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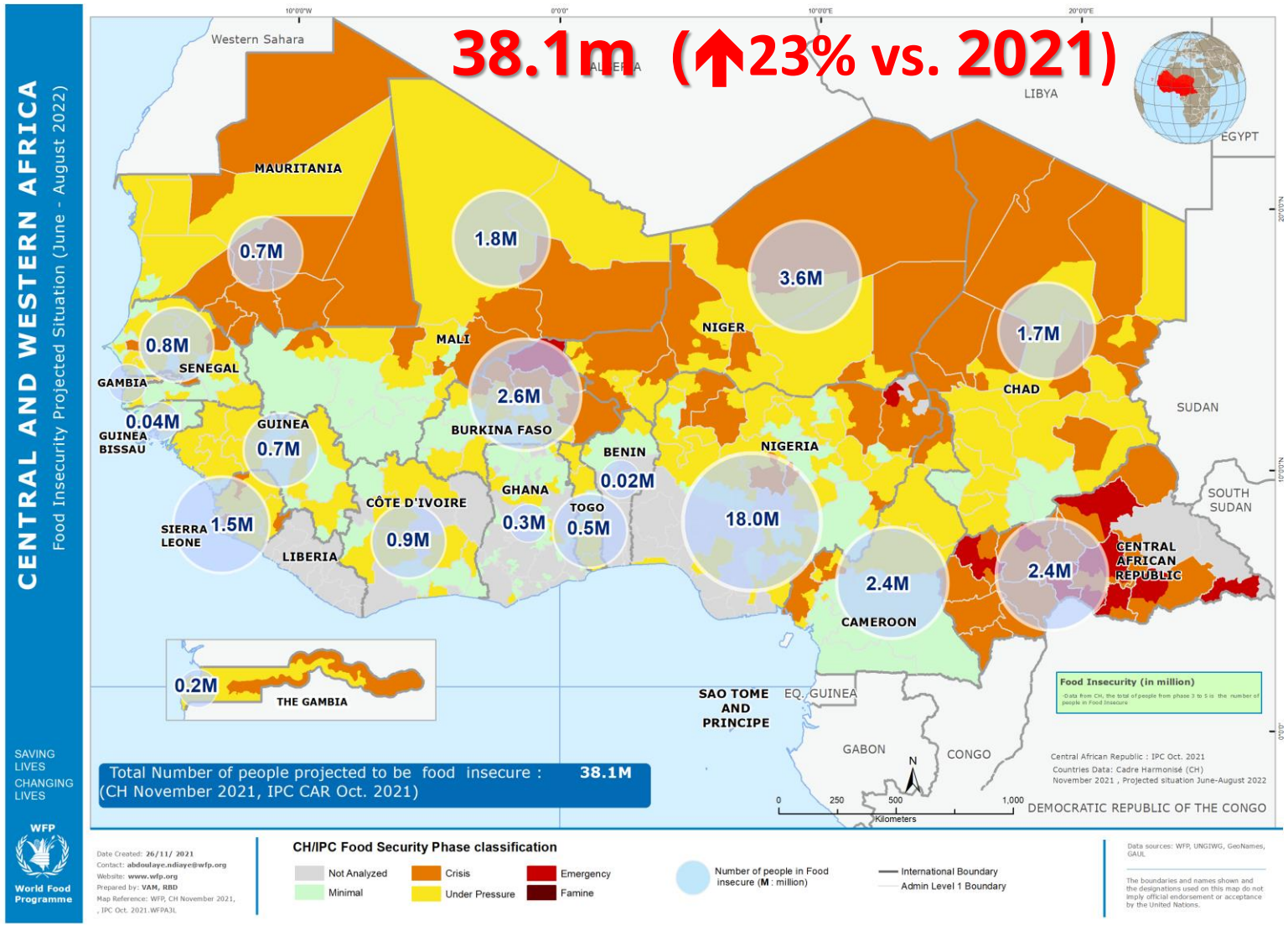
Regional Bureau for Western Africa

2022 March

TOWARDS A MAJOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION CRISIS IN 2022



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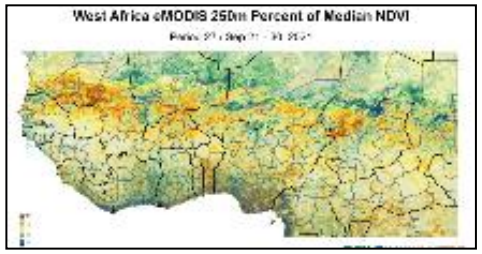
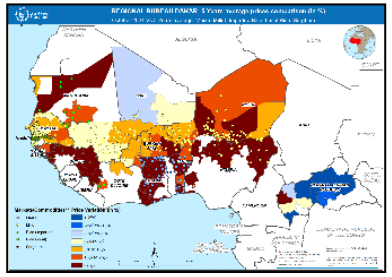
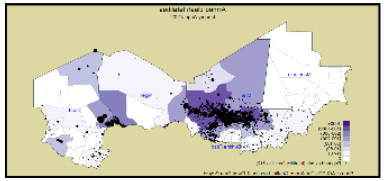
A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF INTERLINKED FACTORS

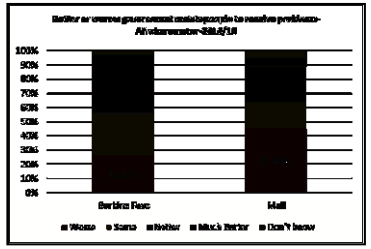




Drought → Conflicts → COVID → Price increase → Institutional fragilities → Major Crisis



Extreme poverty, +3%
Debt burden



- **Rainfall deficits** and significant **drop in production**
- **High food prices**
- **↑ Extreme poverty**
- **Limited fiscal space**
- Continued **deteriorating security situation**
- **Informal community networks being dismantled**

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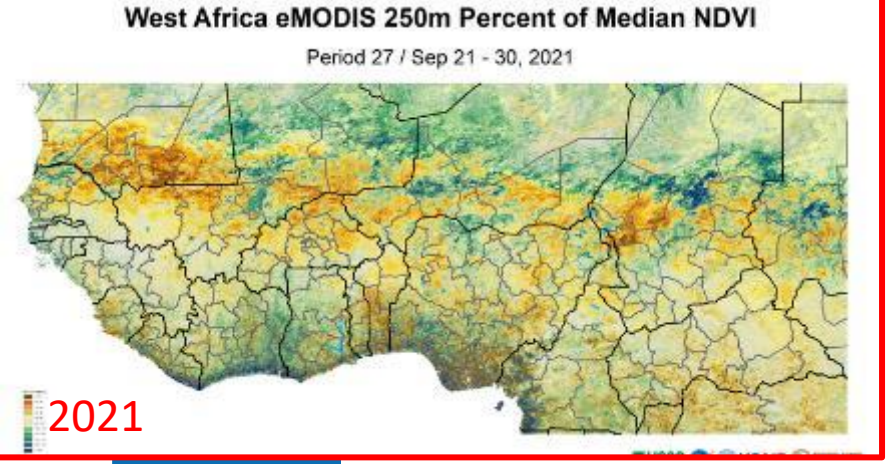
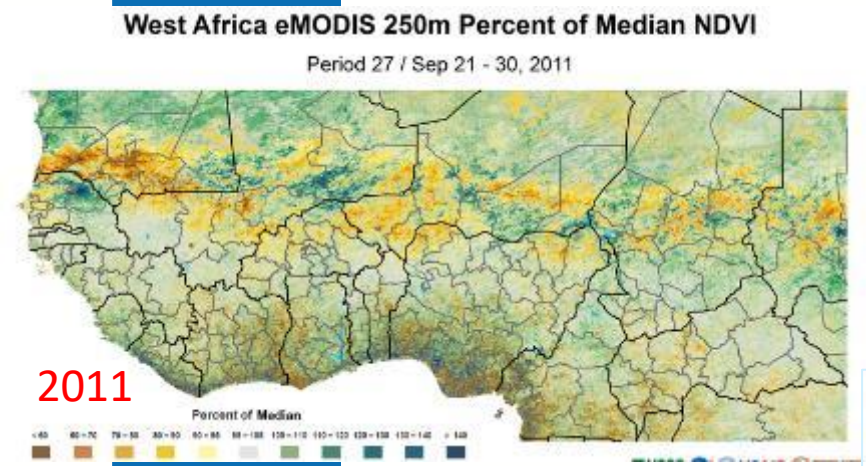
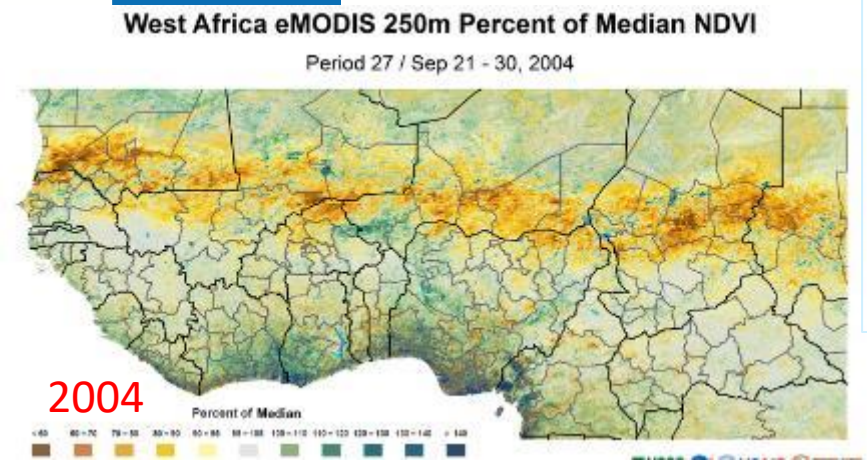
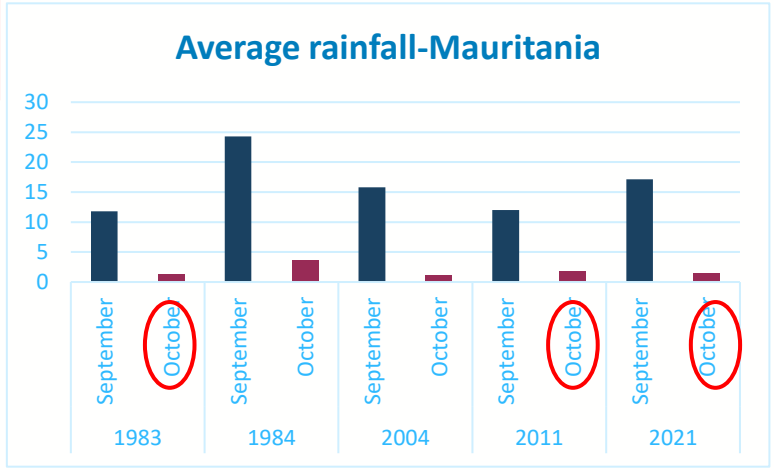
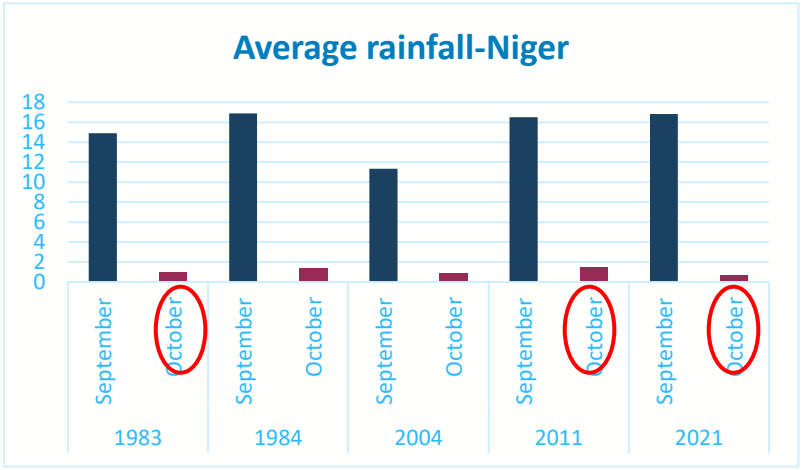


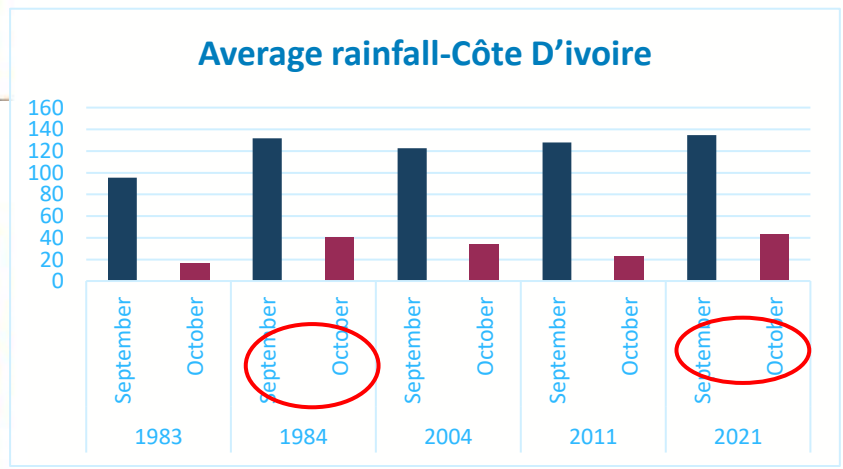


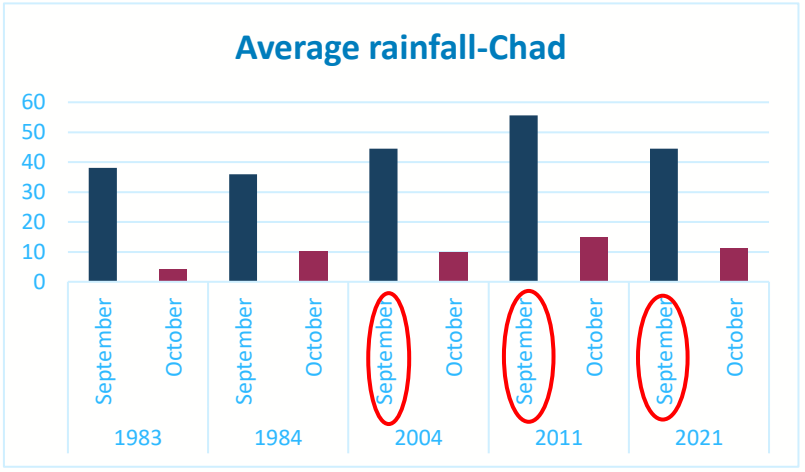


- 2021 situation is similar to exceptional dry years, 1983, 2004, 2011
- Comparable high year-to-year variability of rainfall (1983, 1984, 2004, 2011, 2021)

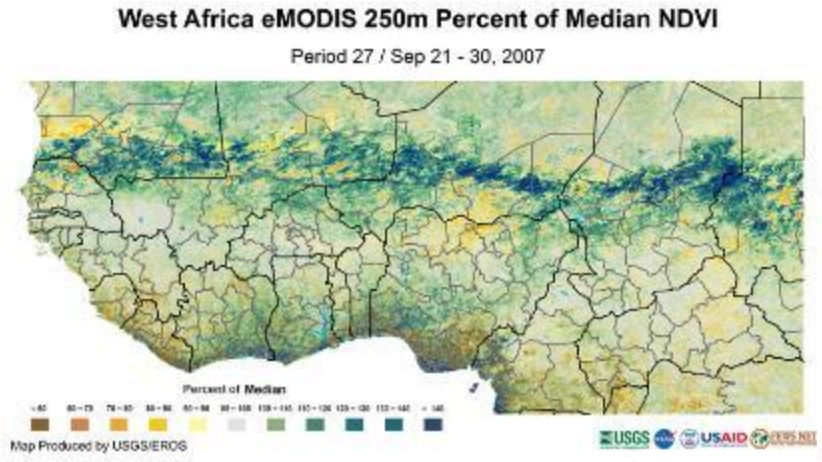








2021 COMPARED TO "NORMAL" RAINY SEASONS



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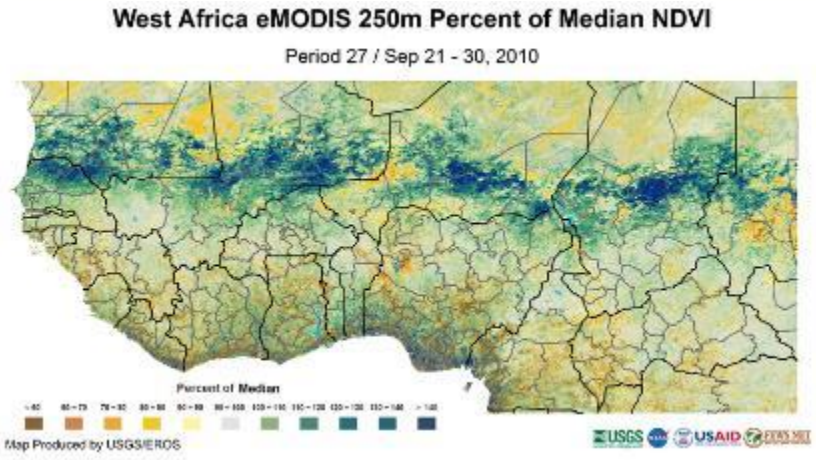

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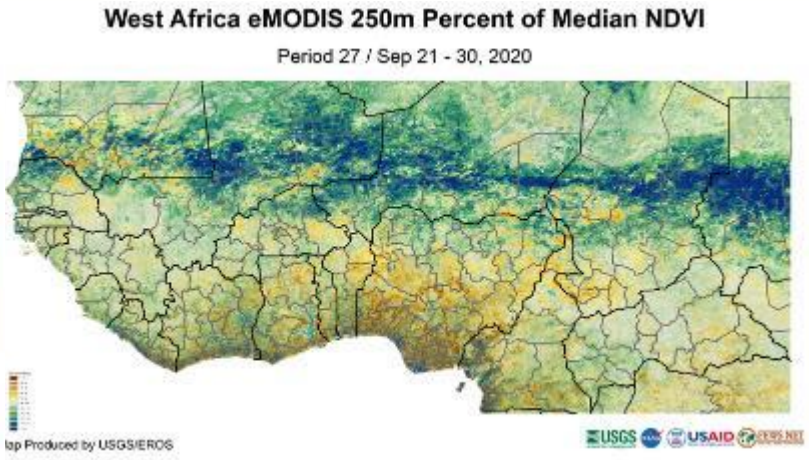

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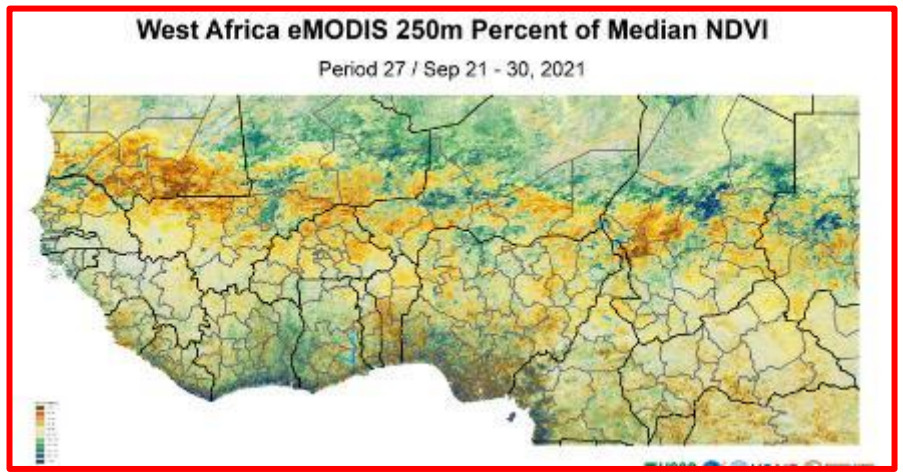

2021

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SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND

October 2020 October 2021

Burkina Faso

Mauritania

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THE CRISIS WOULD LEAD TO SEVERE AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORALIST LEAN SEASONS

- Agricultural lean season expected to **more severe and start earlier**
- **Early outmigration of pastoralists**
- Increased risk of **mass selling of their livestock**
- **Rising tensions between farmers and herders**

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EARLY PLANNING AND RESPONSE ARE THE MOST IMPACTFUL MEASURES

- **Early food procurement**
- **Prepositioning** of commodities
- **GCMF proved effective in reducing lead time**
- **Timely confirmation of funding**
- Adequate **Country Office capacity** in place
- Efficient **coordination with Government** and other partners

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WFP'S CRISIS RESPONSE – A 'NO-REGRETS' APPROACH

- **Support government's efforts** and contribute to National Response plans
- **Early response** well before the lean season starts
- **Scaling up crisis response across the Sahel**
- **WFP plans to assist** (provided sufficient financial resources)
  - around **2.4 million people** during the early lean season and pastoral response (February to May)
  - over **8.5 million people** (June to September)

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LEVERAGING AND STRENGTHENING SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS

"SHOCK RESPONSIVE" FEATURES

ANTICIPATE

- Support linkages with **early warning systems**
- **Anticipatory action**

FINANCE

- Support access to **risk-based financing** and sovereign **climate risk insurance** (e.g., ARC)

DELIVER

- **Shadow alignment**
- **Piggy back**
- **"Channel through"**
- **Gradual handover**

"REGULAR/ROUTINE" PROGRAMMES

IMPROVE

- **Design of tools and programmes** (e.g. social registries)

ENABLE

- Advise on **policies, frameworks**
- Develop **guidelines** (e.g. data sharing, protection)

↑ **Ability to predict and act early**

Early access to finance

Stronger systems able to take over

Enabling environment

↑ COVERAGE/ADEQUACY AND PEOPLE'S RESILIENCE

SCALING UP RESILIENCE–BUILDING AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION INTERVENTIONS

SINCE 2018

- Over **2.5 million people** in more than **2,000 villages**
- **~110,000 hectares** land rehabilitated

NIGER EXAMPLE

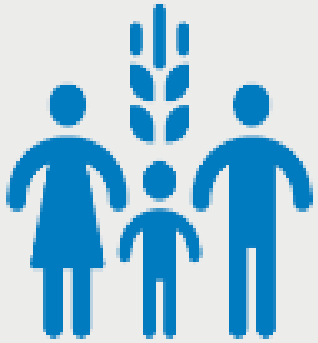
- Malnutrition rates ↓
- ↑ School attendances rates
- ↑ food availability and diversity
- Rehabilitated lands are now a key source of livelihood and contributes to CO_2 sequestration

AS OF JANUARY 20, 2022

TARGET NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

~21 MILLION

(with ongoing adjustments)



TOTAL NEEDS

(next six months)

USD 1.3 BN

(as of January 20, 2022)

Thank you!

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