



Burkina Faso Humanitarian Situation Report

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Highlights

In 2015, UNICEF continued to support 30,659 refugees, including 16,939 children, to access education, WASH, health, nutrition and protection services in and around two refugee camps in the Sahel region (Goudebou and Mentao).

- Routine vaccination has continued throughout for children in the Malian refugee camps.
- As of March 2015, 5,621 refugee children have access to basic education (Early Childhood Development, primary school and non-formal basic education) both in Goudebou and Mentao refugee camps and in host communities, thanks to UNICEF support. Nevertheless, to reach the target of 10,900 children, over 5,200 more children are in need of education and more funding is required to extend the education activities for all children beyond the end of October 2015.
- UNICEF continues to support the Child Friendly Spaces for a total of 1,558 child refugees, of whom 48% are girls, in the first quarter of 2015.
- UNICEF and Mwangaza Action have developed a campaign for birth registration. The sensitisation has reached 38,898 people in the Sahel region. 106 children has received support for civil registration in partnership with Danish Refugee Council and UNHCR.

For the Sahel nutrition response, 15,234 new cases children with severe acute malnutrition from January and February 2015 were admitted for treatment in the programme.

UNICEF continues to support the integration of Ebola prevention messages in the regular sensitization activities on Community Led Total Sanitation that are carried out across the country. 1,536 hand washing kits and soap boxes have been distributed in primary schools in Boucle de Mouhoun and in Sahel, and chlor tablets has been delivered to health centres in Dapaga in the East region, bordering Togo and Niger.

Following the uprising in across the country in October 2014, a new transitional government was formed at end November 2014 and presidential and legislative elections are planned for 11 October 2015.

January – March 2015

149,000

CHILDREN AFFECTED BY SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION (SAM)

(SRP 2015)

33,125

MALIAN REFUGEES IN CAMPS

(UNHCR April 2015)

16,939

MALIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN

UNICEF Burkina Faso Appeal 2015

US\$ 23 million

Funding as of March 31, 2015

US\$ 4,8 million

Gap: 82%

UNICEF's Response with partners

	UNICEF		Sector	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)
# of refugees who have improved access to drinking water	22,605	22,605	31,544	23,128
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care	120,000	15,234	120,000	15,234
# of school-aged girls and boys including adolescents with continued access to formal and non-formal basic education	10,900	5,621	13,905	5,832
Separated Malian refugee children assisted for their family reunification	900	0	1,232	0

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Although representatives of the government of Mali and the various armed groups in Mali negotiated elements of a peace agreement in October 2014, the total number of Malian refugees in Burkina Faso has not reduced significantly, with 32,170 refugees at the start of 2014 and 32,002 in January 2015. Their possible return has been complicated by continued attacks against the MINUSMA, confrontations between rival armed groups and ongoing civilian casualties in Northern Mali throughout 2014 and into 2015. Nevertheless, an agreement between the Governments of Burkina Faso and Mali together with the UNHCR was signed on 9 January 2015. The document gives the legal framework for voluntary and facilitated repatriation. UNICEF continues to support education, protection, WASH, nutrition needs of 30,659 Malian refugees continuing to stay in three camps Burkina Faso.

In an effort to improve water and sanitation for refugees, UNICEF will work to improve WASH infrastructure, support healthy hygiene practices and construct WASH systems in schools and health centres. To improve education and safe learning environments, UNICEF will distribute education and pedagogical materials, equipment for temporary learning spaces and training for teachers and animators.

Malian refugees registered in and around the 3 refugee camps in Burkina Faso by UNHCR as of 31 January 2015*

	Total	Male	Female
Children Affected (0-4)	4,368	2,178	2,190
Children Affected (5-11)	8,509	4,383	4,126
Children Affected (12-17)	4,062	2,127	1,935
Affected Population (18-59)	12,473	5,527	6,946
Affected Population (over 60)	1,247	675	572
All ages	30,659	14,890	15,769
Number of households	6,680		

* For UNICEF planning purposes, this figure does not include 299 refugees based in Ouagadougou and 1,044 in Bobo Dioulasso

Internal political tensions in Burkina Faso reached crisis point in October 2014 in response to the then President's (B. Compaore) attempt to pass a bill extending his term of office. Nation-wide, popular demonstrations in the week

of 27 October - 1 November culminated the dissolution of the National Parliament on 30 October and the resignation of the president Blaise Compaoré who fled to Ivory Coast. On 16 November a national panel elected Michel Kafando to be the country's interim president and former Lt Colonel Zida was chosen to be Prime Minister. A new transitional government was formed at the end of November. Presidential and legislative elections have been announced for 11 October 2015. In 2015, UNICEF Burkina Faso continues to make contingency plans for any further emergency related to internal political tensions.

The situation of acute malnutrition in Burkina Faso is still very worrying, even outside of humanitarian crises, with chronic problems such as poor infant and young child feeding practices at home, insufficient access to health services and poor access to water and sanitation, continued to expose the most vulnerable children in Burkina Faso to risks affecting their nutritional status. According the final results of the 2014 SMART survey, the number of children under 5 affected by acute malnutrition has remained virtually the same between 2013 and 2014 despite the actions taken by the Government and its partners. Indeed, the prevalence of global acute malnutrition in 2014 was 8.6%, including 1.7% of severe acute malnutrition (SAM), against 8.2% and 1.7% in 2013. In light of these figures, the Government of Burkina Faso in partnership with the nutrition cluster has estimated the number of SAM children in 2015 at 149,000 against 144,000 in 2014. The number of moderate acute malnourished children is estimated at 350,000.

For UNICEF's 2015 response to the Sahel Nutrition crisis, through implementing community programming for improving infant and young child feeding (IYCF) 190,000 pregnant women and 300,000 lactating women will have access to a package of preventative services to improve the survival, growth, and development of children. Estimated numbers of beneficiaries and overall UNICEF targets are as follows:

Estimated Affected Population – Planning Figures from January 2015				Number of people targeted*		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Children under 5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) **	149,000	77,480	71,520	120,000	62,400	57,600
Children under 5 with SAM and medical complications	18,000	8,840	8,160			
Children aged 6-23 months benefiting from Infant and Young Children Feeding intervention	301,774	156,923	144,851			
Pregnant and lactating women participating in Infant and Young Children Feeding intervention	190,000 pregnant women and 300,000 lactating women	190,000 130,000	-	190,000 pregnant women and 300,000 lactating women	190,000 130,000	-
Number of people at risk of epidemics (meningitis, measles, cholera)	5,372,919	2,793,918	2,579,001	5,372,919	2,793,918	2,579,001

* The sector has targeted 80% of children

** WFP Implements Supplementary Feeding to support 350,000 children with MAM reported in the WFP Situation Report

In addition, considering the Ebola epidemic in the region that has already hit neighboring Malian Ebola response has been addressed in the humanitarian response strategy of 2015. Although there have been no confirmed cases of EVD to date in Burkina, UNICEF, along with other partners such as the EU, USAID, WHO and NGOs, is supporting the operational preparedness and response plan of US\$27 million developed and adopted by the government for a possible outbreak of EVD in Burkina Faso.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

Overall Emergency Coordination is led by the government through the National Council for Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation (CONASUR). UNICEF co-leads the following sector working groups Nutrition, WASH, Education and Child Working group. The health sector working group is co-led by WHO.

The Ebola prevention and preparedness efforts in Burkina Faso are led by the Minister of Health through weekly coordination meetings of the National Committee of Epidemiological Management. More than ten partners are part of the coordination mechanism, including: UNICEF, WHO, Medecins du Monde (MDM), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Médecins sans Frontières (MSF), Terre des Hommes, USAID and the European Union.

Humanitarian Strategy

Within the context of the Sahel Burkina Faso contributed to a strategic humanitarian response plan and consolidated appeal for 2015 for the Sahel, led and prepared by UNOCHA. In line with the Core Commitments for Children in humanitarian action, UNICEF continues to advocate and coordinate for a collective programmatic response for children affected by the Mali crisis and the chronic food insecurity and malnutrition in Burkina Faso. UNICEF's response is channelled through implementing NGO and government partners active in affected areas.

To enable a rapid a response, in 2014 UNICEF has signed standby agreements with a number of NGO specializing in humanitarian response in health, child protection and water and sanitation, covering potential emergencies in natural disasters, socio-political crises and epidemics. In 2015, these standby arrangements will be further improved. UNICEF is also in the process of signing a Memorandum of Understanding to pre-position a critical quantity of UNICEF emergency supplies with the National Council for Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation (CONASUR) in support of its National Multi-risk Plan for Preparedness and Response to Disasters.

The UNICEF office in Dori was officially opened at the end of 2014 and five long-term staff have been recruited in 2015 to be based in the zone office.

Programme Results

MALI Crisis Response

Sector	Estimated # / % coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector / Cluster		
		UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Nutrition	Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care	160*	12	7.5 %	160*	12	7.5 %
	*The annual target of 160 could change once a survey in process in the camps is completed. UNICEF Operational Partners: Ministry of Health, Directorate of Nutrition and NGOs – Medecins du Monde Espagne, Medecins du Monde France, Terre des Hommes, Save the Children, Médecins Sans Frontières, Helen Keller International, Progettomondo MLAL, OCADES Caritas, Croix Rouge Burkinabe						
WASH	# and % of refugees who have improved access to drinking water*	22,605	22,605	100%	30,659	23,128	75%
	# and % of refugees with access to adequate gender sensitive sanitation infrastructure*	22,605	22,605	100%	30,659	23,128	75%
	*UNICEF supports UNCHR to cover gaps of drinking water and sanitation infrastructure for 22,605 people in 3 refugee camps (Goudebou, Mentao and Sag-Nioniogo).						
Health	Children under 1 covered with routine immunization among Malian refugees	1,660	103	6%	1,660	103	6%
	Pregnant women covered with routine immunization among Malian refugees	1,660	111	7%	1,660	111	7%
	Pregnant women receiving insecticide-treated mosquito nets	1,660	126	8%	1,660	126	8%
	UNICEF Operational Partners: Médecins Sans Frontières, WHO, Médecins du Monde, Red Cross Burkina Faso.						
Child Protection	Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play and learning	4,000	1,558	39	6,000	1,558	26
	Separated Malian refugee children assisted for their family reunification	900	0	0	1,232	0	0

	UNICEF Operational Partners: Plan Burkina, Danish Refugee Council and Red Cross Burkina Faso.						
Education	# and % of school-aged girls and boys (3-11) including adolescents with continued access to formal and non-formal basic education	10,900*	5,621	52%	13,905*	5,832	42%
	UNICEF Operational Partners: Terre des Hommes, Fondation pour le Développement Communautaire, Plan Burkina, Save the Children, Red Cross Burkina Faso * The target has been lowered since 2014 with January 2015 data on the number of school aged children.						
	C4D activities for the 2014 Malian refugee emergency response are being carried out through a partnership with community radios. C4D implementing partners are the Community Radio Network for the Sahel, comprised of 8 community radios (RTB 2 Sahel de Dori, Radio Grand Nord de Dori, Radio Ahmadiyya de Dori, Radio Waldé-Ejef de Gorom-Gorom, Radio La Voix du Soum de Djibo, Radio Lutte Contre La Désertification de Djibo, Radio Dandé Yaali de Sebba and Radio N'Ballo Anndal de Tangangari)						

Sahel Integrated Nutrition Response

Sector	Estimated # and % coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector / Cluster		
		UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Nutrition	Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care	120,000*	15,234***	13%	120,000	15,234***	13%
	Pregnant women and women with children aged 0 – 23 months participate in monthly learning sessions on Infant and Young Child Feeding**	190,000 pregnant women and 300,000 lactating women	178,407 pregnant women and 301,774 lactating women	93% 100%	190,000 pregnant women and 300,000 lactating women	n/a	n/a
	*Nationwide target. **For prevention activities (IYCF), the UNICEF target is for the 5 regions of intervention – Nord, Sahel, Est, Plateau Central and Cascades. The number of pregnant women and women with children aged 0 – 23 months is gathered from village level registers. The results given here are not cumulative, but a monthly figure. Data will be available every 3 months from partner reports. UNICEF Operational Partners: Ministry of Health, Directorate of Nutrition, Regional Health Directorate, Health Districts and NGOs Progettomondo MLAL, AMMIE, SEMUS, IBFAN/ APAIB. *** This data represents 15,234 new admissions from January and February. The data for March will only be available from 15 April.						
WASH	Nutritional centres delivering the WASH minimum package	90	0*	0%	400	n/a	n/a
	# and % of children admitted for SAM treatment using hygiene kits provided with key hygiene messages/behaviors counseled to parents/caregivers (treatment of household water and use of sanitation supplies)	50,000 children and 50,000 mothers/caregivers	6,000	12%	120,000	n/a	n/a
	UNICEF Operational Partners: Oxfam, Red Cross Burkina Faso, Red Cross Monaco, UNHCR, Association Paix et Solidarité, Plan Burkina, Help, Ministry of Agriculture and Hydraulic, Ministry of Health, CONAREF, IEDA Relief						
Child Protection	# of children with SAM who received psychosocial care through Child Friendly Spaces	6,000	978	16	12,000	978	8

Ebola prevention and preparedness

As part of a UNICEF appeal for over US\$500 million to respond to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa until end of June 2015, Burkina Faso as an at-risk country has planned and carried out Ebola prevention and preparedness, with targeted specific activities including:

- Carrying out community-based communication and social mobilization efforts on prevention and care and on action to be taken in case of an outbreak, including by reaching out to communities in high-risk areas through mobile teams and volunteers, as well as by circulating messages through sensitization campaigns and community radio.
- Developing Ebola preparedness and response plans in collaboration with government, UN actors and NGOs, and strengthening the capacity of basic social services to respond in the event of an outbreak.
- Providing supplies to government counterparts in order to increase preparedness.
- Scaling-up social mobilization activities linking C4D, WASH, health and emergency coordination to support containment and control efforts and scaling up efforts for hygiene promotion and non-food-item (NFI) prepositioning.

Thanks to US\$1,000,000 mobilized by UNICEF Burkina Faso, fulfilling total requirements in the Ebola HAC (Dec 2014), the following results have been achieved by the end of 2014:

UNICEF Burkina Faso's support focused on 1. Awareness and communication for behaviour change, 2. Strengthening capacity of actors (government and civil society), and 3. Pre-positioning essential supplies.

In the reporting period, UNICEF continues to be the C4D lead through the social mobilisation/ communication committee. UNICEF continues to support the integration of Ebola prevention messages in the regular sensitization activities on Community Led Total Sanitation that are carried out across the country. 1,536 hand washing kits and soap boxes have been distributed in primary schools in Boucle de Mouhoun and in Sahel, and chlor tablets has been delivered to health centres in Dapaga in the East region, bordering Togo and Niger.

In order to support Ebola prevention in more schools, an additional 2,500 hand-washing devices have been procured in March, which are expected to be distributed to 617 schools in the regions of Sahel, Centre Nord and Plateau Central.

Summary of other Programme Response results *(not in matrix)*

The WASH project, led by UNICEF implementing partner Danish Refugee Council, for humanitarian assistance for refugees and host villages in Soum province in the Sahel region is ongoing. In the 6 villages that were triggered for Community-Led Total Sanitation (with a total of 2,175 men, women and children), 6 committees have been formed to monitor the construction of latrines. Each of these committees is made up of 32 people (6 women and 26 men). In this reporting period, 567 pits out of 617 latrines (92%) have been completed.

The rehabilitation and construction of water points in Soum province is ongoing. Out of the 16 water points that were identified for rehabilitation, 8 have been completed. The location for three new boreholes has been identified and the work is proceeding.

The cholera prevention project led by UNICEF implementing partner Oxfam is ongoing in host communities and in health centres situated around refugee camps. To support the health centres on WASH practices, 5 (out of 7) WATASOL kits for the production and distribution of chlorine have been installed in 5 health centres. Triggering for Community-Led Total Sanitation is ongoing and 200 out of 400 family latrines have been constructed in 3 communities in the province of Yagha, Seno and Soum. Rehabilitation of 24 boreholes in schools and supportive villages around the camps is ongoing of which 20 have almost been finalized (with only the installation of pumps remaining). During the current reporting period, Oxfam has continued hygiene sensitisation activities on the prevention of cholera and Ebola in the villages hosting refugees.



Catch-up class, Goudebou refugee camp.
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As of March 2015, 5,621 refugee children have access to basic education (Early Childhood Development, primary school and non-formal basic education) both in Goudebou and Mentao refugee camps and in host communities, thanks to UNICEF support. Nevertheless, to reach the target of 10,900 children, over 5,200 more children are in need of education and more funding is required to extend the education activities for all children beyond the end of October 2015. During the reporting period, 78 teachers were trained in promotion of hygiene and sanitation in education facilities, along with the distribution of 338 comic strips and 136 WASH posters. In addition parental education has been organised for 200 parents and caregivers in Goudebou camp.

Four local child protection network groups at provincial level and one regional child protection working group have been set up and bring together the mains partners (government, NGOs and UN) in child protection in the Sahel Region. These networks facilitate the coordination mechanism and the reference system for vulnerable children including refugees.



This child is being treated for severe malnutrition at the Regional Hospital in Dori. He was referred to the hospital by his local health centre after being diagnosed with a critical condition. His recovery is going well, and after 5 days of intensive care, he manages a smile. His mum said she didn't think her son would make it. After being discharged from the hospital, the child will continue his treatment at the local health centre, which supported by Japan. Photo credit: ©UNICEF Burkina Faso/2014/Sarkozi

For the Sahel Nutrition Response, to improve the quality of care for SAM, 575 health workers and 1,350 community health workers in the Centre, Centre-Sud and Sud-Ouest regions have benefited from training on the new management protocol.

Communications for Development (C4D)

UNICEF continues to support the partnership with a Community Radio Network for the Sahel in 2015, focusing on the six key family practices (handwashing, PMTCT of HIV, exclusive breastfeeding, diarrhea treatment, use of insecticide treated mosquito nets, supplementary feeding of young children) and key other family practices (ending child marriage, female genital mutilation, and child labour, promoting girls' education, integrating children with handicap). Moreover ongoing sensitization on prevention of Ebola is led by the Community Radio Network through RTB2 Sahel (Radio Television du Burkina) in the north and east regions. These radio programmes are promoting good hygiene practices with the involvement of 800 community relays and 300 religious leaders.

Funding

Sector	Initial HAC 2015 requirements in US\$	Funds received through 31 March 2015	Gap in US\$	Funding gap (%)
Nutrition	17,000,000	3,106,801	13,893,199	81.7%
Health	65,000	584,225	0	0%
HIV/AIDS	32,700	0	32,700	100%
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	2,500,000	360,883	2,139,117	85%
Child Protection	500,000	408,205	91,795	18 %
Education	3,000,000	215,532	2,784,468	93%
Cluster/Sector Coordination	150,000	130,057	19,943	13.3%
Total	23,247,700	4,805,703	18,961,222	81.5%

The total includes a standard recovery rate of 7% calculated in accordance with UNICEF Executive Board Decision 2006/7 dated 9 June 2006.

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 that have contributed 'un-earmarked' funding, which comprised 14 per cent of the funds contributed. 'Un-earmarked' 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 the Sahel, UNICEF received financial and material contributions from: Andorra, Australia, Canada, CERF, Denmark, Estonia, European Commission/EC, Finland, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America; the Bulgarian, Chilean, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Hong Kong, Iceland, Japanese, New Zealand, Slovenian and UK UNICEF National Committees and US Fund for UNICEF.

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