



In numbers



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



587 000 children at risk
of malnutrition



289 590 people internally
displaced, of whom the majority live
with host communities



USD 11.6 million
required by FAO by December 2019



It is crucial to support vulnerable populations during the dry season through agricultural and livestock production activities in order to allow them to establish food stocks and to prepare for the next agricultural season.

Key points

- Given the resurgence of violence in Burkina Faso, agricultural activities have dropped by 20–70 percent in crisis-affected areas where half of the land will not be cultivated compared with 2017/18. Decreased livestock production has also been observed, which increases the levels of food insecurity and malnutrition among vulnerable populations.
- The upcoming dry season is an opportunity to significantly increase the food production of vulnerable families and promote their self-reliance in order to avoid increased dependency on humanitarian aid.
- In collaboration with the World Food Programme, the two agencies have developed a joint response plan requiring USD 50 million to address the immediate needs of 500 000 crisis-affected people – both displaced and host communities – through cash-for-work activities and agricultural production support during the dry season.

Planned response for dry-season activities (until December 2019)

Agriculture component: 4 400 households (26 400 people) targeted procurement and distribution of seeds (baobab, moringa, onion and tomato), tools (hoes and watering cans) and fertilizers | training in production techniques

Livestock component: 9 593 households (57 558 people) targeted vaccination and deworming of 15 800 cattle and of 39 300 small ruminants | distribution of livestock feed | livestock restocking | construction of shelters | training in production techniques

Response to date in the North, Centre-North and Sahel regions



Provided seeds and fertilizers to 6 328 households (37 698 people)

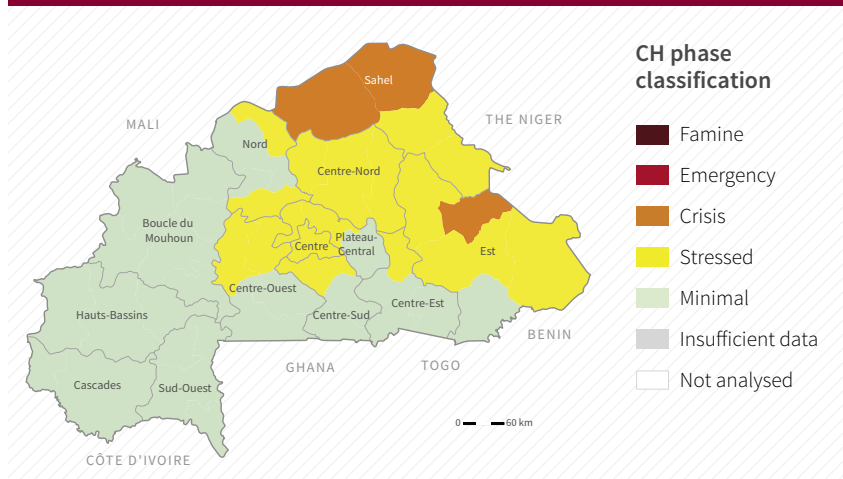


Provided unconditional cash transfers to 10 000 households (60 000 people)



Implemented cash for work benefiting 4 000 households (24 000 people) to rehabilitate agricultural and agroforestry land

Projected food insecurity and malnutrition situation (June–August 2019)



Source: *Cadre Harmonisé*, April 2019

Challenges facing food security and agriculture

Burkina Faso is experiencing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, mainly due to the resurgence of violence by armed groups and increased intercommunal conflict. Persistent insecurity in the northern and eastern parts of the country have triggered population displacements that are expected to reach over 333 000 people before the end of the year. Difficulties in accessing fields, the destruction of production infrastructure, and looting and loss of livestock have disrupted market functioning and households' livelihoods.

Agricultural activities have decreased by 20–70 percent in crisis-affected areas where half of the land will not be cultivated 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.

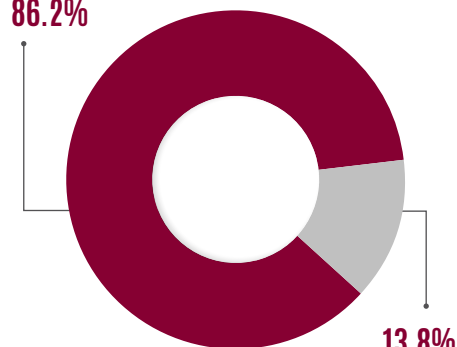
As about 80 percent of the country's population relies on crop and livestock production for their livelihoods, it is essential to support vulnerable pastoral and agropastoral families during the lean season through vegetable and livestock activities in order to not only ensure food stocks but also to produce seeds for the next rainy season.

Funding

FUNDING GAP

USD 10 million

86.2%



13.8%

FUNDING TO-DATE

USD 1.6 million



FAO requires

USD 11.6 million

by December 2019



to assist

323 385 people

Resource partners

The Government of France, the Central Emergency Response Fund and the Special Fund for Emergency and Rehabilitation Activities

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