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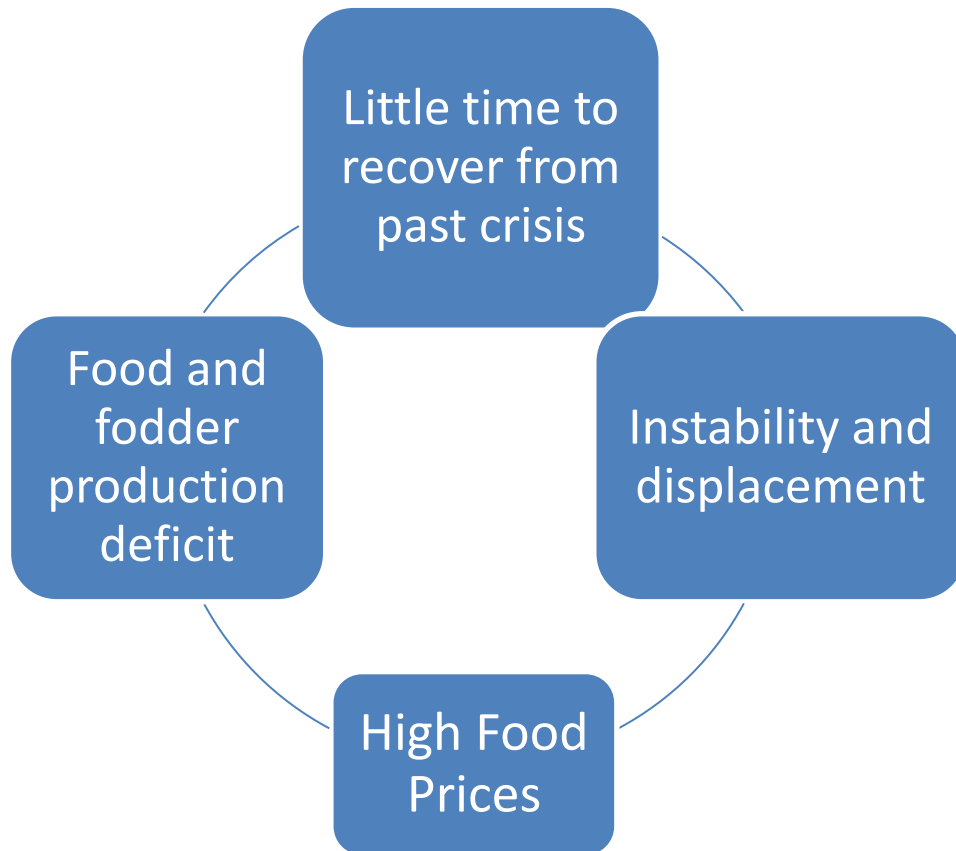
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Mother feeding her child at blanket feeding site in Maradi, Niger. WFP/Rein Skullerud.

# 2012: Crisis in the Sahel



# Impact of the crisis

## Impact on people:

- Negative coping mechanisms
- Reduction in resilience
- Increased morbidity/mortality

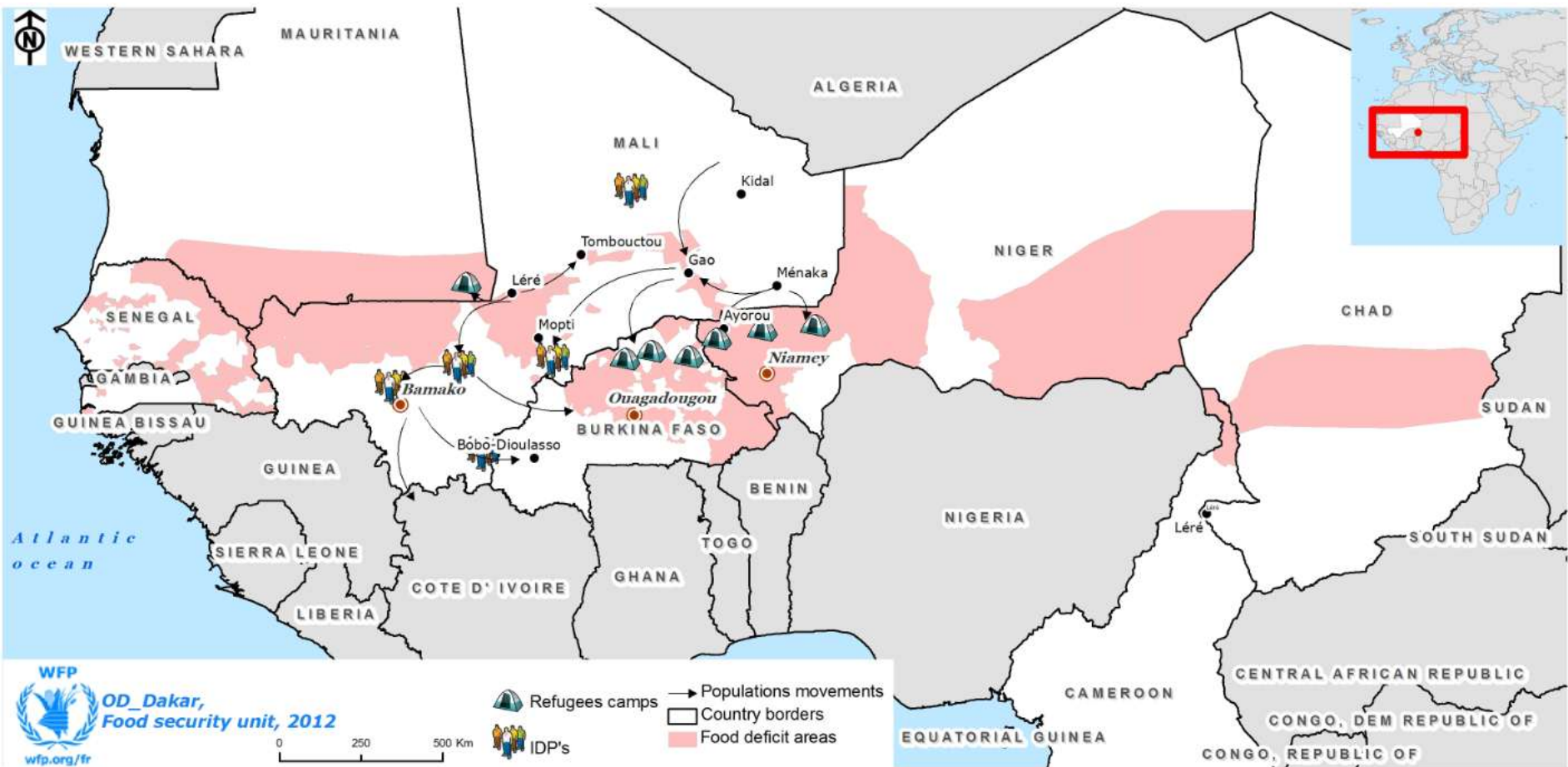
## Affected population groups:

- Pastoralists
- Agro-pastoralists
- Farmers
- Urban households
- Displacement



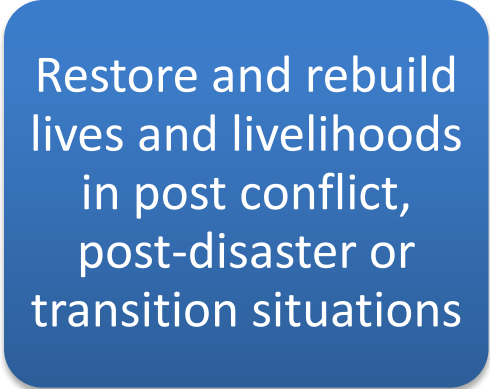
**Children and women most affected**

# Sahel region





# WFP's strategy for the Sahel



**Food security activities and nutrition interventions**

# Linking relief and recovery - resilience

## Examples:

Water harvesting structures; rehabilitation of degraded land; nurseries and dry land agro-forestry; skills training; access roads construction & repairs; cereal banks and other social infrastructure.

Partnership with FAO, IFAD and UNICEF.



# Timeline of interventions

- Phase 1: Mitigation phase
- Phase 2: Relief during lean season
- Phase 3: Recovery, resilience building

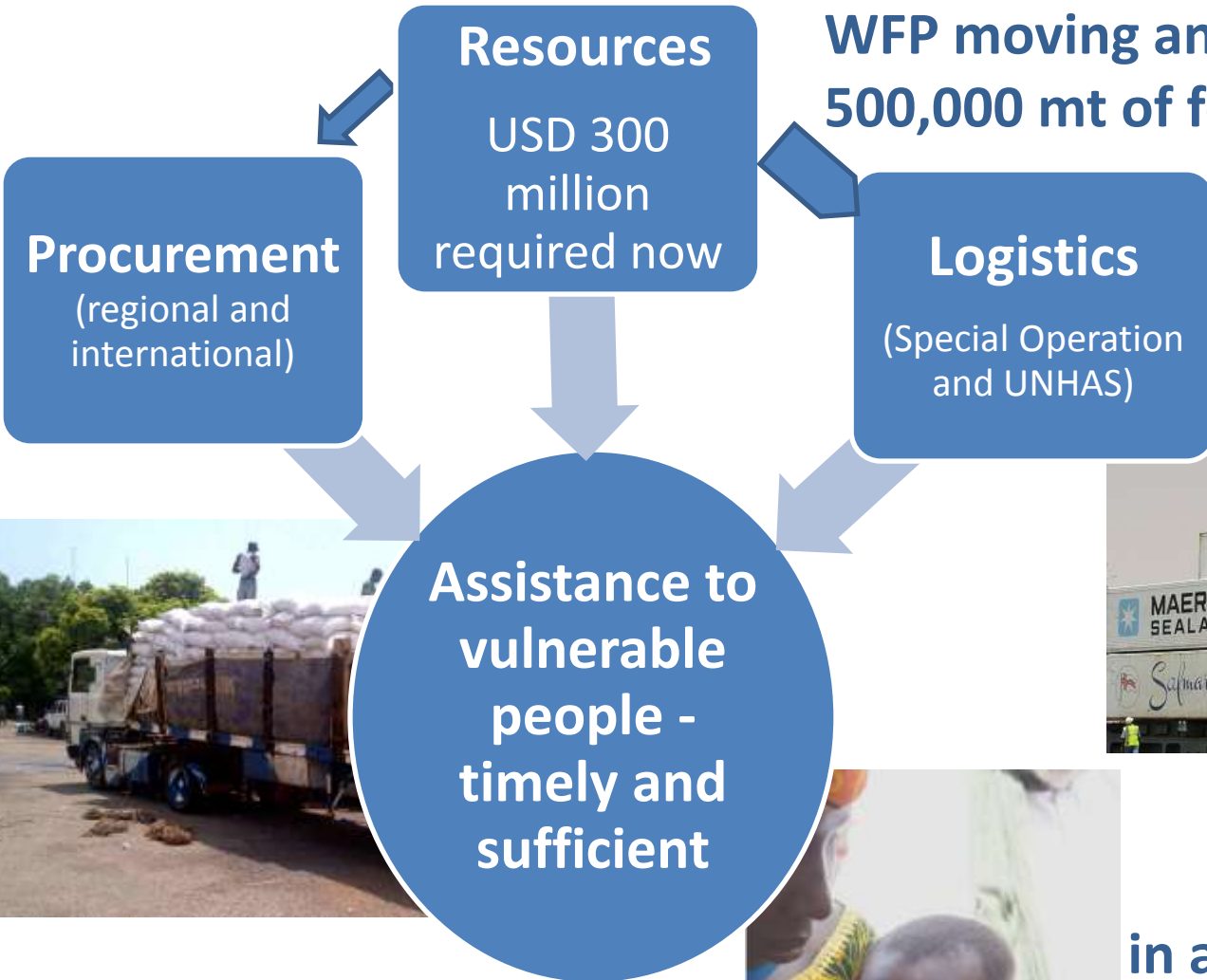
Ongoing assessments are key to designing and adjusting the response

# Sahel response plan

- Over 9 million people, among who
  - 3.2 are women and children benefitting from nutrition activities
  - 1.7 million people through cash/voucher based interventions
- Requirements: over USD 800 million
  - USD 73 million for cash activities
  - Over 500,000 MT of food commodities
- In April, WFP supported over 1.5 million people through food security and nutrition activities.



**WFP moving an unprecedented  
500,000 mt of food...**



**in a challenging context**  
rainy season, insecurity,  
landlocked countries, stretched  
corridors , extreme heat etc.)

# Mali

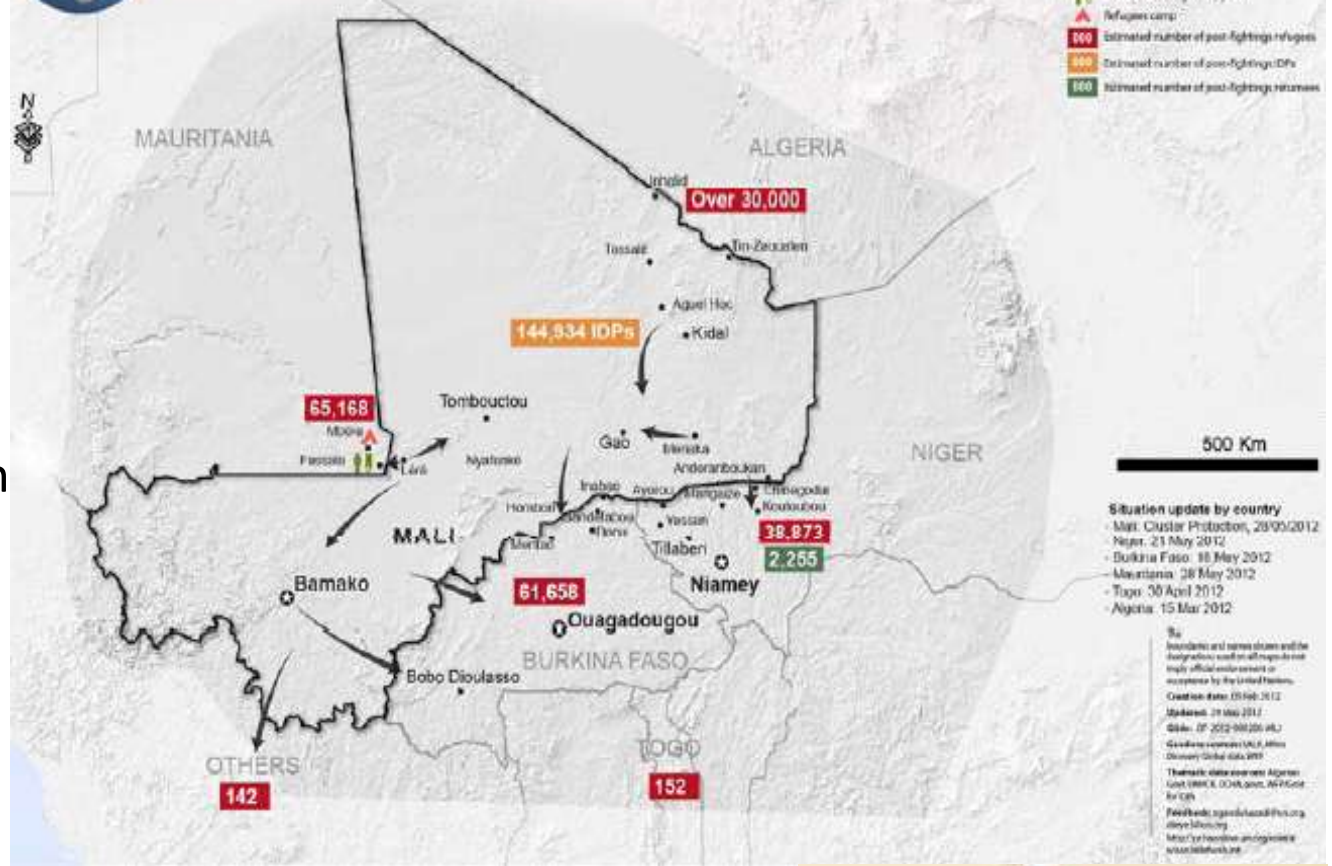
Scaling up assistance in non-conflict areas

WFP resumed support in Northern Mali at a small scale

**Challenge:**

Access in Northern Mali under control of various movements/groups.

Impact of the situation in Northern Mali on the whole region (peace and security)



**Over 300,000 people were forced to leave their homes**



**Thank you**