaths. In addition, the number of reported cases in Sahelian countries account for less than 10 percent of the total number of cases in West and Central Africa to date.
- In response to continuing food insecurity in the Sahel, USAID/OFDA is providing more than \$527,000 for a cash transfer program in The Gambia to help vulnerable households purchase essential goods, including food items, available in local markets. In addition, USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) is providing more than \$16.1 million to support efforts that build food security and foster resilience in Niger.

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED IN FY 2012¹

USAID/OFDA Assistance to the Sahel	\$64,069,841
USAID/FFP Assistance to the Sahel	\$280,185,517
State/PRM ² Assistance to the Sahel	\$34,479,783 ³
Total USAID and State Assistance to the Sahel	\$378,735,141

Context

- Earlier this year, the U.N. estimated that nearly 19 million people in the Sahel were at risk of food insecurity in 2012, of which 8 million people would likely face severe food insecurity and require emergency food assistance, according to national government and U.N. data.
- In FY 2012, the U.S. Government (USG) is responding to disaster declarations in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, The Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal.

Burkina Faso

- During July, northern Burkina Faso continued to experience Crisis—Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) 3—levels of food insecurity, according to the USAID-funded Famine Early Warnings Systems Network (FEWS NET). FEWS

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds

² U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

³ This figure reflects only State/PRM funding for protection and humanitarian assistance for individuals in the region affected by the conflict in Mali. This figure does not include other State/PRM-funded assistance provided to refugees, conflict-affected people, and returning migrants across the rest of West Africa

NET predicts that food security conditions will improve to Stressed—IPC 2—between August and September, due in part to assistance from the Government of Burkina Faso (GoBF) and additional humanitarian aid from donors.

- While vulnerable Burkinabe households continue to face food insecurity resulting from depleted food reserves, ongoing above-average cereal prices, and reduced income levels, the GoBF and partner organizations are providing agricultural inputs, including 9,000 metric tons (MT) of fertilizer and 5,500 MT of seeds, to farmers at subsidized prices to spur increased crop production during the coming harvest.
- To date in FY 2012 in Burkina Faso, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$2.4 million for agriculture and food security interventions, which include increased access to seeds and other agricultural inputs and trainings in improved agricultural and livestock-raising techniques for vulnerable populations. USAID/FFP has also provided more than \$6.8 million in direct food assistance to Burkinabe households affected by food insecurity.

Chad

- While the food security situation in Chad's Sahelian belt is expected to remain stable, vulnerable families will likely continue to experience Stressed—IPC 2—levels of food insecurity in September, according to FEWS NET. During the current lean season, many food-insecure households are dependent on food assistance and wild vegetables.
- With support from USAID/FFP, the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) recently provided food vouchers to approximately 8,200 vulnerable households in Lac and Batha regions of Chad. The families participated in food fairs, where they exchanged the vouchers for three to five-month food supplies. In FY 2012, USAID/FFP has provided nearly \$7.3 million for food voucher programs to benefit food-insecure Chadians.
- Additionally, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$2.8 million for interventions to help improve longer-term food security by training farmers in improved agricultural production and storage techniques, providing increased access to seeds and tools, and encouraging the establishment of community or household gardens, which extend the growing season and diversify diets.

The Gambia

- In The Gambia, low cash crop production during the last harvest season and subsequent reduced household income has resulted in food insecurity. With USAID/OFDA support, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP)—in partnership with Concern Universal—will provide cash transfers to approximately 20,000 people in the country's Upper River Region. This assistance will enable vulnerable families to purchase basic household goods currently available in local markets.

Mali

- In northern Mali, access to goods available in local markets remains limited as household incomes are below-average due ongoing insecurity and drought, while cereal prices are above-average, according to FEWS NET. The recent conflict has also disrupted normal trade flows, although imported foods are available in markets. Conditions in northern Mali should gradually improve from Crisis—IPC 3—levels of food insecurity to Stressed—IPC 2—between August and September, with the expansion of ongoing humanitarian assistance in the north and the coming harvest.
- WFP is providing food assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Gao and Tombouctou regions in northern Mali, with plans to extend aid to Kidal Region through implementing partners. These distributions complement assistance from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which recently began food distributions in Kidal Region. In July, ICRC distributed food commodities to 120,000 people in Gao and Tombouctou regions. The Mali Protection Cluster—the coordinating body for humanitarian protection activities in the country—estimates that approximately 105,000 IDPs are residing in the north.
- In southern Mali, seed shortages may reduce agricultural production levels, with areas of Kayes, Koulikoro, and Mopti regions facing limited availability of sorghum and rice seed, according to FEWS NET. As a result of seed shortages, Government of Mali officials report that rice production could decrease by 20 to 30 percent during the coming harvest when compared to average production levels. To date in FY 2012 in Mali, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$2.3 million for agriculture and food security activities, including the distribution of seeds and agricultural inputs through multiple relief organizations.

Niger

- Preliminary assessments of flood-affected areas in Niger have identified food and shelter as priority needs, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Of the more than 400,000 people affected by floods in Niger, the largest percentage—approximately 42 percent, or 173,000 people—reside in Tillabéri

Region, which is also one of the regions hardest-hit by food insecurity. To date, the GoN has pledged more than 3,500 MT of food for distribution to displaced people and requested assistance from partners in the country to secure an estimated 2,100 MT of additional food commodities.

- To address continuing food insecurity in Niger, USAID/FFP is providing nearly \$12 million for three new programs implemented by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Mercy Corps, and Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US). Supported interventions aim to strengthen food security and reduce chronic malnutrition and include activities that diversify agricultural production, increase the consumption of nutritious foods, and promote the use of improved agricultural and livestock practices. In total, the programs are expected to benefit nearly 750,000 food-insecure people in Maradi and Zinder regions.
- USAID/FFP is also providing more than \$2.1 million to an existing USAID/FFP agricultural and nutrition program implemented by Counterpart International (CPI). USAID/FFP anticipates contributing an additional \$2.1 million to further support food security efforts in Niger.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE SAHEL PROVIDED IN FY 2012¹

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO²			
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	Nutrition	East Region	\$926,997
Africare	Agriculture and Food Security	Sahel Region	\$1,000,000
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security; Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS)	North Region	\$1,332,329
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security; Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management; Nutrition	Countrywide	\$400,000
Helen Keller International (HKI)	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	North Region	\$999,977
Plan USA	Nutrition	Central North Region	\$423,530
SC/US	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Nutrition	Central North Region	\$992,867
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO IN FY 2012			\$6,575,700
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO³			
ACDI/VOCA ⁴	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Center North	\$8,000,000
CRS	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Center North and East Regions	\$8,000,000
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Boucle de Mouhoun, Center North, Center West, East, North, and Sahel Regions	\$6,832,600
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO IN FY 2012			\$22,832,600
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO IN FY 2012			\$29,408,300

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CAMEROON			
UNICEF	Nutrition; WASH	Northern Cameroon	\$1,000,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CAMEROON IN FY 2012			\$1,000,000
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CAMEROON			
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Far North Region	\$1,008,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CAMEROON IN FY 2012			\$1,008,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CAMEROON IN FY 2012			\$2,008,000

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CHAD			
ACF	Nutrition	Bahr el Ghazal Region	\$991,474
ACTED	Agriculture and Food Security; Natural and Technological Risks; WASH	Batha and Sila regions	\$1,100,000
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Ouadaï and Wadi Fira Regions	\$624,664
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Countrywide	\$500,000
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health; Nutrition	Lac Region	\$600,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$50,000
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health; Nutrition	Guéra Region	\$951,473
Merlin	Health; Nutrition	Hadjer-Lamis Region	\$1,292,474
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Eastern Chad	\$300,000
Première Urgence	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Ouadaï Region	\$600,000
Solidarités	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Nutrition; WASH	Batha Region	\$914,333
UNICEF	Nutrition	Batha, Bahr el Ghazal, Hadjer-Lamis, Guéra, Kanem, and Lac Regions	\$1,700,000
World Concern Development Organization (WCDO)	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Ouadaï Region	\$547,001
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Countrywide	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CHAD IN FY 2012			\$10,671,419
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CHAD			
ACTED	Food Vouchers	Sahelian Belt	\$2,767,228
Africare	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Countrywide	\$6,000,000
CRS	Food Vouchers	Ouadaï and Wadi Fira Regions	\$4,504,047
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance; Locally and Regionally Procured (LRP) Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$88,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CHAD IN FY 2012			\$101,271,275
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CHAD IN FY 2012			\$111,942,694

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALI			
Action Against Hunger/U.S. (AAH/USA)	ERMS	Kayes Region	\$559,974
ACDI/VOCA	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Mopti Region	\$1,044,819
ACTED	ERMS; Logistics and Relief Commodities; WASH	Bamako Capital District	\$1,248,809
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security; Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management; Nutrition	Countrywide	\$400,000
HKI	Nutrition	Koulikoro and Sikasso Regions	\$1,157,998

OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
Oxfam/GB	ERMS	Kayes Region	\$1,503,666
SC/US	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Kayes Region	\$999,665
UNICEF	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$1,750,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Countrywide	\$500,000
World Vision	ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Koulikoro Region	\$1,260,211
Multiple NGO partners	Agriculture and Food Security; Health; Logistics and Relief Commodities; Protection; WASH	Gao, Kidal, and Tombouctou Regions	\$3,668,899
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALI IN FY 2012			\$15,094,041
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO MALI			
Africare	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
CRS	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Gao and Mopti Regions	\$2,500,000
CRS	Food Vouchers; Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Mopti Region	\$5,557,652
WFP	Cash Transfers; LRP Emergency Food Assistance	Gao, Kayes, Koulikoro, Mopti, and Tombouctou Regions	\$5,001,190
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$13,643,800
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO MALI IN FY 2012			\$29,202,642
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALI IN FY 2012			\$44,296,683

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA			
AAH/USA	ERMS; Nutrition	Guidimaka Region	\$1,384,119
CPI	ERMS; Nutrition	Assaba and Hodh El Gharbi Regions	\$524,089
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Southern Mauritania	\$800,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$500,000
UNICEF	Nutrition; WASH	Countrywide	\$800,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Countrywide	\$750,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA IN FY 2012			\$4,758,208
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA			
CPI	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Assaba, Gorgol, Guidimaka, and Hodh El Gharbi Regions	\$5,000,000
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Assaba, Brakna, Gorgol, Guidhimakha, Hodh el Gharbi, and Hodh el Chargui Regions	\$5,000,000
WFP	Cash Transfers	Assaba, Brakna, Gorgol, and Guidhimakha Regions; Nouakchott	\$3,000,000
World Vision	Food Vouchers	Assaba Region	\$2,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA IN FY 2012			\$15,000,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA IN FY 2012			\$19,758,208

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO NIGER			
ACTED	ERMS	Tillabéri Region	\$594,935
Africare	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Agadez and Tahoua Regions	\$1,250,183
CLUSA ⁵	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Nutrition	Tahoua and Tillabéri Regions	\$998,664
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Tillabéri Region	\$1,492,959
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Countrywide	\$1,100,000
HKI	Nutrition	Diffa, Dosso, Zinder Regions	\$1,600,000
Humedica	Nutrition	Tillabéri Region	\$631,498
Lutheran World Relief (LWR)	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Tahoua Region	\$599,492
Mercy Corps	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Tillabéri Region	\$1,625,428
Mercy Corps	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Agadez Region	\$800,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$350,000
Oxfam/GB	ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Tahoua and Tillabéri Regions	\$1,200,000
Plan USA	Nutrition	Dosso and Tillabéri Regions	\$655,673
Première Urgence	Health; Nutrition	Niamey	\$600,000
SC/US	ERMS; Nutrition	Maradi and Zinder Regions	\$1,281,027
UNICEF	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
U.S. Embassy in Niamey	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$50,000
Vétérinaires Sans Frontières/Belgium (VSF)	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Tillabéri Region	\$716,811
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Countrywide	\$500,000
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$2,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO NIGER IN FY 2012			\$17,048,670
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO NIGER			
CPI	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Diffa and Zinder Regions	\$5,926,800
CRS	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Maradi and Zinder Regions	\$4,971,800
Mercy Corps	Cash Transfers	Tillabéri Region	\$4,000,000
Mercy Corps	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Maradi and Zinder Regions	\$3,724,200
SC/US	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Maradi Region	\$3,217,300
UNICEF	Cash Transfers; Local Procurement of Nutritional Products	Tahoua Region; Countrywide	\$3,000,000
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance; Cash Transfers; LRP Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$67,053,200

Multiple NGO partners	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Maradi and Zinder Regions	\$2,125,500
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO NIGER IN FY 2012			\$94,018,800
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NIGER IN FY 2012			\$111,067,470

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL			
CECI ⁶	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Matam and St. Louis Regions	\$401,105
CLUSA	ERMS	Bakel, Kedougou, and Matam Regions	\$600,000
CPI	Agriculture and Food Security	Matam Region	\$50,000
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Sédhiou and Ziguinchor Regions	\$972,891
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL IN FY 2012			\$2,023,996
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL			
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$2,796,400
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL IN FY 2012			\$2,796,400
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL IN FY 2012			\$4,820,396

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE GAMBIA			
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Countrywide	\$500,000
FAWEGAM ⁷	Agriculture and Food Security	Countrywide	\$50,000
WFP	ERMS	Upper River Region	\$527,410
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE GAMBIA IN FY 2012			\$1,077,410

SAHEL REGIONAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE²			
AAH/USA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Regional	\$99,215
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Regional	\$2,500,000
IFRC ⁸	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Regional	\$527,825
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Regional	\$500,000
UNICEF	Nutrition	Regional	\$500,000
WFP	Market Analysis and Vulnerability Studies	Regional	\$199,000
WFP	Nutrition	Regional	\$300,000
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Regional	\$1,000,000
	Program Support Costs	Regional	\$194,357
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SAHEL REGIONAL IN FY 2012			\$5,820,397

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Regional	\$14,055,800
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO WEST AFRICA REGIONAL IN FY 2012			\$14,055,800

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE⁹			
ICRC	Emergency Relief Supplies	Mali, Niger	\$2,500,000
Office of the U.N. high Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Refugee Assistance	Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger	\$27,000,000
UNICEF	Education; Health; WASH Services for Refugees	Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and Niger	\$1,100,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Mauritania	\$250,000
Multiple NGO partners	Education; Food; Health; Livelihoods; Protection; Shelter; WASH Assistance for Refugees	Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and Niger	\$3,629,783
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO WEST AFRICA REGIONAL IN FY 2012			\$34,479,783

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²USAID/OFDA funding represents committed or anticipated amounts as of August 31, 2012.

³USAID/FFP funding reflects the estimated value of direct food assistance.

⁴Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA)

⁵The National Cooperative Business Association's Cooperative League of the United States of America (CLUSA)

⁶Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)

⁷Forum for African Women Educationalist Gambia Chapter (FAWEGAM)

⁸International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

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PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for response efforts in the Sahel can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821.1999.
Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.