High levels of chronic vulnerability persist in the Sahel. Early 2015, an estimated 20.4 million people are food insecure in the region. Acute malnutrition is expected to threaten the lives and development of 5.8 million children under five years of age. Violent conflicts and insecurity caused 2.8 million people to flee from their homes, over a million more than early January 2014. Here is how humanitarian teams plan to respond to support the Sahel’s most vulnerable.

**3 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

- Track and analyse risk and vulnerability, integrating findings into humanitarian and development programming.
- Support vulnerable populations to better cope with shocks by responding earlier to warning signals, by reducing post-crisis recovery times and by building capacity of national actors. Deliver coordinated and integrated life-saving assistance to people affected by emergencies.

**5 HUMANITARIAN PRIORITIES**

**FOOD INSECURITY**
Recurrent food crises affect millions of people in the Sahel, even in years without major droughts, and erode the resilience of the most vulnerable populations.

**MALNUTRITION**
Malnutrition remains worrying throughout the Sahel, not only at the peak of the lean season, but also in post-harvest periods, and reaches emergency levels in many regions.

**CONFLICTS**
Conflicts and insecurity continue to affect the Sahel region, causing death, displacement and destruction of property, health facilities and schools, and exacerbating food insecurity and malnutrition.

**EPIDEMICS**
Poverty and lack of access to quality health services make communities highly vulnerable to epidemics and disease, with abnormally high fatality rates.

**NATURAL DISASTERS**
An increasingly erratic climate and recurrent disasters associated with natural hazards such as droughts, floods and animal pests (e.g. locusts) continue to affect populations across the Sahel.

**$1.96 BILLION**
initial funding requested

**HOW MUCH FUNDING IS NEEDED**

- Burkina Faso: $98.8 million
- Cameroon: $154 million
- Chad: $23.7 million
- Gambia: $40.9 million
- Mali: $77.4 million
- Mauritania: $105.2 million
- Niger: $76.7 million
- Nigeria: $100.3 million
- Senegal: $99.4 million
- Sahel Regional: $10.3 million

**9 AFFECTED COUNTRIES**

**103 AID ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING**

**9.3 MILLION** food insecure people targeted for assistance

**2 MILLION** children with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) targeted for assistance

**2.5 MILLION** people displaced (internally displaced, refugees and returnees) targeted for assistance

**1.2 MILLION** children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) targeted for assistance

**AN OVERVIEW OF THE SAHEL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN 2015**

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