



SAHEL – FOOD INSECURITY AND COMPLEX EMERGENCY

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- This week, Assistant Administrator for USAID’s Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (AA/DCHA) Nancy Lindborg traveled to the Sahel Region and met with host governments and affected communities, as well as U.N. representatives and non-governmental organization (NGO) partners, to discuss food insecurity and the impact of conflict in northern Mali on vulnerable populations across the Sahel. AA/DCHA Lindborg emphasized that building resilience is necessary to mitigate the impact of the ongoing crises and reduce the need for humanitarian assistance.
- In central and northern Niger, desert locust eggs have begun to hatch, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Hatching has also likely commenced in northern Mali; however, insecurity has hampered information-gathering efforts. Ground survey teams have detected small numbers of locusts in Chad and Mauritania, while no locusts have been identified in surveyed areas of Segou or Mopti regions in central Mali as of July 26.
- On July 12, U.S. President Barack Obama authorized the use of up to \$10 million from the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to help meet urgent humanitarian needs resulting from insecurity in northern Mali. The U.S. Department of State Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) is using the emergency funds to support ongoing Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) efforts to assist Malian refugees and displaced individuals in the region.
- To assist populations in the Sahel affected by conflict and food insecurity, USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) is providing nearly \$5.5 million for additional programs in Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal that improve food security, nutritional status, the availability of income-generating opportunities, and access to emergency health care for affected populations.

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED IN FY 2012 ¹	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to the Sahel	\$58,532,960
USAID/FFP ² Assistance to the Sahel	\$264,021,217
State/PRM Assistance to the Sahel	\$30,850,000 ³
Total USAID and State Assistance to the Sahel	\$353,404,177

Context

- Nearly 19 million people in the Sahel are at risk of food insecurity, of which 8 million people currently face severe food insecurity and require emergency food assistance in 2012, according to national government and U.N. data.
- In FY 2012, the USG is responding to disaster declarations in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, The Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal.

Regional

- FAO anticipates a significant rise in locust populations in Mali and Niger in the coming month, as recent heavy rains in northern areas of the two countries have encouraged locust breeding and hatching. A locust outbreak could threaten crops in Mali, Niger, and other areas of the Sahel during the August-to-December harvest season. Locust swarms may move into Algeria, Libya, and Mauritania by October. FAO reported plans to deploy additional survey teams to central and northern Niger, as well as parts of northern Mali, to track the situation more closely.

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

² USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

³ This figure reflects only State/PRM funding for protection and humanitarian assistance for individuals in the region affected by the conflict in Mali. This figure does not include other State/PRM-funded assistance provided to refugees, conflict-affected people, and returning migrants across the rest of West Africa.

- In response to a late June FAO appeal for funds to conduct emergency anti-locust interventions in Chad, Mali, and Niger, USAID/OFDA provided \$2 million to FAO in support of locust survey and control activities in the region from July to August.

Burkina Faso

- Assistant Secretary of State (A/S) for State/PRM Anne Richard traveled to Burkina Faso this week to assess the humanitarian conditions among Malian refugees residing in the country. Accompanied by U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres, A/S Richard visited Damba refugee camp in the northern province of Soum on August 1. Northern regions host the majority of Burkina Faso's 108,000 refugees and face the country's highest levels of food insecurity.
- To respond to the needs of food-insecure populations, the Government of Burkina Faso (GoBF) plans to provide food assistance to vulnerable populations during the June-to-September lean season. At present, the GoBF reports having mobilized approximately 30,000 metric tons (MT) of emergency food assistance for food-insecure families.
- USAID/FFP has committed nearly 7,650 MT of food assistance to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) in Burkina Faso. As of July 18, WFP had dispatched approximately 3,000 MT to distribution points for delivery to food-insecure Burkinabe and refugees from Mali, with an additional 2,000 MT in transit from the nearest regional port.

Chad

- More than 75 percent of surveyed rural villages in Bahr el Ghazal, Batha, Guera, and Sila regions across Chad's Sahelian belt reported receiving humanitarian food assistance, according to a U.N. rapid food security assessment conducted in June. The highest levels of food insecurity in the country remain concentrated in the aforementioned regions, as well as the western region of Kanem, the U.N. reports.
- USAID/FFP partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) reports that more than 10,000 vulnerable households in Ouaddaï and Wadi Fira regions in eastern Chad have received USAID/FFP-sponsored food vouchers. With additional USAID/FFP assistance, the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) has distributed food vouchers to nearly 6,000 people—more than 70 percent of targeted beneficiaries to date—in Batha and Lac regions. Vouchers allow food-insecure families to access basic foods available in local markets.

Mali

- AA/DCHA Lindborg arrived in Mali on July 31 and met with U.S. Government (USG) officials, the Government of Mali, international donors, and U.N. and NGO partners to discuss insecurity in northern Mali and humanitarian response in the country. On August 1, AA/DCHA Lindborg traveled to Mopti Region to visit USAID programs assisting vulnerable populations, including food-insecure individuals and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- On July 14, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in cooperation with the Mali Red Cross, commenced general food distributions in Mali's northern Gao and Tombouctou regions, with plans to expand distribution to Kidal Region. ICRC reports that more than 160,000 vulnerable Malians will receive essential household food items, including rice, semolina, beans, oil, and salt, while approximately 42,000 farmers in Gao, Mopti, and Tombouctou regions will receive rice and sorghum seeds for use during the ongoing planting season.
- With more than \$770,000 in USAID/OFDA support, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) worked in collaboration with the Mali Protection Cluster—the coordinating body for protection-related activities in Mali—to conduct profiling surveys of IDP settlements in July to increase the humanitarian community's awareness of IDP needs. In Bamako, nearly 90 percent of the more than 11,000 IDPs surveyed had fled Gao and Tombouctou regions in northern Mali, and 70 percent were residing with host families at the time of the survey. Most urgent humanitarian needs include food aid, emergency relief commodities, and cash-based assistance.
- USAID/OFDA recently provided more than \$1.2 million to ACTED to assist IDPs and host communities in Bamako by improving sanitation conditions and distributing emergency relief items and cash.
- With the majority of food-insecure Malians residing in the south, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$560,000 to Action Against Hunger/U.S. (AAH/USA) to redirect activities to vulnerable households in Kita District, Kayes Region. USAID/OFDA will support the distribution of cash transfers that allow families to cover basic needs and access services such as health care during the lean season, benefiting up to 5,200 people.
- WFP recently delivered approximately 3,200 MT of corn-soy blend and 260 MT of lentils provided by USAID/FFP to Bamako for distribution to drought-affected and conflict-displaced Malians. In addition, a total of 650 MT of bulgur for onward transport to distribution points in Koulikoro Region, southern Mali, and distribution to approximately 19,800 food-insecure people has arrived at the port in Lomé, Togo. This week, USAID/FFP partner

CRS commenced distribution of USAID/FFP-provided food commodities, including bulgur, vegetable oil, and peas, to more than 34,000 vulnerable individuals in Mopti Region.

Mauritania

- To accommodate refugees arriving from Mali, UNHCR and the Government of Mauritania have agreed to open a second refugee camp in Aghor, located 17 km from Mbera camp and 35 km from the nearest airstrip in Bassikounou. Approximately 9,000 of the more than 96,400 Malian refugees currently residing in Mbera camp intend to relocate to the new site along with newly arriving refugees, according to UNHCR. As of July 15, UNHCR and implementing partners had cleared 10 hectares of land and begun installation of tents and water and sanitation infrastructure at the Aghor site.
- USAID/OFDA is providing more than \$1.2 million through AAH/USA to improve child nutrition in Mauritania and support farming household planting activities during the ongoing agricultural season. Through cash transfers, USAID/OFDA aims to help nearly 17,000 vulnerable individuals in Guidimaka Region meet basic needs and develop income-generating opportunities. The program will also strengthen local nutrition management by training health workers, providing basic equipment, and conducting nutrition screenings.

Niger

- To assist food-insecure pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in Niger’s western Tillabéri Region, USAID/OFDA is contributing an additional \$500,000 to a Mercy Corps program, bringing total USAID/OFDA funding for the program to more than \$1.6 million. The program aims to provide cash transfers to 2,000 vulnerable households—or approximately 14,000 individuals—to help meet food and other basic needs during the lean season. Cash transfers reduce the likelihood of pastoralists selling animal assets to purchase food and allow agro-pastoralists to tend their own fields instead of searching for work on other farms.

Senegal

- USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$400,000 to the Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) to support agricultural activities and cash transfers for nearly 16,000 vulnerable people in Matam and Saint-Louis regions in northern Senegal. Through CECI, USAID/OFDA will supply vouchers for agricultural inputs to households affected by food insecurity, particularly female-headed households and households with elderly members, and training program participants in vegetable gardening and improved cultivation techniques. The project will also provide cash vouchers to vulnerable households, enabling them to purchase the goods to meet immediate, basic needs without depleting household resources.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE SAHEL PROVIDED IN FY 2012¹

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO²			
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	Nutrition	East Region	\$926,997
Africare	Agriculture and Food Security	Sahel Region	\$1,000,000
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security; Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS)	North Region	\$1,332,329
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security; Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management; Nutrition	Countrywide	\$400,000
Helen Keller International (HKI)	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	North Region	\$999,977
Plan USA	Nutrition	Central North Region	\$423,530
Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US)	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Nutrition	Central North Region	\$992,867
U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF)	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO IN FY 2012			\$6,575,700

USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO³			
ACDI/VOCA ⁴	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Center North	\$8,000,000
CRS	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Center North and East Regions	\$8,000,000
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Boucle de Mouhoun, Center North, Center West, East, North, and Sahel Regions	\$6,832,600
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO IN FY 2012			\$22,832,600
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURKINA FASO IN FY 2012			\$29,408,300

USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CAMEROON			
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Far North Region	\$1,008,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CAMEROON IN FY 2012			\$1,008,000

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CHAD			
ACF	Nutrition	Bahr el Ghazal Region	\$991,474
ACTED	Agriculture and Food Security; Natural and Technological Risks; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Batha and Sila Regions	\$1,100,000
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Ouadaï and Wadi Fira Regions	\$624,664
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Countrywide	\$500,000
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health; Nutrition	Lac Region	\$600,000
IOM	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$50,000
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health; Nutrition	Guéra Region	\$1,000,000
Merlin	Health; Nutrition	Hadjer-Lamis Region	\$1,292,474
U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Eastern Chad	\$300,000
Première Urgence	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Ouadaï Region	\$600,000
Solidarités	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Nutrition; WASH	Batha Region	\$914,333
UNICEF	Nutrition	Batha, Bahr el Ghazal, Hadjer-Lamis, Guéra, Kanem, and Lac Regions	\$700,000
World Concern Development Organization (WCDO)	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Ouadaï Region	\$547,001
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Countrywide	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CHAD IN FY 2012			\$9,719,946
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CHAD			
ACTED	Food Vouchers	Sahelian Belt	\$2,767,228
Africare	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Countrywide	\$6,000,000
CRS	Food Vouchers	Ouadaï and Wadi Fira Regions	\$4,504,047

WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance; Locally and Regionally Procured (LRP) Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$88,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CHAD IN FY 2012			\$101,271,275
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CHAD IN FY 2012			\$110,991,221

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALI			
AAH/USA	ERMS	Kayes Region	\$559,974
ACDI/VOCA	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Mopti Region	\$1,044,819
ACTED	ERMS; Logistics and Relief Commodities; WASH	Bamako Capital District	\$1,248,809
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security; Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management; Nutrition	Countrywide	\$400,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
Oxfam/GB	ERMS	Kayes Region	\$1,503,666
SC/US	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Kayes Region	\$999,665
UNICEF	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$750,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Countrywide	\$500,000
World Vision	ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Koulikoro Region	\$1,260,211
Multiple Partners	Agriculture and Food Security; Health; Logistics and Relief Commodities; Protection; WASH	Gao, Kidal, and Tombouctou Regions	\$3,668,899
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALI IN FY 2012			\$12,936,043
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO MALI			
Africare	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
CRS	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Gao and Mopti Regions	\$2,500,000
CRS	Food Vouchers; Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Mopti Region	\$5,557,652
WFP	Cash Transfers; LRP Emergency Food Assistance	Gao, Kayes, Koulikoro, Mopti, and Tombouctou Regions	\$5,001,190
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$13,643,800
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO MALI IN FY 2012			\$29,202,642
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALI IN FY 2012			\$42,138,685

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA			
AAH/USA	ERMS; Nutrition	Guidimaka Region	\$1,384,119
Counterpart International (CPI)	ERMS; Nutrition	Assaba and Hodh El Gharbi Regions	\$524,089
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Southern Mauritania	\$800,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$500,000
UNICEF	Nutrition; WASH	Countrywide	\$550,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Countrywide	\$750,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA IN FY 2012			\$4,508,208

USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA			
CPI	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Assaba, Gorgol, Guidimaka, and Hodh El Gharbi Regions	\$5,000,000
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Assaba, Brakna, Gorgol, Guidhimakha, Hodh el Gharbi, and Hodh el Chargui Regions	\$5,000,000
WFP	Cash Transfers	Assaba, Brakna, Gorgol, and Guidhimakha Regions; Nouakchott	\$3,000,000
World Vision	Food Vouchers	Assaba Region	\$2,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA IN FY 2012			\$15,000,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA IN FY 2012			\$19,508,208

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO NIGER			
ACTED	ERMS	Tillabéri Region	\$594,935
Africare	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Agadez and Tahoua Regions	\$1,250,183
CLUSA ⁵	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Nutrition	Tahoua and Tillabéri Regions	\$998,664
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Tillabéri Region	\$1,492,959
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Countrywide	\$1,100,000
HKI	Nutrition	Diffa, Dosso, Zinder Regions	\$1,600,000
Humedica	Nutrition	Tillabéri Region	\$631,498
Lutheran World Relief (LWR)	Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Tahoua Region	\$599,492
Mercy Corps	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Tillabéri Region	\$1,625,428
Mercy Corps	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Agadez Region	\$800,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$350,000
Oxfam/GB	ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Tahoua and Tillabéri Regions	\$1,200,000
Plan USA	Nutrition	Dosso and Tillabéri Regions	\$655,673
SC/US	ERMS; Nutrition	Maradi and Zinder Regions	\$1,281,027
UNICEF	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
Vétérinaires Sans Frontières/Belgium (VSF)	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Tillabéri Region	\$716,811
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Countrywide	\$500,000
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$2,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO NIGER IN FY 2012			\$16,398,670
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO NIGER			
CPI	Title II Agriculture and Food Security; Nutrition	Diffa and Zinder Regions	\$3,801,300
Mercy Corps	Cash Transfers	Tillabéri Region	\$4,000,000
UNICEF	Cash Transfers; Local Procurement of Nutritional Products	Tahoua Region; Countrywide	\$3,000,000
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance; Cash Transfers; LRP Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$67,053,200

TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO NIGER IN FY 2012	\$77,854,500
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NIGER IN FY 2012	\$94,253,170

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL			
CECI	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS	Matam and St. Louis Regions	\$401,105
CPI	Agriculture and Food Security	Matam Region	\$50,000
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security; ERMS; Natural and Technological Risks	Sédhiou and Ziguinchor Regions	\$972,891
USAID/Senegal	ERMS	Bakel, Kedougou, and Matam Regions	\$600,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL IN FY 2012			\$2,023,996

USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL			
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$2,796,400
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL IN FY 2012			\$2,796,400
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL IN FY 2012			\$4,820,396

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE GAMBIA			
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	The Gambia	\$500,000
FAWEGAM ⁶	Agriculture and Food Security	The Gambia	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE GAMBIA IN FY 2012			\$550,000

SAHEL REGIONAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE²			
AAH/USA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Regional	\$99,215
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Regional	\$2,500,000
IFRC ⁷	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Regional	\$527,825
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Regional	\$500,000
UNICEF	Nutrition	Regional	\$500,000
WFP	Market Analysis and Vulnerability Studies	Regional	\$199,000
WFP	Nutrition	Regional	\$300,000
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Regional	\$1,000,000
	Program Support Costs	Regional	\$194,357
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SAHEL REGIONAL IN FY 2012			\$5,820,397

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Regional	\$14,055,800
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO WEST AFRICA REGIONAL IN FY 2012			\$14,055,800

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
ICRC	Emergency Relief Supplies	Mali, Niger	\$2,500,000
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance	Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger	\$27,000,000
UNICEF	Education; Health; WASH Services for Refugees	Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and Niger	\$1,100,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Mauritania	\$250,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO WEST AFRICA REGIONAL IN FY 2012			\$30,850,000

TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE SAHEL IN FY 2012	
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² USAID/OFDA funding represents committed or anticipated amounts as of August 3, 2012.

³ USAID/FFP funding reflects the estimated value of direct food assistance.

⁴ Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA)

⁵ The National Cooperative Business Association's Cooperative League of the United States of America (CLUSA)

⁶ Forum for African Women Educationalist Gambia Chapter (FAWEGAM)

⁷ International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for response efforts in the Sahel can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821.1999.
Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.