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Mali

Six years after the armed conflict started in northern Mali, the country remains affected by a protracted humanitarian crisis and a deteriorating security situation. In 2017, the insecurity spread from the northern to central regions leading to significant population movement. Some 60,500 people¹ are internally displaced due to conflict. Another 138,300² have sought refuge in neighboring countries. Lack of access to essential services and limited State presence and capacity in both north and central region are driving humanitarian needs. The malnutrition situation in 2018 is worse than anticipated. The expected caseload of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) has increased from 162,913 to 274,145 and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) increased from 70,000 to 582,000³. In addition, an estimated 907,000 people⁴ will need access to safe water. Insecurity due to conflict affects education, especially in the central region of Mopti, where 63 per cent of schools are closed.⁵ More than 1 million children of primary school age (7 to 12) are out of school and at risk of rights violations.⁶ Mali is also prone to natural disasters such as flooding and drought. Presidential and legislative elections planned for 2018 may increase social tension and generate additional instability.

Humanitarian strategy

UNICEF supports the provision of sustainable essential services to affected communities in Mali by strengthening development and humanitarian programme linkages. UNICEF is supporting the response plan of the Government of Mali, focusing on the prevention and management of severe acute malnutrition through the delivery of an integrated package of specific and sensitive nutrition services. Health interventions address vaccine-preventable diseases through immunization campaigns. UNICEF provides safe drinking water at community level, including to people affected by natural disasters or outbreaks; delivery of a full package of water, sanitation and hygiene services to health centres and schools; and supporting nutrition interventions by ensuring that caregivers of acutely malnourished children receive hygiene information and supplies. Affected women and children receive holistic child protection support, including reintegration services, and UNICEF is reinforcing Mali's Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism⁷. Education interventions promote the reopening of schools in insecure areas through community mobilization, community learning centres and provision of school supplies. As lead agency for the WASH, nutrition and education clusters and the child protection sub-cluster, UNICEF works with the government's line ministries and civil society organisations to strengthen government capacities for coordination, disaster preparedness and response at national and regional levels.

Results from 2018

As of 30 April 2018, UNICEF had US\$ 10.2 million available against the US\$ 43.8 million appeal (23 per cent funded)⁸. UNICEF worked in collaboration with line ministries and local non-governmental organizations, drawing on a high level of community acceptance to mitigate insecurity and overcome access constraints in conflict-affected regions. UNICEF is leading the establishment of sentinel sites to strengthen the nutrition surveillance system and closely monitor the nutrition situation taking prompt actions to adjust response while supporting children screening. In addition, with UNICEF support, 509,685 children were vaccinated against polio. In crisis-affected areas, 21,000 people benefitted from provision of emergency WASH kits and temporary access to safe water. UNICEF's education activities focused on strong advocacy in communities and with local leaders for children, especially girls rights to learning as well as addressing schools closure. Some 6,051 children (3,147 girls and 2,904 boys) benefitted from psychosocial support through seven child-friendly spaces. For sustained access and service delivery to affected population, UNICEF as a key humanitarian stakeholder and lead agency is strongly advocating for upholding the humanitarian principles and respect of humanitarian negotiation space.

Humanitarian Action for Children

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Total people in need:

4.1 million⁹

Total children (<18) in need:

2.4 million¹⁰

Total people to be reached:

651,508¹¹

Total children to be reached:

568,900

2018 programme targets:

Nutrition¹²

- 274,145 children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted for treatment

Health

- 349,000 children under 5 vaccinated against measles
- 418,900 children under 5 reached in each round of the polio campaign in the northern regions

WASH

- 82,600 people provided with safe water as per agreed standards
- 6,000 SAM children received a WASH kit and attend a hygiene promotion session

Child protection

- 40,000 children reached with psychosocial support through child-friendly/safe spaces
- 580 children released from armed forces/groups reached with reintegration support
- 300 unaccompanied and separated children received care in foster families or through temporary care and reunited with their biological families

Education

- 150,000 crisis-affected children accessed formal and non-formal education
- 55,000 children benefitted from the education programme for peacebuilding

	Sector 2018 targets	Sector total results	UNICEF 2018 target	UNICEF total results
NUTRITION				
Children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted for therapeutic care.	274,145	29,194	274,145	29,194
Health centres offering malnutrition treatment.	1,307	1,307	1,307	1,307
HEALTH				
# of children under five reached in each round of polio campaign in northern regions.			418,900	509,685
# of children under 5 vaccinated against measles.			349,000	23,703
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE				
# of SAM child receiving a WASH kit and hygiene promotion session.	15,592	144	6,000	0 ⁱ
# of affected population provided with temporary access to safe water (water trucking, aquatabs, chlorine).	114,000	31,134	42,608	21,000
# of people having access to permanent drinking water sources (construction/ rehabilitation).	794,000	31,200	40,000	29,600
CHILD PROTECTION				
# of Children victims of/ or at risk of violence, abuse and exploitation who received psychosocial support.	47,298	6,561	40,000	6,051
# of CAAFAGs and other vulnerable children identified accessing to referral services and reintegration opportunities.	1,080	343	580	14
# of UASC identified and / or placed in alternative care arrangements and / or who have benefited from reunification and individual follow-up.	900	322	300	47
EDUCATIONⁱⁱ				
# of school aged boys and girls affected by crisis receiving learning / school materials.	211,375	5,311	67,000	0
# of out of school boys and girls affected by crisis accessing education.	211,375	6,200	150,000	0

Results are through 30 April 2018 unless otherwise noted.

ⁱ Provision of WASH kits to mothers/caregivers of children admitted for SAM treatment is currently underway. Results will be reported in the next situation report.

ⁱⁱ Education activities in the first half of 2018 focused on student retention and advocacy efforts at community level to ensure schools remained open and education services continued. Enrollment campaigns focusing on out of school children are planned in the second half, which will include provision of learning/school materials.

Funding requirements

UNICEF's funding requirement has increased to US\$ 43.8 million due to deteriorating nutrition situation requiring scale up of response. Nutrition response remains underfunded, leaving over 100,000 children with SAM at risk of not accessing treatment. In addition, critical funding gaps are hampering delivery of life-saving WASH, health, education and child protection services to affected population. Without sufficient and timely funding, UNICEF will be unable to provide affected children and their communities with critical basic social services.

Appeal Sector	Original 2018 HAC Requirement (US\$)	Revised 2018 HAC Requirement (US\$)	Funds Available (US\$)	Funding Gap	
				US\$	%
Nutrition	11,936,000	19,000,000	5,936,053	13,063,947	69%
WASH	11,187,000	11,187,000	1,950,000	9,237,000	83%
Health	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	2,500,000	100%
Child protection	3,052,000	3,052,000	222,578	2,829,422	93%
Education	7,400,000	7,400,000	750,000	6,650,000	90%
Coordination/Operational costs ¹³	700,000	700,000	1,351,132	0	0%
Total	36,775,000	43,839,000	10,209,763	33,629,237¹⁴	77%

¹ National Directorate of Social Development - Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Situation Report #19 as of 23 May 2018

² United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 'Operational Portal Refugee Situations – Mali situation', 30 April 2018, available at: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mali-situation>, accessed 05 June 2018.

³ SMART survey conducted nationwide in August 2017.

⁴ Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, '2018 Mali Humanitarian Needs Overview', OCHA, November 2017.

⁵ Education Cluster, as of October 2017.

⁶ Government of Mali Ministry of Education, Statistical Yearbook 2016-2017.

⁷ The Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism collects information on grave child rights violations.

⁸ Available funds include US\$6.5 million raised against the current appeal and US\$3.4 million carried forward from the previous year.

⁹ Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, '2018 Mali Humanitarian Needs Overview', OCHA, 2018.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Population and children to be reached targets are based on UNICEF programme targets and adjusted downwards to address double counting.

¹² 2018 Mali HRP is currently being revised and UNICEF nutrition targets and funding requirement will be aligned with the revised HAC targets and requirements.

¹³ Emergency coordination/operational funds are also used to support adhoc programme operations needs to ensure sustained humanitarian programme delivery.

¹⁴ The total funding gap and funds available do not equal the total HAC requirements due to a surplus under Coordination/Operation costs. This surplus will help fund activities until 2019.

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