

Monthly Humanitarian Situation Report: UNICEF Chad*January 2013***Highlights**

For 2012, the annual caseload of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) across the Sahel Band was estimated at 127,300 children under five years of age, based on August 2011 nutrition survey results. As of December, 146,685 cases of SAM have been admitted for treatment (115.2%). According to the last nutrition survey with SMART methods, the GAM rate is 18.9% in June 2012 across the Sahel belt; UNICEF and the nutrition cluster estimate that 126,000 children will suffer from severe acute malnutrition in 2013 in the Sahel belt of Chad.

- A slight decrease in admissions for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) was noted in the last trimester 2012. This seems to be a normal trend as we are approaching the end of the hunger gap season.
- UNICEF is currently supporting 426 centres in the Sahel belt of which there are 32 inpatient facilities (IPFs) for treatment of SAM with complications and 394 OTPs for outpatient treatment.
- A partnership between child protection, health and nutrition was established to integrate psychosocial care and support for malnourished children in nutrition centres.
- More than 700,000 people are affected by flooding nationwide, with 70,000 people displaced.
- A yellow fever outbreak in Eastern Chad; 04 cases have been confirmed on December 2012
- An estimated 492,514 children aged 0 to 59 months in the regions of Hadjer Lamis, Kanem, Lac and Bahr El Gazel received vaccines against polio during the sixth round on polio eradication initiative
- 1,500 children from 21 schools affected by floods in isolated islands of Lake Chad benefited from emergency school supplies in December



Picture 1: Community training on essential family practices in Mongo district , Chad (IAS, 2012)

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated Affected Population • <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from the General Population Census RGPH-INSEED 2009, SMART survey August 2011, EPI data, EWARS)</i> 			
Categories	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	6,252,536	3,170,036	3,082,500
Children Affected (Under 18)	3,588,956	1,819,601	1,769,355
Children Under Five	1,137,962	576,947	561,015
Children 6 to 23 months	340,763	172,767	167,996
Pregnant women	264,482	-	-
Children Under Five with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)	127,300	64,495	62,805
Children Under Five with SAM and medical complications	12,730	6,454	6,276
Children Under Five with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)	300,000	152,100	147,900
Total Displaced Population	413,126	209,455	203,671
Children Displaced (projection / estimation)	237,134	120,227	116,907
Population affected by Flood	700,000	330,000	370,000

- Amongst the poorest countries in the world, Chad is ranked 183 out of 187 countries in the 2011 UNDP Human Development Index. Children under 18 represent 59% of the population and face serious survival and development challenges.
- 60.7% of the refugee population and 64% of IDPs in the eastern region are IDPs
- In addition to the current alarming nutrition crisis, Chad has recurrent outbreaks of epidemics – including measles, meningitis, polio and cholera, which remain major public health concerns.
- About 40% of children under five are affected by stunting. Malnutrition is also a chronic problem (including micronutrient deficiencies) in the country including in the Sahel belt.

2. Inter-agency collaboration

- UNICEF is engaged in working with OCHA, others UN agencies and NGOs to foster the Transformative Agenda (TA) in Chad.
- UNICEF has dedicated cluster coordination staff for WASH and Nutrition and emergency specialists for the WASH, Nutrition, Education and Child Protection sectors.
- Cluster and inter-cluster coordination meetings continue to be held on a regular basis at national level, although access to reliable and timely data continues to be a challenge. The strategic plans of the nutrition and WASH clusters are being currently developed.

Nutrition

Estimated # / % coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector / Cluster		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care	127,300	146,685	115%	127,300	146,685	115%
All children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition discharged		117,625	92%		117,625	

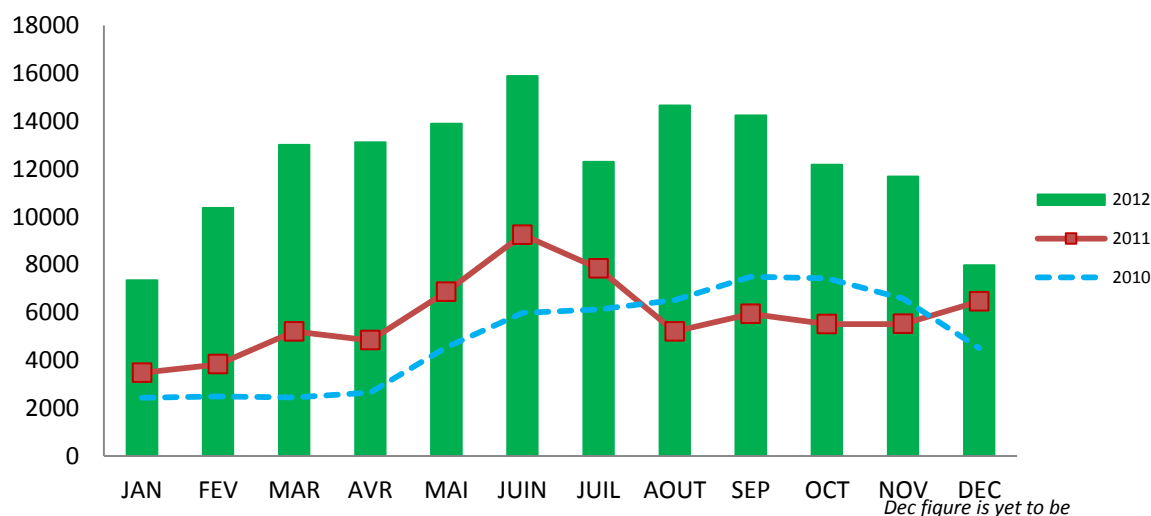
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Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition discharged recovered	At least 95,475	105,023	82%	95,475	105,023	82%
Number of health centres with SAM treatment	486	426	88%	486	426	87%
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition with complications admitted to therapeutic care	9,000	8,061	90%	9,000	8,061	90%

UNICEF Operational Partners: MOH, FRC, Alima, IMC, Base, Bambini, Centre NDA, MSF-CH, MSF-H, MSF-F, IRC, ACF, Merlin, CRT, CHORA, Concern

UNICEF and partners' programming

- In general, the number of new admissions decreased this month malnourished children admitted in nutrition therapeutic centers. This seems to be a normal trend as we are approaching the end of the hunger gap season. This decrease was observed in six of the ten Sahel belt regions; heavy rains and flood have limited access to many districts and thus reducing screening and referrals to nutrition centers.

Total des nouvelles admissions dans la bande sahélienne du Tchad



	JAN	FEV	MAR	AVR	MAI	JUIN	JUIL	AOUT	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2010	2430	2494	2453	2651	4555	5988	6133	6522	7500	7430	6592	4512	59,260
2011	3474	3833	5205	4834	6866	9244	7839	5207	5939	5515	5521	6459	69,936
2012	7,348	10,376	13,006	13,123	13,889	15,888	12,305	14,661	14,242	12,179	11,687	7,981	146,685

Figure 1: Monthly admission for SAM in the Sahel belt of Chad, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Capacity building/Training on SAM

UNICEF has continued to reinforce the capacity of health workers on the management of SAM. From August to December 2012, 467 health staff and volunteers involved in the provision of health and nutrition services have been trained on the management of SAM based on the national protocol.

22 health workers benefited from psychosocial support to malnourished children training in Massaguet and Abeche health districts

Technical support, monitoring and oversight

UNICEF and partners have developed joint supervision plans for CMAM activities. These plans are being currently implemented on the ground. This has led to close monitoring of CMAM activities and timely identification of gaps in service delivery.

Reinforcement of the supply chain system

UNICEF has reviewed its international work-process in order to achieve timely distribution of RUTF and essential supplies across the Sahel belt of Chad. This includes new options on RUTF supply from Niger. Technical experts from UNICEF Regional have completed the needs assessment and their recommendations are being implemented.

WASH

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector / Cluster		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Nutritional centres delivering the WASH minimum package	285	123	43%	400	138	34%
The number population reached with WASH minimum package	127,300	66,460	52%	331,559	77,848	23%
UNICEF Operational Partners: MSP, MHUR, ACTED ,IAS, CIDEL, UP, ESMS, MERLIN, CHORA						

- **Ensuring Safe Sanitation in IDP Sites:** UNICEF in collaboration with Ministry of Public health ensured that the provision of 378 temporary latrines IDP sites of Toukra, Sabangali and Facha.
- **NFI Supply:** UNICEF prepositioned additional WASH supply, 3050 cartons of soap and 2,800 cartons of Bleach to strengthen its WASH in NUT interventions in the Sahel belt.
- **Hygiene Promotion interventions:** UNICEF signed Small Scale Agreement signed with 6 local NGO to cover improved hygiene promotion in areas as part of the strategy to prevent the spread of cholera after the floods in cholera prone areas. The strategy will also include the deployment of 188 community facilitators in the areas to conduct door to door sensitization and train communities in household water treatment.

Health

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving measles vaccination in refugee camps and IDP sites in Eastern Chad	68,050	31,750	47%
UNICEF Operational Partners: IMC, BASE, ADRES			

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- UNICEF in partnership with MoH set up 02 health clinics in Toukra and Farcha to deliver Primary health care services to flood Displaced in Ndjamena
- UNICEF supported the MoH to develop a contingency plan for yellow fever.

Education

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector / Cluster		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
# and % of school-aged girls and boys including adolescents with continued access to formal and non-formal basic education	178,000 ¹	99,500	56%	339,495 ²	111,400	33%
List of UNICEF Operational Partners: MEPEC, MoSA, WFP, UNHCR, JRS, INTERSOS, OPAD, ADRA, CARE, IRC, PU, CORD, FAWE and LEAD TCHAD						

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To improve access to the school and the educational level of children affected by the food and nutrition crisis in Kanem region, remedial courses have been organized for students to upgrade required to interrupt their schooling. These students were assessed in December and the evaluation results showed substantial differences in performance between students who benefited remedial courses and who did not participate. The methodology used is to choose 400 students who participated in the course and randomly selected and 400 students who did not participate. Improvements, estimated through the success rate tests conducted was recorded in the pilot group at the skills related to the application (95% or above average in speaking in classes CM2) and 58% greater than or equal to the average numerical reasoning against the same classes (89% and 25%) made by students in control groups.

- December 22 to January 2, 2013 students were off the first quarter. They have gone back to school January 3, 2013.
- Lead Chad began to conduct community mobilization activities for the education of girls in Toukra site.
- UNICEF Abeche zonal office funded a request from the Ouaddai Education Delegate in support to the rehabilitation of 14 classrooms in IDPs integration villages around Hadjer Hadid Inspectorate and rehabilitation activities are ongoing.
- Construction of 4 new classrooms was achieved by INTERSOS with funds received from UNICEF in support to the return process of IDPs in Sila region. Material (benches) for the equipment of the newly build classroom are being provided to the partner.

HIV/AIDS

- After the November PMTCT bottleneck analysis (BNA) at national level and in 7 districts of Ndjama and Logone Occidental, the experience was extended to eight other regions including the sahel belt (Lac, Ouaddai and Wadi Fira). A total of 195 partners got their capacities reinforced in the BNA and micro planning. As of today, 36 districts with 73% of PMTCT unmet needs have micro plans for 2013.
- The PMTCT supplies have been secured for the next 5 months (rapid HIV test kits, reagent for immunological assessment/CD4 cell count, and reagent for early infant HIV diagnosis using

¹ This figure represents the sole UNICEF's targeted number of school aged girls and boys including adolescent with continued access to formal and non-formal basic education in the Sahel Belt. With the "catch-up"/remedial courses sponsored by UNICEF during the 2012 summer recess in the Kanem region of the Sahel Belt for 1600 students and the intensive sensitization campaign organized in partnership with the APES/AMEs, it is expected that more than 1600 students who abandoned schools last year due to the food and nutritional crises will return to and remain in schools in the 2012/2013 school year.

² This figure is the total UNICEF plus other cluster partners targeted number of school aged girls and boys including adolescent with continued access to formal and non-formal basic education. As a result of the above, this number has also decreased compared to the number reported in the previous September SitRep. In addition, the joint sensitization campaign undertaken in partnership between UNICEF and the ACRA NGO in the regions of Salamat and Guera are expected to contribute to increasing school intake of school aged girls and boys by 10%.

DBS/PCR technology). In addition, 97 health workers in Ouaddai and Wadi Fira benefited of PMTCT and pediatric care training. Trainings are ongoing in other regions.

- As the leading agency on PMTCT and member of the Country Coordination Mechanism to access the global Funds subventions, UNICEF strongly advocated for scaling up of access to prevention, treatment, care and support services for pregnant women and children. Subsequently, UNICEF positioned itself as sub-recipient of the Global funds during the second stage of the GF 8th round in Chad (with over 6 million US dollars expected for PMTCT in 2013 and 2014).
- Through signed agreements with UNICEF, faith-based organizations and the network of the associations of people living with HIV played a key role at community level to increase the demand of PMTCT services.
- The collaboration with NGOs especially the ASTBEF (Association Tchadienne pour le Bien-Etre Familial) facilitated the promotion of healthy adolescent development and the provision of age-appropriate knowledge in displaced camps of Ndjamen. A HIV testing campaign will be conducted in the Toukra and Farchana camps in Ndjamen the next two weeks

Communication for Development (C4D)

- Support to Government through the National Centre for Nutrition and Food Technologies (CNNTA) in the organisation of workshops to design regional integrated communication plans in support to on-going efforts to fight malnutrition in the worst hit regions of the sahel belt in Chad. Four workshops were held in January 2013 involving health workers, civil society and community based organisations. The integrated regional communication plans are an important tool to implement the approved national communication plans in response to the nutrition crisis in Chad.
- Contribute to efforts to address the humanitarian crisis that resulted from flooding in the N'Djamena neighbourhood of Toukra and Farcha. Short term contracts were signed with local organizations to carry out sensitization on hygiene/sanitation and on HIV/AIDS in the camps hosting flood victims. Sensitization materials including posters and leaflets were also produced and distributed in support of sensitization activities. As a result, no case of cholera was reported.
- Publication of the second issue of 'Mother & Child' focusing on *Education in Emergency*.
- Hosting of the visit by Associated Press (AP) journalists to the region of Kanem to report and document the nutrition crisis and traditional family practices in the Sahel. Two articles and photographs were published in December by The Washington Post, The Guardian, Denver Post, Yahoo News, among others.
- Support to the organization of the International Day of Volunteering
- Social Media: Weekly social media plan for Facebook, Twitter and YouTube to create awareness to the emergency situations in Chad, particularly for emergencies, i.e. Polio, Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Education, and Child rights.
- Production and distribution of visibility materials (diaries and calendars) to UNICEF Chad partners including Chadian Government, diplomatic missions, and UN agencies in Chad.
- Social mobilization : organisation of concerts, production and distribution of T-shirts, posters, etc... for the SIA polio campaign

Communication support for the last meningitis campaign: production of visibility and distribution of visibility materials, social mobilization, radio spots

Funding

Appeal sector	Requirements	Funds Received to date	Unmet requirements	
			Amount	%
Nutrition	25,200,000	18,377,847	7,622,153	30%
Health	13,200,000	2,275,489	10,924,511	83%
HIV	315,000	150,000	165,000	52%
WASH	6,400,000	1,751,156	4,903,430	77%
C4D	2,000,000	212,580	1,787,420	89%
Education	2,000,000	600,236	1,399,764	70%
Child Protection	200,000	250,000	-50,000	-25%
Emergency Coordination & M&E	2,685,000	1,864,090	820,910	31%
Operational Cross sectorial	227,500	220,000	7,500	3%
Total	52,227,500	25,701,398	27,580,688	53%

UNICEF wishes to express its deep gratitude to all public and private sector donors for the contributions and pledges received, which have made the current response possible. UNICEF would especially like to thank National Committees and donors who have contributed 'unearmarked' funding. 'Unearmarked' funding gives UNICEF essential flexibility to direct resources and ensure the delivery of life-saving supplies and interventions to where they are needed most – especially in the form of longer-term and predictable funding and in strengthening preparedness and resilience building. Continued donor support is critical to continue scaling up the response.

Across Sahel, UNICEF received financial and material contributions from: Andorra, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, CERF, Denmark, Estonia, European Commission/EC, Finland, France, Ireland, Japan, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America; and the Argentina Committee for UNICEF, Australian Committee for UNICEF, Bulgarian Committee for UNICEF, Canadian Committee for UNICEF, Chilean Committee for UNICEF, Chinese Committee for UNICEF, Croatian Committee for UNICEF, Danish Committee for UNICEF, Finnish Committee for UNICEF, French Committee for UNICEF, German Committee for UNICEF, Hellenic National Committee for UNICEF, Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF, Iceland National Committee for UNICEF, Indonesian Committee for UNICEF, Italian Committee for UNICEF, Japan Committee for UNICEF, Netherlands Committee for UNICEF, New Zealand Committee for UNICEF, Norwegian Committee for UNICEF, Portuguese Committee for UNICEF, Spanish Committee for UNICEF, Thai Committee for UNICEF, United Kingdom Committee for UNICEF, United States Fund for UNICEF.

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