



URGENT APPEAL

FAO's component of the 2014-2016 inter-agency Strategic Response Plan for the SAHEL



2014 FAO FUNDING REQUIREMENTS: USD 115 MILLION

OVERVIEW

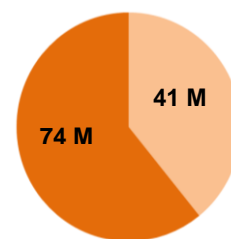
The food and nutrition situation in the Sahel is still of concern with the impact of recent crises in 2005, 2008, 2010 and 2012 holding back the possibilities of vulnerable households to rebuild their livelihoods. In a context of widespread poverty, population explosion, chronic vulnerability and weakened resilience, recurring crises have eroded the productive capacities and the livelihoods of the already vulnerable population. In 2014, more than 20 million people, including many that could not benefit from adequate livelihood support in the past years, remain food and nutrition insecure. Urgent action is required to protect their scarce resources and enable them to continue produce their own food.

CHALLENGES facing agriculture

desert locust threat
soil and water degradation
timely reception of agricultural support
high food prices
drought
floods
population displacements
low productivity

FAO FUNDING NEEDS

115 million USD
including **74 million** needed before April 2014



more than 7.5 million planned beneficiaries (vulnerable farmers, agro-pastoralists, herders)

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

20.2 million food insecure people in January 2014

5 million children expected to suffer from acute malnutrition

>60% of the active population depend on agriculture for their livelihood

FAO Sahel response plan for 2014

3 TOP PRIORITIES FAO RESPONSE PLAN

- Enhance Early Warning Systems, information management and coordination
- Strengthen livelihoods (sustainable agriculture, livestock, fisheries activities) and protect natural resources (smart water and soil management) to help households to better cope with future shocks
- Restore the livelihoods of destitute farmers, agro-pastoralists, pastoralists and fishermen affected by the crisis (cash transfer, agricultural and livestock inputs provision)

FURTHER INFORMATION

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