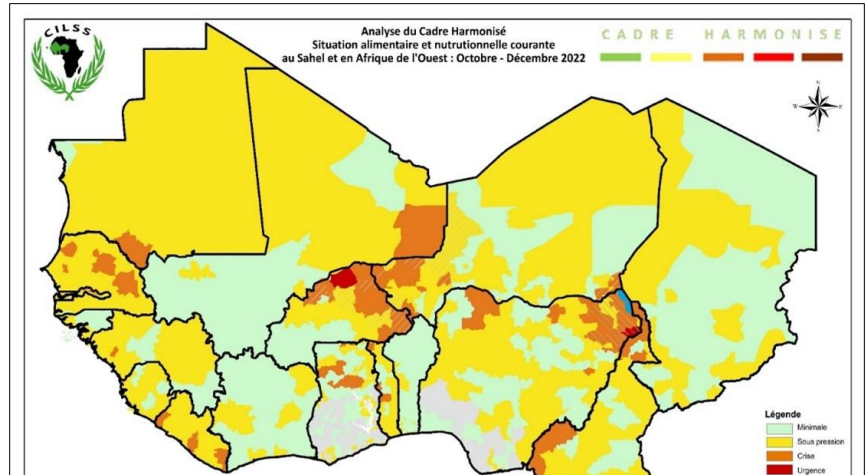




**Regional project to
enhance preparedness and
response to increased
acute food insecurity of
vulnerable households
through improved
coordination in the Sahel
and West Africa**



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USD 300 000



IMPLEMENTATION
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TARGET AREA
18 countries in West Africa and the Sahel



BENEFICIARIES
Food security and nutrition stakeholders, including regional bodies and institutions



KEY PARTNERS
National governments and regional organizations, such as the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS); United Nations agencies, including the World Food Programme (WFP); the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including Action Against Hunger, Save the Children and Oxfam; and other stakeholders in the subregion, such as the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWSNET) and the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture (GIEWS).

Objective

To scale up humanitarian and resilience response by strengthening national capacities on innovative approaches to food security and resilience analysis, and regional coordination in West Africa and the Sahel.

Activities implemented

- Coordinated the participation of FAO country offices in two joint national crop assessments (October 2021 and October 2022), carried out by FAO along with the governments, CILSS, FEWSNET, WFP and other partners, and provided financial and technical support to certain countries such as Nigeria and Sierra Leone to conduct the assessments.
- Contributed to the market assessment carried out in February 2022; coordinated the participation of FAO offices; participated directly to the regional monitoring team for the western basin in Senegal, Mauritania and the Gambia; and provided information on international market trends in collaboration with GIEWS on a monthly basis.
- Contributed technically and financially to monitoring the food security and nutrition situation in the context of COVID-19 and released five related newsletters.
- Developed three joint briefing notes with WFP on market trends.
- Participated in and chaired four Technical Committees of the Cadre Harmonisé (CH) analysis meetings in Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Cabo Verde and Togo; and contributed to various activities such as reviewing the CH technical guidance notes, setting up the CH manual revision team, and finalizing an updated version of the CH manual (version 3.0).
- Facilitated training workshops on CH 2.0, benefiting 418 people (286 people trained in Level 1 [analyst] and 132 in Level 2 [facilitator]) from governments, country national analysis members, civil society, international NGOs and regional partners.
- Provided financial support for 12 CH analysis workshops in Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Togo; co-facilitated along with regional partners the national CH analyses in Cameroon, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso and Senegal; actively participated in CH regional consolidation meetings in the Gambia and Benin.
- Carried out four joint resilience analyses in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Senegal.
- Contributed to the 2021 and 2022 Global Reports on Food Crises regarding the number of people facing acute food insecurity in West Africa and the Sahel, based on CH results; and reviewed the analysis on the key drivers of acute food insecurity in the region.
- Coordinated the technical preparation of a three-day meeting in September 2022, organized jointly with CILSS and with the contribution of WFP; collected and gathered the main regional and country anticipatory actions and partners, with more than 50 participants; and developed a joint road map.

Results

- Contributed to essential crop and market assessments, allowing countries to estimate the preliminary agropastoral production trends and figures that are critical to food security in the region, and to monitor areas at risk of food insecurity, focusing especially on the functionality of livestock markets in pastoral and non-pastoral areas.
- Promoted the importance of thorough interpretation of food security results, as well as the formulation of assumptions based of the evidence, experiences and knowledge of the areas; and provided leadership for the implementation of a comprehensive capacity-building plan for the Technical Committee of the CH.
- Improved advocacy for enhanced capacity building plan for CH analysis.
- Enabled mutual understanding and cohesion among key actors of food security and nutrition sector and provided a better understanding of the information and tools needed to implement anticipatory actions, thanks to the three-day meeting that took place.
- Contributed to improving food security and nutrition and enhancing risk reduction for affected populations in West Africa and the Sahel through better coordination, food security and resilience analysis, promotion of innovative ways to build resilience, knowledge management and information sharing.
- Contributed to improving the quality of food security analysis, using CH tool, thanks to the technical support provided for the development and finalization of the CH manual version 3.0 and the organization of training workshop sessions, the results of which are being used to develop and implement response plans as well as resilience programming.

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