



Burkina Faso

Joint response 2019–2020



687 460 people were projected to be severely food insecure (June–August 2019)



486 360 people internally displaced people (IDPs), a sharp increase compared with **80 000** in January 2019



80 percent of the population relies on agriculture for their livelihoods



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Since the beginning of 2018, Burkina Faso has been facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. With insecurity rapidly worsening, nearly half a million people have been displaced. Difficult field access, the destruction of production infrastructures, livestock loss and looting, as well as the intensification of intercommunal conflict have hindered market functioning and eroded livelihoods.

Agricultural activities have decreased by 20–70 percent in crisis-affected areas, where there is a 50-percent drop in land cultivation compared with 2017/18. In hosting areas, competition for natural resources is exacerbated by high population concentration, affecting social cohesion and the sustainability of these resources, particularly during the dry season. Displaced and host populations are therefore at risk of facing food shortages and increased prices of staple foods.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP), together with their partners have been providing an immediate response to the most vulnerable households through food assistance and agropastoral production support. In view of growing insecurity and population displacements, the two agencies are working closely with the ministries associated with the food security and nutrition sector (agriculture, animal health, environment and humanitarian action), in order to invest in agricultural and livestock production, which is essential to prevent a further deterioration of the crisis. Until the end of 2019, the priority is to support vulnerable pastoralists and agropastoralists through market gardening and livestock activities during the dry season – an important opportunity to increase food production and prepare for the next rainy season.

Local authorities, including regional and municipal councils, will participate in the targeting process, monitor activities and facilitate access of displaced people to land. Under the direct supervision of FAO and WFP, Non-governmental Organizations and implementing partners will facilitate coordination, logistical support for distribution activities and the organization of beneficiary training.

Growing humanitarian needs are jeopardizing development gains and social cohesion in Burkina Faso. As the crisis has mainly affected rural areas, providing agricultural support is crucial to contribute to strengthening the resilience of affected populations.



to assist
500 000 people



FAO and WFP require
USD 50 million



period
October 2019–May 2020

In Burkina Faso, persistent insecurity and population displacements have severely affected production results, leading to increased household food insecurity. It is crucial to support vulnerable people during the dry season through agricultural and pastoral activities to ensure food stocks and prepare for the next agricultural season.

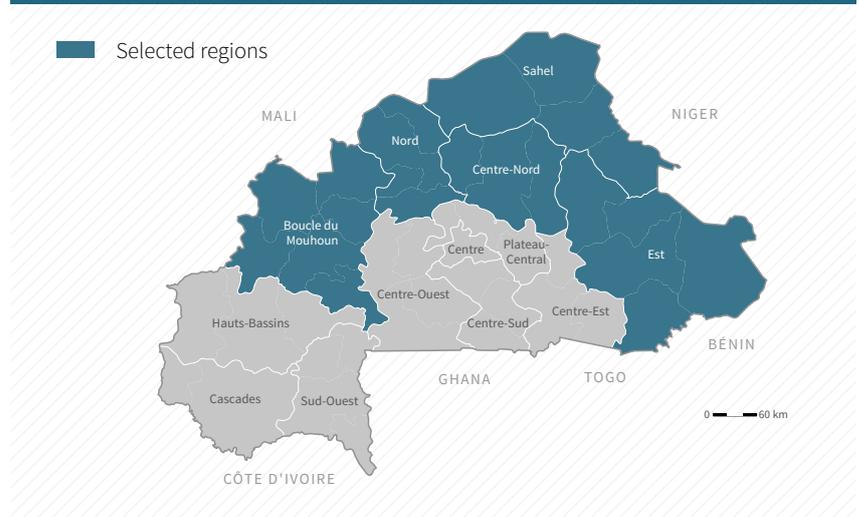
Identification of beneficiaries

Beneficiaries are identified on the basis of a common and participatory list. The targeting methodology will be community-based, taking into account vulnerable and displaced people and host community members' productive capacities; it will prioritize women, youth and people with disabilities.

Objective

To mitigate the social and economic consequences of the security crisis and population displacements by improving households' food security and nutrition and by protecting the livelihoods of IDPs and host communities in Burkina Faso.

Intervention areas



Source: UN, October 2019

Result 1

Agricultural activities for the development of production sites during the dry season are promoted through the provision of short-cycle and highly nutritious seeds as well as cash transfers.

Planned activities:

preservation and recovery of degraded lands | land management | cash transfers | short-cycle and highly nutritious crop production | land tenure arrangements with local authorities

Result 2

The protection of vulnerable pastoralists' livelihoods is ensured.

Planned activities:

establishment of stores and livestock feed banks | provide livestock feed to the poorest pastoralists during the lean season (March–June) | animal health | forage production, mowing and conservation | improvement of grazing areas through cash transfers | animal shelters | capacity building for pastoralists, agropastoralists and livestock technical services | establishment of a network of veterinary auxiliaries for surveillance and to provide basic care



Result 3

Through the implementation of income-generating activities and psychological support, the capacities of women's groups and youth in IDP sites and host communities grow, children's nutrition is improved and social cohesion is strengthened.

Planned activities:

income-generating activities benefiting women's and youth groups | nutrition education and cooking demonstrations | unconditional cash transfers | village savings and loan associations and caisses de résilience activities | energy-efficient equipment and conservation of natural resources

Result 4

Preparatory activities for the 2020/21 rainy season are put in place to generate income and improve agricultural and pastoral production.

Planned activities:

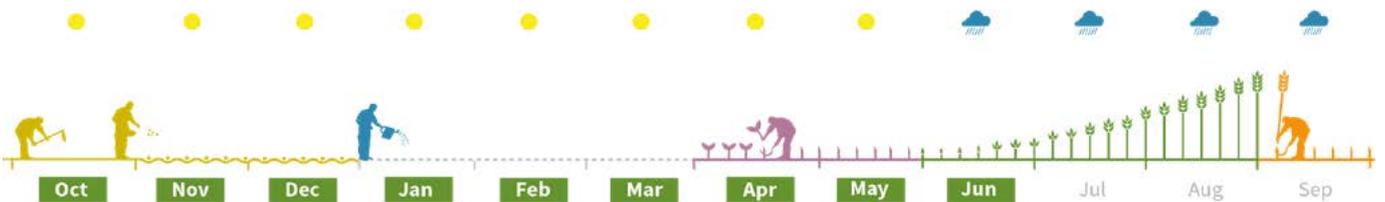
beneficiary selection | identification of degraded sites to be restored | water and soil conservation | soil protection and restoration | cash for work for the rehabilitation of land | seed multiplication | production of short-cycle and highly nutritious seed in preparation of the next rainy season

Result 5

Once the humanitarian needs of IDPs and host communities in crisis-affected areas are identified, a rapid, integrated and coordinated response is developed with local authorities in the food security and nutrition sector.

Planned activities:

enhanced coordination at local, national and regional level | food security and nutrition data collection and analysis | definition of humanitarian priorities and early actions | monthly bulletin on the humanitarian situation and response at the regional level | establishment of a platform for managing beneficiaries and for food and non-food assistance | establishment of a rapid response mechanism to provide food and nutrition assistance, as well as livelihood support | pre-positioning of stocks for emergency response (food, agricultural inputs, veterinary supply and livestock feed)





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Monitoring and evaluation

Joint technical teams from FAO and WFP will ensure that a monitoring and evaluation mechanism is in place. The joint team will benefit from the technical support of experts from FAO and WFP regional offices, as well as from their respective headquarters in Rome, who will carry out missions to supervise project activities throughout implementation.

Planned activities:

regular follow-up of the response plan indicating the activities carried out, the results achieved, the constraints encountered, the conclusions and the recommendations | validation of the beneficiary lists | post-distribution monitoring surveys and a market monitoring study | capitalization of experiences and lessons learned | complaints and accountability mechanism | assessment of the final impact of the response on food security and nutrition, and on beneficiaries' livelihoods

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