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Mali

HIGHLIGHTS

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SITUATION IN NUMBERS



8,800,000

People in need of humanitarian assistance



4,700,000

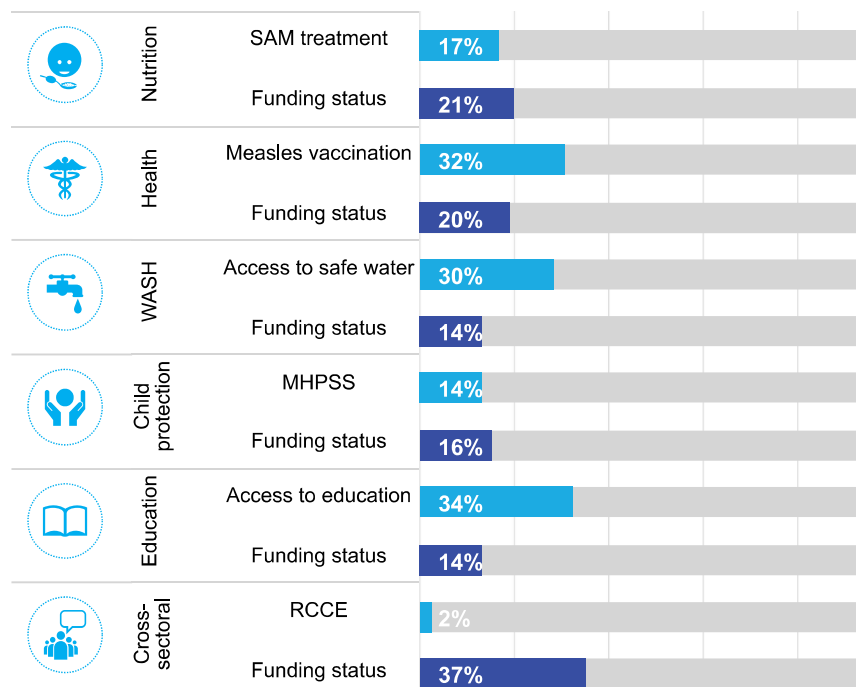
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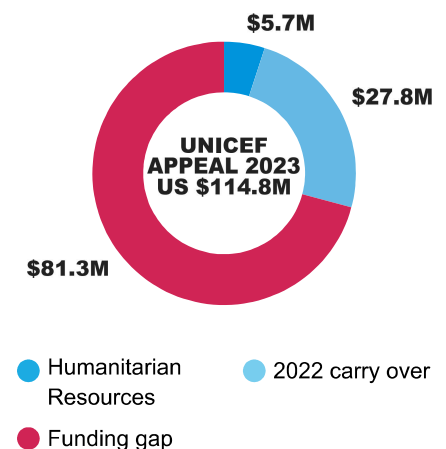
375,539

Internally Displaced Persons¹

UNICEF RESPONSE AND FUNDING STATUS*



FUNDING STATUS (IN US\$)**



** Funding available includes: funds received in the current year; carry-over from the previous year; and repurposed funds with agreement from donors

* UNICEF response % is only for the indicator, the funding status is for the entire sector.

FUNDING OVERVIEW AND PARTNERSHIPS²

In 2023, UNICEF has appealed for US\$ 114.8 million to respond to the humanitarian needs of children caused by conflict or natural disasters, while facilitating access to quality basic social services for crisis-affected populations in the northern and central areas of the country.

As of 30 April 2023, US\$ 5.7 million has been received, in addition to US\$ 27.8 million carried forward from the previous year, amounting to US\$ 33.5 million available, representing 29 per cent of the total appeal.

The funding gap is US\$ 81.3 million (71 per cent of the appeal). There are significant funding gaps in many sectors, particularly in WASH, Education and Protection.

UNICEF Mali expresses sincere gratitude to all public and private donors who have generously contributed to the 2023 humanitarian response.

Individual humanitarian contributions have been received from the Governments of Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States of America; the European Commission and the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and its donors; and the UNICEF National Committees of Germany and Spain.

Thematic humanitarian funding has been provided by the Governments of Denmark and the Netherlands. This flexible/softly earmarked, pooled and multi-year funding is one of the best ways to achieve impact for children, and allows for a faster, more agile and cost-effective response.

SITUATION OVERVIEW AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS^{3,4}

On 22 April, a vehicle bomb exploded in an area near Sévaré airport, killing 10 civilians and injuring 66 others. According to the Direction Régionale de la Santé (DRS) in Mopti, the victims included five children killed and 17 others injured, as well as two pregnant women. Rapid assessments by humanitarian partners and the Regional Department of Social Development show that several houses were destroyed and at least 68 households left homeless. In total, the incident directly affected 366 people, including 144 internally displaced persons. The survivors of the attack are living with host families in Saréma and in the Walirdé neighbourhood in the commune of Socoura.

The humanitarian context remained volatile in Menaka with persistent insecurity. Local sources reported increased criminality perpetrated by armed individuals in Menaka town and along major road axes. Non-state armed groups' activities and military operations also contributed to the deterioration of the security context. Between 25 and 26 April, assassinations and looting of livestock and properties by armed groups were reported in Intadeyni (30km N of Menaka) and Inlamawane (270 km NE of Menaka). Military operations against NSAGs were led by both the Malian and Niger Armed Forces in Tidermene, Timouzogh and along the border near Anderamboukane. Additional incursions by armed men in Inekar and Tidermene circles and other towns near Menaka were also reported. These operations trigger most of the population movements towards the city of Menaka. The nutritional situation is of major concern in the region of Ménaka. In 2022, the results of the SMART survey revealed a prevalence of Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) of 14 per cent of children under five (with 3.6 per cent SAM), a slight decrease

from 2021 (GAM: 17.9 per cent, SAM: 3.9 per cent in 2021). A rapid SMART survey was conducted in March 2023 in the IDP sites in Ménaka, which revealed a significant deterioration in the nutritional situation with prevalence of GAM of 26.9 per cent, SAM of 8.2 per cent, and MAM of 18.7 per cent.

According to data from the Malian government, a total of 375,539 IDPs were identified during the data collection and updating operation carried out in April 2023. The number of IDPs fell from 412,387 in December 2022 (DTM report of December 2022) to 375,539 in April 2023. Between December 2022 and April 2023, the number of IDPs fell by 36,848 (around 9%).

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF PROGRAMME RESPONSE

Health

During the month of April, 17 cases confirmed of measles were reported in Mali (in Koutiala, Niono, San, Kati, Kayes and Kolokani health districts). Of the 453 samples analysed since the beginning of 2023, 177 were positive. A vaccination response was organized by the Government, with support from UNICEF and partners, and resulted in the vaccination of 6,806 children throughout the country, in the regions of Diema, Kenieba, Niono and Kolokani. Since January 2023, 64,530 children (25,570 girls) were vaccinated throughout the country.

During the reporting period, 14,853 pregnant women had access to Antenatal Care (ANC). As part of routine vaccination, 14,104 children under five (7,193 girls) were treated for malaria and 3,539 children under five received adequate treatment for diarrhea (including 1,805 girls). Finally, 19,084 children (including 9,733 girls) received treatment for Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI). As part of the support provided by UNICEF to birth registration, 7,426 children (3,787 girls) were declared at birth out of 7,647 living births registered during the reporting period.

Nutrition

As of April 2023, 8,786 children (including 4,744 girls) aged 6-59 months suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition were admitted and treated in health and community facilities in Mali. Performance indicators showed close to 93 per cent cured, close to 6 per cent dropouts and 1 per cent deaths.

Since January 2023, 36,139 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition were admitted for treatment.

Regarding malnutrition prevention, 46,161 child caregivers (including 34,601 pregnant and lactating women) received key education and promotion messages on Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices (IYCF) and early psycho-cognitive stimulation. In addition, 108,586 children aged 6-59 months benefited from vitamin A supplementation.

The results of the survey on the nutritional situation in Mali in 2022 revealed a deterioration in the nutritional situation in 3 northern regions (Gao, Menaka and Timbuktu) and 1 southern region (Kaye). These data justify the planning of a humanitarian response in these areas through national NGOs to meet urgent needs on the one hand, and on the other hand to strengthen skills at local level in order to ensure and/or guarantee the sustainability of activities. The proposals are currently being finalised by UNICEF and the selected NGOs and will be implemented with the technical and financial support of UNICEF in agreement with the Government of Mali.

Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA

In April 2023, 9,061 children (4,323 girls) affected by the armed conflict were supported with psychosocial activities thanks to UNICEF and its implementing partners. Since January 2023, 51,268 children (25,570 girls) benefited from psychosocial support activities in child friendly spaces, recreational and other secure spaces, mainly in the northern and central part of Mali. Regarding the Child Protection Area of Responsibility, this number rises to 73,445 children (37,293 girls).

Following the same trend as in the last few months, 46 children (9 girls) who have exited armed forces and groups provided with protection or reintegration support in the regions of Bandiagara, Gao, Kidal, Mopti, Ségou and Tombouctou. This result remains the same regarding the Child Protection Area of Responsibility (AoR).

Likewise, a total of 133 unaccompanied and separated children (35 girls) were reached with holistic care in a family-based care or a suitable alternative through UNICEF partners this month; regarding the AoR, this number rises to 182 children (65 girls).

During the reporting period, 6,020 people (1,985 girls, 3,137 boys and 898 women) had access to gender-based violence risk mitigation, prevention, or response intervention through UNICEF's partners. Finally, 4,205 (1,478 girls, 1,123 boys and 1,595 adults) were given access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers.

Education

During the reporting period, UNICEF has provided support to 10,520 children, (including 4,853 girls) through partnerships with local government entities, ("Académies d'Enseignement") and NGOs (APIDEV, Education, ECW, MYRP, USAID).

Since January 2023, 53,099 accessed formal or non-formal education.

UNICEF, in its role as Cluster Lead Agency, has supported the training of 10 national NGOs partners in the Empowering Through Education project (implemented by Catholic Relief Service with funding from USAID) on minimum standards in humanitarian response. In addition, UNICEF, through Humanity and Inclusion, funded a workshop to design a psychosocial and mental health support module over a ten-day period. This activity is part of a harmonization of approaches within the Education Cluster. To ensure the payment of volunteer teachers' allowances in the mid-term in crisis areas, the Education Cluster lobbied the MIQRA (Mali Improving Education Quality and Results for All Project) coordination unit so that these teachers would be covered by these funds in the short and mid-term. The concept has already been accepted, but discussions are still needed to analyze the strategies employed for implementing them.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In April 2023, 49,938 people (including 24,873 women) received WASH assistance (distribution of hygiene kits consisting of water treatment and storage products as well as water trucking).

Since January 2023, 415,500 people received a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking and domestic needs.

UNICEF and other 45 WASH Cluster actors have continued to coordinate their efforts to reach 271,610 people (including 154,343 children), i.e. 12 per cent of the annual target. During the reporting period, 73 per cent of the response was devoted to access to water (including 37 per cent for sustainable water), in addition to promotion of hygiene and sanitation activities. These interventions covered every region but Sikasso.

Social Protection

During the reporting period, UNICEF continued its efforts to support the implementation of cash transfers. This included development of an accountability framework, review of beneficiary lists and updating of the risks in line with the relevant Minimum Preparedness Standards.

Cross-sectoral (HCT, SBC, RCCE and AAP)

In April 2023, 7,163 people (including 4,028 women) participated in Social and Behavioural Change (SBC) engagement actions.

During the reporting period, 168 community radio stations have broadcast 8,264 awareness messages on the importance of vaccination against COVID-19 and routine immunization in the regions of Kita, Nioro, Mopti, Segou, Timbuktu, and Kayes and Bamako. These radios play an essential role in reaching the most isolated households.

HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP, COORDINATION AND STRATEGY

Humanitarian action coordination is led by the Ministry of Health and Social Development, the Ministry in charge of Humanitarian Affairs with the support of the Humanitarian Country Team. UNICEF leads the WASH Cluster, Nutrition Cluster, the Child Protection Sub-Cluster (Area of Responsibility) and co-leads the Education Cluster. As Cluster lead/co-lead agency, UNICEF has continued to effectively support and participate in the HPC process in Mali. UNICEF led/co-led clusters are all part of the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) led by OCHA at the national and sub-national levels. UNICEF also participates in the in-country interagency PSEA Task Force and interagency Gender in Emergency Working Group.

The UNICEF Humanitarian strategy is aligned with the Core Commitments for Children and with the 2023 inter-agency Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) which aims to save lives and protect affected populations. UNICEF continues to address urgent needs of the most vulnerable populations in crisis-affected in northern and central regions of the country, while strengthening the linkages between humanitarian action and development programming and prioritizing community-based approaches.

HUMAN INTEREST STORIES AND EXTERNAL MEDIA

In April, UNICEF Mali worked together with the Government and partners to launch the Big catch up campaign during World immunization Week. The aim of this worldwide campaign was to catch up on children who missed out on routine vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic, including children affected by humanitarian crises, conflicts or living in displaced communities. The 10-day online campaign promoting immunization for all children reached almost 18,5 K accounts, with 1,6K engagements across all UNICEF Mali platforms.

The State of the World Children, UNICEF's flagship publication, which also focuses on vaccination this year and reports new data, launched just before the Immunization Week. In addition to an article in the national daily newspaper and reportages on the national TV and radio about vaccination in a UNICEF supported health center, Malian media largely broadcasted UNICEF regional press release on children malnutrition crisis in the Sahel.

- Breastmilk is the best food recommended for a baby's first six months of life
<https://twitter.com/unicefmali/status/1649014676909334528>

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- Mali Situation Reports
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NEXT SITREP: 31 MAY 2023

ANNEX A SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

Sector			UNICEF and IPs response			Cluster/Sector response		
Indicator	Disaggregation	Total needs	2023 targets	Total results	Progress	2023 targets	Total results	Progress
Nutrition								
Children aged 6 to 59 months with severe acute malnutrition admitted for treatment	Total	-	206,700	36,139	▲ 4%	206,749	36,139	▲ 4%
	Girls	-	206,700	19,530	▲ 2%	206,749	19,530	▲ 2%
	Boys	-	206,700	16,608	▲ 2%	206,749	16,608	▲ 2%
Primary caregivers of children aged 0 to 23 months receiving infant and young child feeding counselling	Total	-	496,600	189,024	▲ 9%	496,768	189,024	▲ 9%
	Women	-	496,600	143,016	▲ 7%	496,768	143,016	▲ 7%
	Men	-	496,600	45,008	▲ 2%	496,768	45,008	▲ 2%
Health								
Children aged 6 to 59 months vaccinated against measles	Total	-	200,000	64,530	▲ 3%	-	-	-
Children aged 6 to 59 months vaccinated against polio	Total	-	352,000	-	0%	-	-	-
Water, sanitation and hygiene								
People accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking and domestic needs	Total	2.1 million	415,500	124,562	▲ 12%	1.1 million	201,481	▲ 7%
	Girls	2.1 million	415,500	36,122	▲ 5%	1.1 million	58,428	▲ 2%
	Boys	2.1 million	415,500	36,122	▲ 3%	1.1 million	56,064	▲ 2%
	Women	2.1 million	415,500	27,402	▲ 3%	1.1 million	44,323	▲ 1%
	Men	2.1 million	415,500	26,377	▲ 3%	1.1 million	42,666	▲ 1%
People use safe and appropriate sanitation facilities	Total	1.3 million	50,000	10,766	▲ 5%	100,000	56,206	▲ 1%
	Women	1.3 million	50,000	8,238	▲ 2%	100,000	28,664	▲ 1%
	Men	1.3 million	50,000	8,295	▲ 3%	100,000	27,542	▲ 1%
People reached with critical WASH supplies	Total	4.1 million	228,000	66,090	▲ 22%	1.1 million	100,546	▲ 5%
	Women	4.1 million	228,000	32,929	▲ 11%	1.1 million	51,276	▲ 3%
	Men	4.1 million	228,000	33,161	▲ 11%	1.1 million	49,270	▲ 3%
Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA								
Children and parents/caregivers accessing mental health and psychosocial support	Total	-	372,700	51,268	▲ 2%	1.1 million	73,445	▲ 1%

Sector			UNICEF and IPs response			Cluster/Sector response		
Indicator	Disaggregation	Total needs	2023 targets	Total results	Progress	2023 targets	Total results	Progress
	Girls	-	372,700	25,570	▲ 1%	1.1 million	37,293	▲ 1%
	Boys	-	372,700	25,698	▲ 1%	1.1 million	36,152	▲ 1%
People who have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers	Total	-	124,000	15,643	▲ 3%	-	-	-
	Girls	-	124,000	5,633	▲ 1%	-	-	-
	Boys	-	124,000	4,507	▲ 1%	-	-	-
	Women	-	124,000	2,812	▲ 1%	-	-	-
	Men	-	124,000	2,691	▲ 1%	-	-	-
Children who have exited armed forces and groups provided with protection or reintegration support	Total	-	700	202	▲ 6%	1,000	266	▲ 5%
	Girls	-	700	39	▲ 1%	1,000	60	▲ 1%
	Boys	-	700	163	▲ 5%	1,000	206	▲ 4%
Unaccompanied and separated children accessing family-based care or a suitable alternative	Total	-	1,200	764	▲ 12%	2,000	1,264	▲ 14%
	Girls	-	1,200	278	▲ 3%	2,000	487	▲ 4%
	Boys	-	1,200	486	▲ 8%	2,000	777	▲ 10%
Women, girls and boys accessing gender-based violence risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions	Total	-	40,400	19,780	▲ 15%	-	-	-
	Girls	-	40,400	8,129	▲ 5%	-	-	-
	Boys	-	40,400	9,124	▲ 8%	-	-	-
	Women	-	40,400	2,527	▲ 2%	-	-	-
Education								
Children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning	Total	-	155,000	53,099	▲ 7%	274,772	53,099	▲ 4%
	Girls	-	155,000	24,793	▲ 3%	274,772	24,793	▲ 2%
	Boys	-	155,000	28,126	▲ 4%	274,772	28,126	▲ 2%
Children receiving individual learning materials	Total	-	430,000	57,797	0%	2.8 million	57,797	0%
	Girls	-	430,000	28,945	0%	2.8 million	28,945	0%
	Boys	-	430,000	28,852	0%	2.8 million	28,852	0%
Social Protection								

Sector			UNICEF and IPs response			Cluster/Sector response		
Indicator	Disaggregation	Total needs	2023 targets	Total results	Progress	2023 targets	Total results	Progress
Households benefitting from new or additional social assistance from governments with UNICEF technical assistance support	Total	-	70,000	-	0%	-	-	-
Households reached with UNICEF funded multi-purpose humanitarian cash transfers	Total	-	15,000	-	0%	-	-	-
Cross-sectoral (HCT, C4D, RCCE and AAP)								
People engaged in risk communication and community engagement actions	Total	-	800,000	19,569	▲ 1%	-	-	-
People sharing their concerns and asking questions through established feedback mechanisms	Total	-	250,000	30,633	▲ 2%	-	-	-

ANNEX B FUNDING STATUS

Sector	Requirements	Funding available		Funding gap	
		Humanitarian resources received in 2023	Resources available from 2022 (carry over)	Funding gap (US\$)	Funding gap (%)
Health	10,432,800	1,492,001	575,137	8,365,662	80%
Nutrition	31,259,097	535,332	6,174,365	24,549,400	79%
Child protection, GBViE and PSEA	22,884,613	1,108,670	2,663,252	19,112,691	84%
Education	20,168,798	720,453	2,180,155	17,268,190	86%
Water, sanitation and hygiene	19,200,598	970,849	1,772,490	16,457,259	86%
Social protection	6,233,882	-	13,186,748	-6,952,866	0%
Cross-sectoral (HCT, SBC, RCCE and AAP)	2,381,400	601,187	290,000	1,490,213	63%
Emergency preparedness	2,270,000	292,965	935,320	1,041,715	46%
Total	114,831,188	5,721,457	27,777,467	81,332,264	71%

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ENDNOTES

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3. Source : <https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/mali-note-dinformations-humanitaires-sur-la-region-de-mopti-rapport-de-situation-1-5-mai-2023>

4. Source : https://dnds.ml/media/reports/DTM_Avril_2023_F5OJJvM.pdf