



## Background

The food security and nutrition crisis in the Sahel will affect an estimated 18 million people this year, and has put over 1 million children at risk of severe acute malnutrition. Burkina Faso is heavily affected by the crisis since the population is largely dependent on agriculture and livestock rearing as a source of livelihood, particularly in the Sahel region. Sporadic rainfall and insufficient harvests in 2011, as well as high food prices, further deteriorated food security and nutrition in ten regions of the country.

The situation has been compounded by the mass influx of refugees escaping the conflict from northern Mali. As of 26 April 2012, 56 817 Malian refugees have arrived in the country. By the end of 2012, an estimated 100 000 Malian refugees are likely to cross into Burkina Faso.

The Consolidated Appeal for Burkina Faso, officially launched on 21 May 2012 by Valerie Amos during her mission in Burkina Faso, requests a total of **USD 126.1 million** in order to contribute to the Government's efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable communities, ensuring greater linkages with development programmes so as to build the resilience of the population in the medium to longer term.

## Challenges facing food security and livelihoods

In Burkina Faso, the Government has reported a cereal deficit of 154 462 tonnes for the 2011/12 agricultural season, that will leave 58.4 percent of households food insecure owing to drought. Communities in 170 of the 302 rural communes are particularly affected, in 29 provinces and ten regions. The Government has declared that 2.8 million people are at risk of food insecurity in 2012. Moreover, 450 000 children under-five are likely to suffer from moderate acute malnutrition, and 100 000 children under-five may suffer from severe acute malnutrition in 2012.

The most vulnerable population is exposed to high food prices and faces difficulties accessing food. The price of sorghum, maize and millet has increased by 31 percent, 39 percent and 35 percent respectively as compared to the

same period in 2011. Access to food has become a main concern. Many vulnerable families are using negative coping strategies and selling their livestock to cover household food needs, or are consuming seeds needed for the next agricultural season (June 2012).

For pastoralists and livestock farmers, ensuring access to drinking water for cattle is becoming difficult owing to the impact of drought on natural resources. Poorly filled boreholes and lack of pasture have resulted in decreased fodder production and limited fodder stocks. Pasture has been insufficient to cover the

needs of livestock, limiting food availability and negatively impacting the economic resources of communities, as well as their nutrition situation.

Refugees are also adding pressure on host families and their limited resources. Many Malian refugees have arrived with large numbers of livestock (more than 50 000 estimated by FAO) that are in need of health care and food. The limited number of resources may lead to conflict over pasture and water. Currently, the production of milk is almost inexistent and is affecting

refugees' nutrition and food security.

The Sahel crisis has further increased the vulnerability of the population in Burkina Faso, and has diminished their resilience to future crises. Building and strengthening the resilience of communities is key since food and nutrition crises have become more frequent in the region.

## FAO response

Within the framework of the Consolidated Appeal, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) seeks **USD 13 835 000** to restore livelihoods and reduce the vulnerability to malnutrition of farmers, pastoralists, agropastoralists, refugees and their host communities by rehabilitating the agriculture and livestock production capacities of vulnerable households.

### FAO's emergency response activities aim to:

- **reduce vulnerability** to malnutrition through the distribution of vegetable and livestock inputs;
- **restore livelihoods** by promoting income-generating agricultural activities; and
- **strengthen the resilience** of refugee and host communities.





# FAO's COMPONENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED APPEAL FOR BURKINA FASO 2012

Total funding requirements: USD 13 835 million

<b>Project title: Support to the rehabilitation of food insecure vulnerable farmers through vegetable production in Burkina Faso</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> to reduce vulnerability to malnutrition and potential climatic hazards, and to rehabilitate the production capacities of affected at-risk farm families in rural communities through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>distribution of vegetable seeds, fertilizers, phytosanitary products, community sprayers and a watering can; and</li><li>training beneficiaries on good vegetable production practices.</li></ul>	<b>Beneficiaries:</b> 77 000 people, including 40 040 women and 11 550 children (a total of 11 000 households). <b>Implementing partners:</b> ACF, Africare, CISV, Hope 87, AZND, ATAD, AAAE and APRG. <b>Funds requested:</b> USD 2 100 000
<b>Project title: Construction of wells for vegetable gardens/livestock to support food crisis affected households in Burkina Faso</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> to restore the livelihoods of affected farmers (vegetable and cattle farmers) by supporting vegetable and livestock production, as well as income generating activities for families in food insecure regions of Burkina Faso, reducing food insecurity amid high food prices through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>construction and rehabilitation of 100 wells for improved vegetable production; and</li><li>construction of 60 wells and 10 drilling wells for livestock use.</li></ul>	<b>Beneficiaries:</b> 16 800 individuals, including 8 736 women and 2 520 children (a total of 2 400 households). <b>Implementing partners:</b> regional division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources. <b>Funds requested:</b> USD 1 700 000
<b>Project title: Emergency supply of livestock feed and veterinary drugs to support vulnerable breeders in Burkina Faso</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> to reduce vulnerability to malnutrition by supporting livestock productivity and significantly increasing food availability for improved nutrition security through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provision of animal feed;</li><li>provision of veterinary drugs and vaccines for vulnerable households livestock; and</li><li>training beneficiaries on improved livestock rearing and animal destocking practices.</li></ul>	<b>Beneficiaries:</b> 210 000 people, including 109 200 women and 31 500 children (a total of 30 000 households). <b>Implementing partners:</b> Africare, CISV, AZND, ATAD, AAAE, CRUS and APRG. <b>Funds requested:</b> USD 3 600 000
<b>Project title: Addressing food and nutrition crises through support to livestock production and improved animal health – Burkina Faso</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> to rebuild the livestock production capacity of vulnerable households in Burkina Faso amid food insecurity and high food prices through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provision of small ruminants and animal feed;</li><li>reconstituting chicken flocks by providing chicken units and feed; and</li><li>provision of livestock sanitary care; and</li><li>training beneficiaries on good livestock breeding practices.</li></ul>	<b>Beneficiaries:</b> 210 000 people, including 109 200 women and 31 500 children (a total of 30 000 households). <b>Implementing partners:</b> Africare, CISV, AZND, ATAD, AAAE, CRUS and APRG. <b>Funds requested:</b> USD 2 570 000
<b>Project title: Support of food insecure breeders in Burkina Faso through forage production</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> to reduce vulnerability to malnutrition and assist at-risk agropastoralists by supporting forage production and increasing the availability of animal feed, improving household resilience through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provision of forage seeds;</li><li>training beneficiaries on good livestock rearing practices; and</li><li>improve the sale capacity of livestock products.</li></ul>	<b>Beneficiaries:</b> 105 000 individuals, including 54 600 women and 15 750 children (a total of 15 000 households). <b>Implementing partners:</b> Africare, CISV, Reach Italia, ATAD, AAAE, CRUS, ATT. <b>Funds requested:</b> USD 1 203 000
<b>Project title: Emergency assistance to livestock of Mali refugees and host communities in Burkina Faso</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> to reduce the vulnerability of Malian refugees and their host communities, and to maintain livestock productivity and improve household resilience through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provision of small ruminants and forage seeds;</li><li>supply agro-industrial by product;</li><li>provision of veterinary drugs and vaccines; and</li><li>carry out destocking.</li></ul>	<b>Beneficiaries:</b> 94 500 individuals, including 49 140 women and 14 175 children (a total of 13 500 households), <b>Implementing partners:</b> Crus and Reach Italia. <b>Funds requested:</b> USD 2 662 000

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