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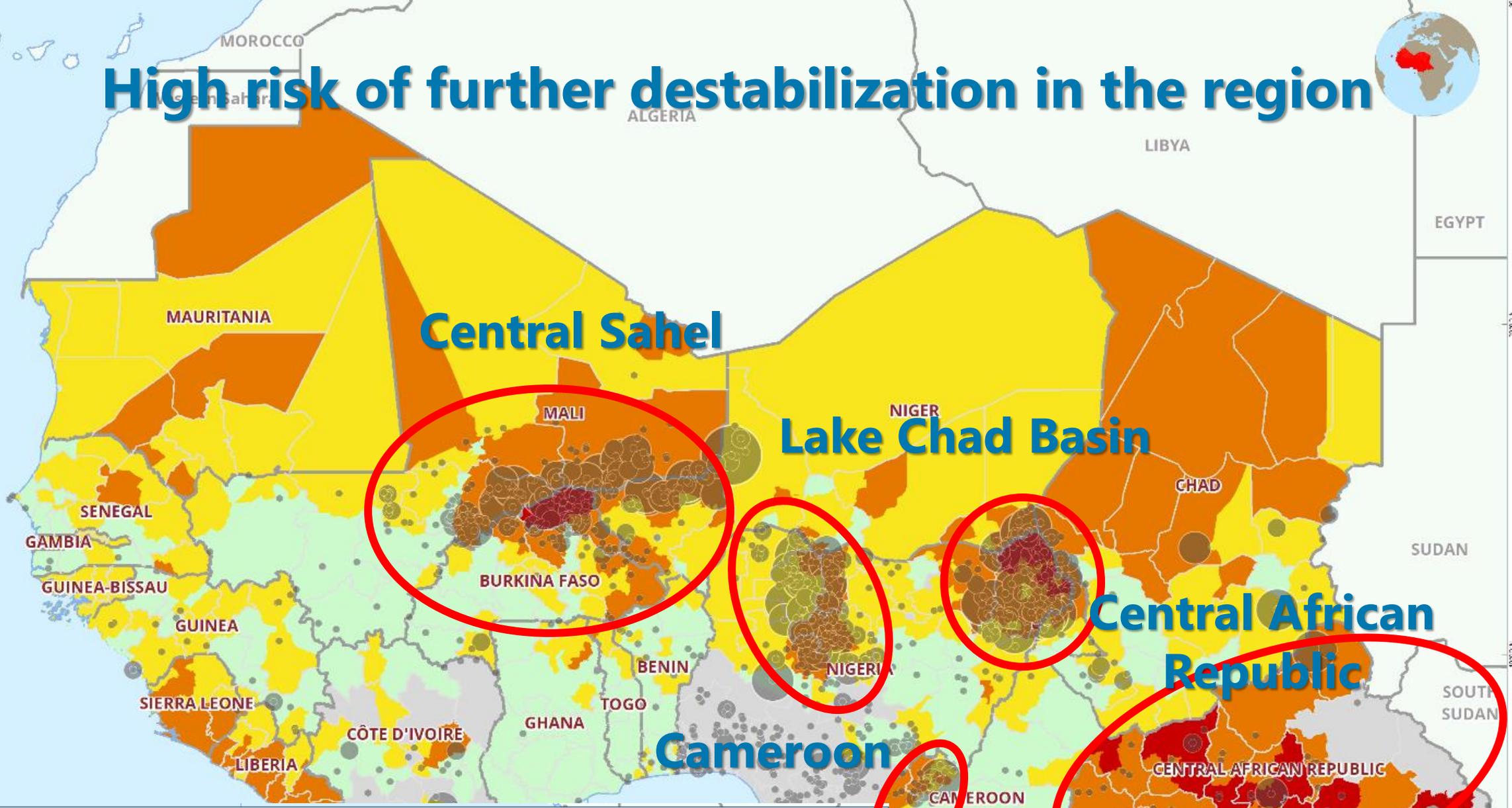
# Regional Bureau for Western Africa



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22 June 2021

# High risk of further destabilization in the region



**CH/IPC Food Security Phase classification**



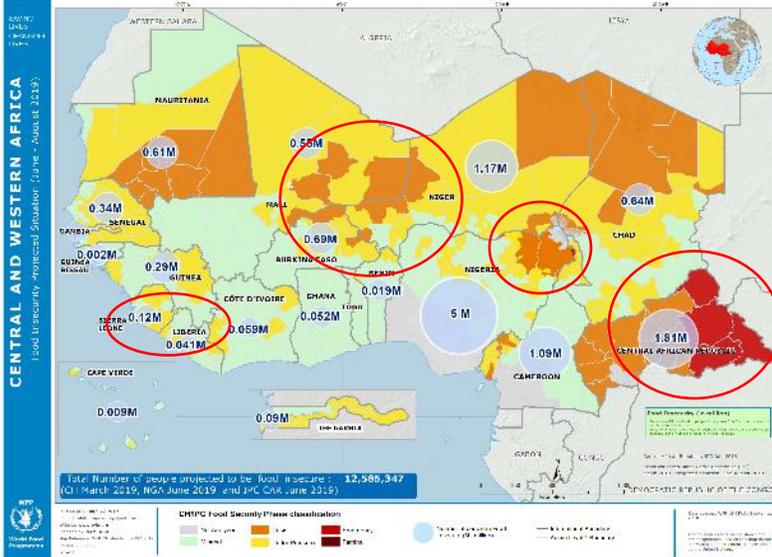
**Fatalities ( ACLED 6 months : October. 2020 - March. 2021)**



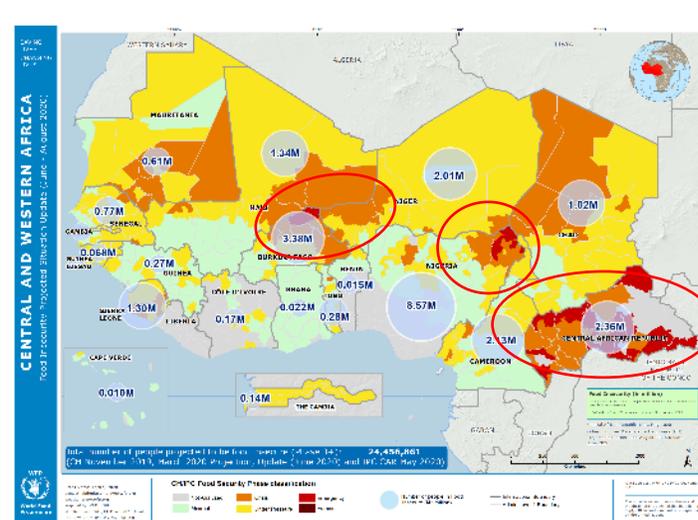
— International Boundary

# Unprecedented food security and nutrition crisis

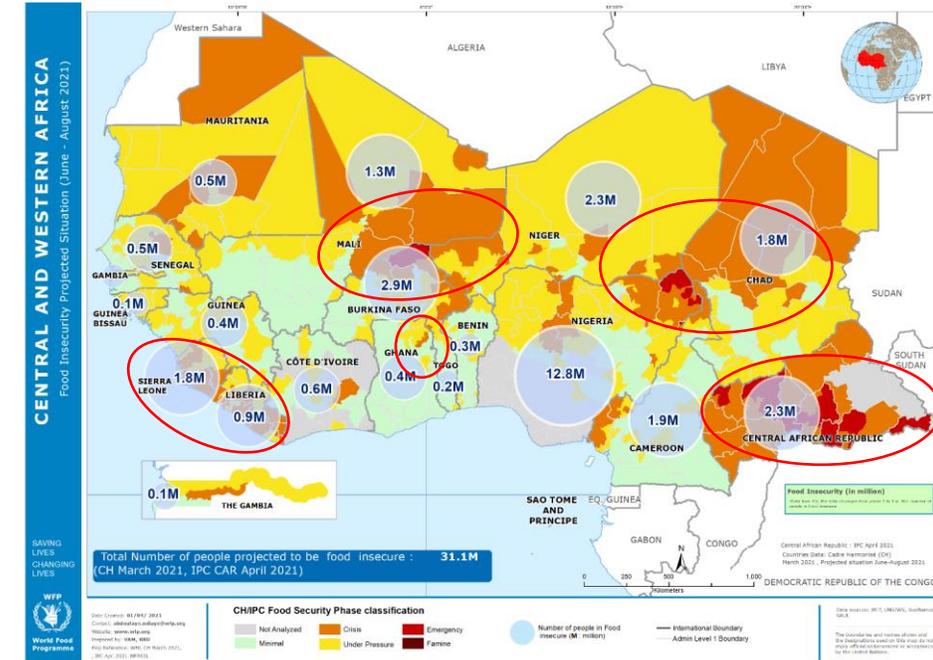
March 2019



March 2020



March 2021



Source: Cadre Harmonisé

Number of food insecure (Phase 3+) West AFRICA + CAR

12.6 million

24.5 million

**31.1 million**

↑ 28%\* vs. 2020

↑ 147% vs. 2019



\*30% with CAR excluded

# How are we supporting governments to respond to the crises?

- **Scaled up to reach 9.6 million beneficiaries in Q1 2021** (+2.6 million or +37% versus 2020)
- **Increase in distribution of in-kind food** (+12%) in Q1 2021
- **As of end of May, USD 105 million have been distributed to 2.8 million beneficiaries** (+35% versus 2020)
- **Maintaining humanitarian access**



# Emergencies

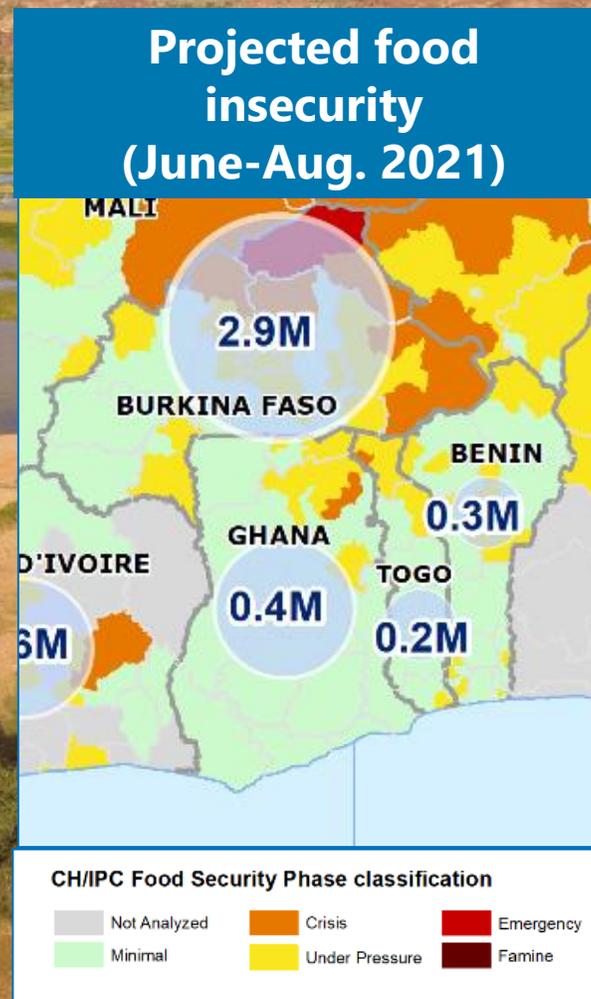
## Burkina Faso

- Further deterioration of the security situation
- 3.5 million people in need of humanitarian assistance (Humanitarian Response Plan 2021, OCHA, February 2021)
- 2.9 million people projected food insecure for 2021 lean season
- 1.2 million people displaced (30 April 2021)

# Coastal countries

## Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo and Benin

- Potential risk of spill over from the Sahel
- Border regions in northern areas have exposure to conflict and climate risks
- Pockets of moderate food insecurity



# Burkina Faso – Assisting the most vulnerable and making national systems shock responsive



- Support the **national response plan to the lean season - 1.3 million targeted people** (57% of the national target)
- **Maintain assistance in hard-to-reach areas** with unfortunately **reduced rations**
- **Ramp up our integrated resilience-building activities**
- **Strengthen capacities of national systems**
- **Deepen collaboration with other stakeholders**
- **USD 148 million shortfall** (79% of total requirements) for the next six months (July to December 2021)

# Benin – Supporting investments in the nation’s human capital



- **National school feeding programme mainly funded by the government (85% over 2019-2021) and implemented by WFP**
  - **656,000 children** (46% girls)
  - **3,851 schools** (52% of total schools) in all 12 districts and 77 communes
  - **70%** food sourced locally (excl. donations)
- **Multi-sectoral and partnership approach**
- **Moving forward** - Handover to the government
  - Increase in coverage: 75% by 2021; 100% by 2023
  - National school feeding legislation
  - USD 56 million shortfall for 2022-2023
- **A preventive measure against destabilization**

# Ghana – Strengthening local Food Systems



- Five-year **flexible funding from Canada**
- Making **specialized nutritious foods** available and affordable to all, supporting **food processors** to meet **international standards**
- **Expansion of WFP suppliers' base**
- **Lead-time reduction** by up to three months
- Supports **socio economic progress, local production** and **job creation**
- Facilitates **intra-regional trade** and **regional integration**

# Critical investments are being made to support enhanced engagement with governments and the private sector

- **Pilot of Senior National Advisor positions** in two coastal countries
- **Strengthening our expertise in key programmatic areas** – climate change, disaster-risk management, home-grown school feeding, etc.
- **Reinforcing our Country Capacity Strengthening team**
- **Development of a regional Private Sector engagement plan**, starting with a regional landscape analysis



# Update on the joint Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) response programme to Covid-19, Conflicts and Climate Change (SD3C)

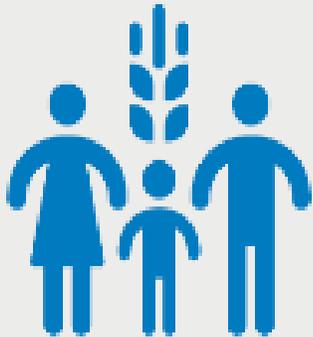
- **First regional project** designed and implemented by the **three RBAs** in the **G5 countries and Senegal**
- Support to be provided to **123,000 rural households**
- **USD 180.4 million programme** funded by the **IFAD** and the **Green Climate Fund over six years**
- **First bilateral agreement** signed between the **Senegalese government and WFP** on May 28



As of June 18 2021

**TARGET  
NUMBER OF  
BENEFICIARIES**

**17.7 MILLION**



**TOTAL  
NEEDS**  
(next six months)  
**USD 1.1 BN**

**SHORTFALL  
USD 795 M**

**FUNDED  
USD 325 M**

(as of June 18, 2021)

**Thank you!**