

Price Monitoring and Analysis Country Brief

Mali

January-April 2011

Key Messages

- A generally good food supply situation is likely to have been the driving force of price stability and decreases in recent months. However nominal prices of millet and rice have reached the levels observed in 2008.
- Food security has improved; however different agencies are concerned over undernourishment levels and serious hunger conditions.
- The country was directly affected by the Ivorian crisis which has forced thousand of refugees to the country.
- The government is rebuilding the national food security reserve and intervention stocks to strengthen its capacity to meet potential future needs for food aid.

Background

The total population is 13 million with a growth rate of 2% per annum. An estimated 51% of the population lives below the poverty line of 1 \$ per day, and about 12% is estimated to be undernourished.

| Economic Indicators | View Data |
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| Total Population (millions) - 2009 (WB) | 13.01 |
| Population growth rate - 2009 (WB) | 2% |
| GNI per capita, \$ PPP - 2009 (WB) | 1190 |
| Population below 1\$ PPP per day - 2006 (MDGI) | 51% |
| Rural population - 2009 (WB) | 67% |
| Agriculture, value added (% of GDP) - 2007 (WB) | 36% |

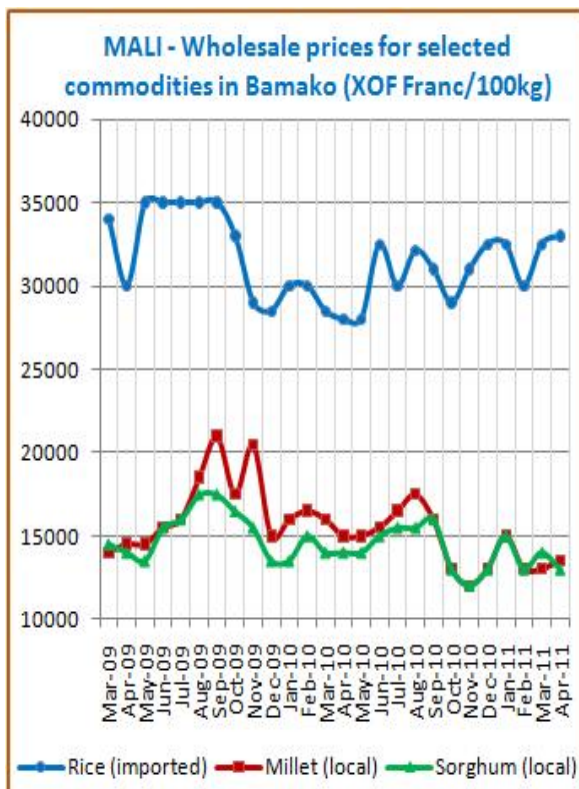
| Food Consumption | |
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| Undernourished Population - 2005/2007 (FAO) | 12% |
| Cereal share in total dietary energy consumption - 2007 (FAO) | 67% |
| Meat share in total dietary energy consumption - 2007 (FAO) | 3% |

| Health Indicators | |
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| Pop. with sustainable access to improved sanitation - 2008 (WHO) | 36% |
| Life expectancy at birth (years) both sexes - 2008 (WHO) | 49 |
| Pop. with access to improved drinking water sources - 2008 (WHO) | 56% |
| Prevalence of HIV among adults aged >= 15 years - 2009 (WHO) | 1.0% |

Prices

Cereals: In Bamako, sorghum prices increased by 15% (Dec/Jan), then dropped by 13% and 10% in April to 13000 and 13500 Franc/100Kg respectively. Imported rice prices have gradually increased since Feb and were at 33000 in April. This is some 149% above prices of Rice Thai A1 Super. In Kayes, millet prices dropped by 12% in April (15000); sorghum prices increased by 8% and then stabilized at 14000 in March/April. Imported rice remained at 31000 in recent months.

Livestock: In April, livestock prices, particularly that of small ruminants, were generally decreasing compared to that of March. On the other hand, in Western Sahel regions of Koulikoro and Kayes, prices were stable or increasing.



Source: [GIEWS Country Briefs](#)

Food Security Situation Assessment

FEWSNET estimates good food security conditions thanks to good 2010/11 harvests, with the majority of poor and very poor households not experiencing high food insecurity through June. Prospects of moderate food insecurity are expected in Kidal and Gao regions during the pastoral lean season starting in April and running through July. The FAO hunger map reports moderately low food insecurity and IFPRI Hunger Index describes a serious hunger problem in Mali.

CURRENT EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT

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| Exceptional shortfall in aggregate food production supplies | Widespread lack of access | Severe localized food insecurity | FAO/GIEWS CPFS 2010 |
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Grain markets are supplied normally mostly from local production, further evidence of the good cereal production in the country. The return of Malian nationals (men, women and children) and refugees from Abidjan increases market cereal demand ...[more](#) [FEWSNET](#)

SCALE OF HUNGER (% of Undernourishment)

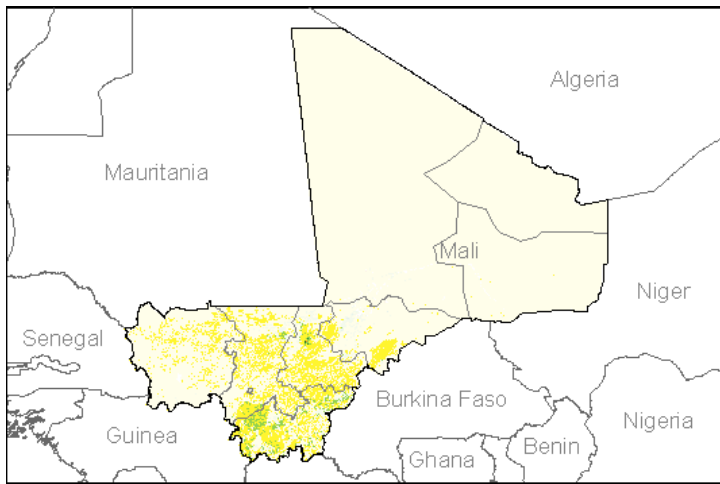
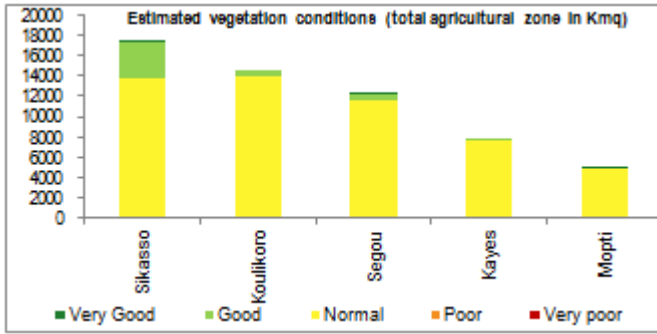
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| Very high (>= 35%) | High (25-34%) | Moderately high (15-24%) | Moderately low (5-14%) | Very low (< 5% under.) | FAO Hunger Map |
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FAO Hunger Map classifies all countries of the world into five based on % of population undernourished.

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| Extremely alarming | Alarming | Serious | Moderate | Low | IFPRI/2010 GHI |
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Vegetation Condition

At the beginning of the rainy season, normal to good conditions are observed throughout the country. The general indicator of vegetation condition provided below is the relative difference between the NDVI for April 2011 and the average of the last 10 years, calculated on the agricultural zones derived from the Cropland Use Intensity dataset (USGS, 1988).



Source: JRC MARS – FoodSec

Crop phase in the reference period

- Sowing** No crops are sowed during the reference period
- Growing** Irrigated rice
- Harvesting** Irrigated rice - Rainfed rice

Natural Disasters, Drought and Conflicts

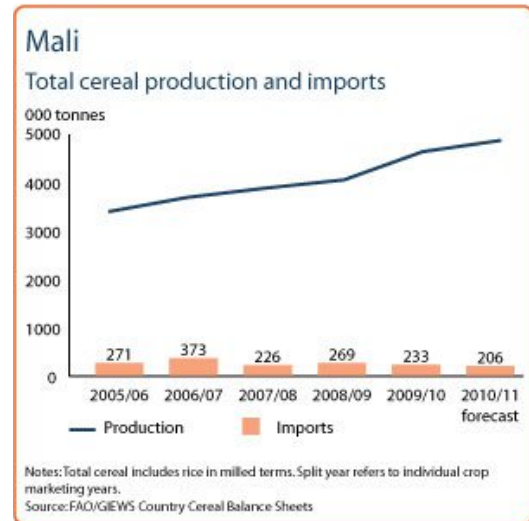
The risk of civil security threats from Al Qaeda in Islamic North Africa (AQMI) remains unchanged. The crisis in Cote d'Ivoire caused major displacement, with refugees also in Mali. Moreover the country is still struggling with persistent effects of last year's flooding in north-eastern Mali in August and September 2010.

| Refugees and IDPs | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total in the country | 11113 | 11494 | 15244 |
| Total outside the country | 5130 | 2508 | 3692 |

Source: UNHCR Statistical Online Population Database, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Data extracted on 01/12/2010.

Food Balance Sheet

The 2010/11 production is forecast at approximately 6.4 million MT. This represents some 22% increase from the 2009/10 output and some 57% increase from the five year average. Imports for 2010/11 marketing year (November/October) are forecast at 206,000 tonnes, 12% below 2009/10 imports and 25 % below the five year average.



Notes: Total cereal includes rice in milled terms. Split year refers to individual crop marketing years. Source: FAO/GIEWS Country Cereal Balance Sheets

Source: GIEWS Country Briefs

Government Policies

Procurements of grain for rebuilding the national food security reserves are underway: the government planned to procure 7.200 tonnes of millet and WFP also buying some 15,000 tonnes for food programmes. As of January 2011, the level of this reserve was at 19,326.10 MT of millet /sorghum, with an upper limit of 35,000 MT. The national intervention stock is at 19,804 MT of millet/sorghum/rice.

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| Consumer and market oriented measures | Building stocks |
| Producer oriented measures | n.a. |
| Trade policy measures | n.a. |
| Safety net (increased or introduced) | n.a. |

Different sources

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