

Monthly Humanitarian Situation Report: UNICEF Chad

November 2012

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 October, 126,591 cases of SAM have been admitted for treatment (99.4%) The total number of children treated for SAM in 2012 in Chad is likely to be over 150,000. According to the last nutrition survey with SMART methods, 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) between September and October 2012 (11,753 in October versus 14,242 in September). This seems to be a normal trend as we are approaching the end of the hunger gap season.
- An additional 41 outpatient therapeutic program (OTP) centres were opened between September and October 2012. UNICEF is currently supporting 425 centres in the Sahel belt of which there are 32 inpatient facilities (IPFs) for treatment of SAM with complications and 393 OTPs for outpatient treatment.
- More than 700,000 people are affected by flooding nationwide, with 70,000 people displaced.
- A yellow fever outbreak in Sudan's Darfur region has killed 217 people so far. No suspected cases have been reported in Chad yet. A contingency plan has been developed to prevent the spread of the epidemic to Chad.

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

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships

- 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.
- 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.

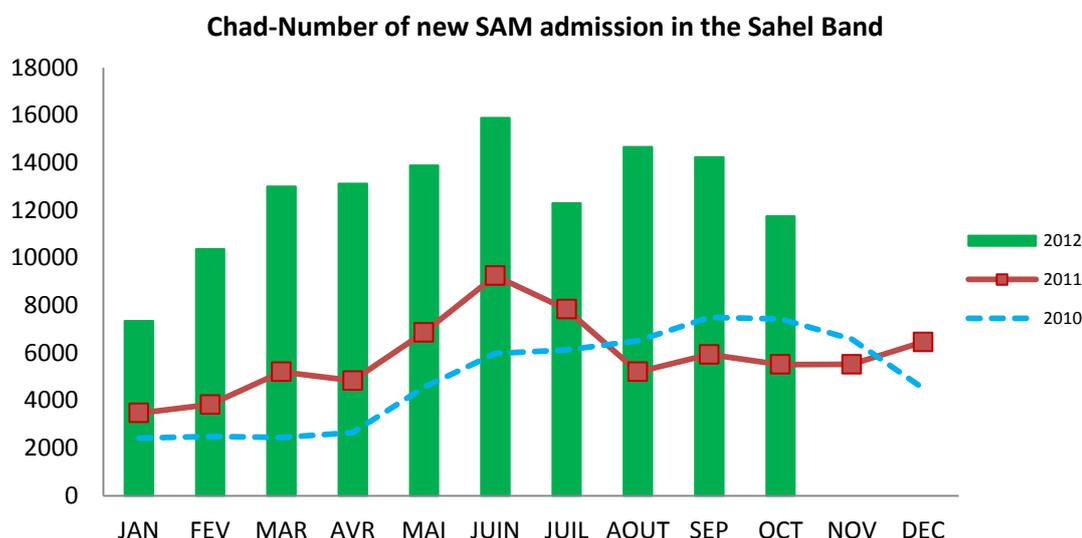
Nutrition

Overview

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	126,591 children admitted between January and October 2012	99.4%	127,300	126,591	99.4%
All children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition discharged		93,578			93,578	
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition discharged recovered	At least 95,475	76,205	79.8%	95,475	76,205	79.8%
Number of health centres with SAM treatment	486	425	87.5%	486	425	87.5%
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition with complications admitted to therapeutic care	9,000	7,130	79.2%	9,000	7,130	79.2%
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 by 420 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.



	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	59260
2011	3474	3833	5205	4834	6866	9244	7839	5207	5939	5515	5521	6459	69936
2012	7348	10376	13006	13123	13889	15888	12305	14661	14242	11753			126591

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 November 2012, 363 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; another 123 are planned for December 2012.

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

As mentioned before, UNICEF has reviewed its international work-process in order to achieve timely distribution of RUTF and essential supplies across the Sahel belt of Chad. A mission of the UNICEF Regional office is currently in Chad to further explore the possibilities of strengthening the supply chain system in the Sahel regions.

WASH

Overview

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%
<i>The number</i> population reached with WASH minimum package	127,300	66,460	52,2%	331,559	77,848	23,4%
UNICEF Operational Partners: MSP, MHUR, ACTED ,IAS, CIDEL, UP, ESMS, MERLIN, CHORA						

- **Ensuring Safe Sanitation in IDP Sites:** UNICEF WASH team working in collaboration with Ministry of Public health ensured that the provision of 178 temporary latrines IDP sites of Toukra, Sabangali and Facha while 80 latrines pits have already been completed and the super structures construction is on-going. Additional 200 temporary latrine will be installed to ensure sphere standards are met
- **NFI Supply:** UNICEF prepositioned 32x50kg of Calcium hypochlorite, 217 cartons of Water Bleach , “ Pur Sachet” (Water treatment products) , 269 rolls of plastic sheeting and 182 cartons of soap in four districts of Mayo Kebbi , Bongor, Guelendeng, Fianga, Gunougaya to support post flood interventions.
- **Hygiene Promotion interventions:** Small Scale Agreement was 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

Overview

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			

UNICEF and partners' programming

- UNICEF provided five IEHK 2006 to five Regional Health Delegations affected by the floods
- UNICEF in partnership with MoH set up 02 health clinics in Toukra and Farcha to deliver Primary health care services to 30,000 Displaced in Ndjamen
- A yellow fever outbreak in Sudan's Darfur region has killed 217 people so far. No suspected cases have been reported in Chad yet. A contingency plan has been developed to prevent the spread of the epidemic to Chad.

Child Protection

Overview

UNICEF and Partner programming

- Twenty four field staff of the implementing partner MERLIN providing care to children affected by the food crisis, were trained in Massaguet on Mental Health & Psychosocial Support in nutrition program and Psychological First Aid.
- The Polish NATCOM visited one nutrition center and attended the closing ceremony of the Training in Massaguet
- A joint Government-UNICEF organized from October 10 to 13 in Moussoro has identified and removed 10 children associated with armed forces.
- These children have been transferred to Ndjamená and are benefiting from transitional care while the family tracing for their reunification is underway
- 26 other children associated with the troupe of the General Baba Lade have been separated;
- A strategic planning workshop on anti-mines was organized by the National Committee for Mine Clearance from 13 to 15 November 2012 in Ndjamená with technical support from UNICEF. This workshop was attended by 80 people from Ndjamená, Ouaddai, Dar Sila, Tibesti, Ennedi and Dar Tama.

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, FAWÉ and LEAD TCHAD						

UNICEF and partners' programming

CHORA a local NGO has received a grant from Germany Embassy to provide additional infrastructure and school materials to Toukra IDP s site school children affected by the floods.

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%.

HIV/AIDS

UNICEF and partners' programming

From 5th to 16th of November 2012, an UN Interagency mission on PMTCT was conducted in Ndjamena - Chad lead by UNICEF. The aim of this mission was to impulse the Chad's agenda on elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. The mission facilitated training on methodology of bottleneck analysis, micro-planning and monitoring of PMTCT /MNCH activities and made a strong advocacy for the main PMTCT bottlenecks especially the task shifting.

The major outcomes of mission were as following:

- Capacity of 60 National, Regional and district team including those from the Sahel belt strengthened in PMTCT/MNCH and Paediatric AIDS Treatment, bottlenecks analysis, micro planning and monitoring;
- Seven eMTCT/MNCH and Paediatric AIDS Treatment micro-plan drafts for 7 districts of two regions (N'Djamena and Logone Occidental) developed;
- Seven monitoring plan Drafts of eMTCT/Paediatric AIDS for 7 districts developed;
- Commitment of MoH for signing a Ministerial Act to authorize ARV prescription to nurses and paramedical staff, before the end of November. A follow up is undertaking so at early December, nurses and paramedical staff, including those in the Sahel belt, could prescribe ARV prophylaxis to HIV positive pregnant women at the health centre level.

Rapid assessment of HIV in emergency undertaken with support of UNICEF Regional Office. A preparedness and response plan to fight HIV in the Sahel belt had already been elaborated and training of staff will be organized soon to support MoH in this part of the country. Recommendations were made to identify pregnant women in IDPs camp to organize the referral to health facilities for testing and ART and avoid transmission of the HIV to new-born babies.

Communication for Development (C4D)

- Organise and coordinate the visit by the Polish National Committee with Polish media. This visit is the first activity on the field to help launch the fundraising campaign for Chad in Poland. Thanks to the visit, UNICEF Chad has increased its exposure and visibility in Poland through the five radio shows on the Polish Radio and a documentary by TVN (television) which are broadly recognised mass media in Poland. The UNICEF Poland campaign has the goal of raising 1.5 million zloty.
- Host visit by Associated Press (AP) journalists to visit the region of Kanem to report and document the nutrition crisis and traditional family practices in the Sahel. Article and photographs will be published in December.
- 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.
- Official launch of the Multi-Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2010 with the Ministry of Plan, Economy and International Cooperation of Chad, and the Institute of Statistics, Studies, Economics, and Demographics (INSEED) of Chad in partnership with UNFPA.
- Celebrate and participate in communication activities to commemorate the following world day celebrations: National Polio Campaign, World Day of the Toilet and Universal Children's Day.

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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