

ending child hunger and undernutrition initiative

overview and update

Informal consultation to the WFP Executive Board
Rome, 12 February 2007



EB decisions at November '06 session

- **Welcomed** the Initiative and the GFA;
- **Recognized**
 - the catalytic role of WFP and UNICEF
 - The Initiative's potential contribution to MDG1
 - The focus on 350 – 400 million hungry children
- **Encouraged** WFP and UNICEF to lead the Initiative.

In Nov '06, EB also requested a paper to:

- **Authorise** WFP's participation in a revised GFA
- **Approve** WFP's role in the 2007-2008 work plan

- Update **Status** of the **Partners Group***
- Provide **Milestones***, draft **Work Plan***, and draft **TORs*** for the Initiative's key groups

*requests completed and distributed to Board members

I. Partners Group status: engaged partners

- Save the Children, UK
- Save the Children, US
- World Vision International
- World Vision US
- Caritas International
- EuronAid (100 NGOs)
- Action Aid Intl.
- Oxfam
- World Economic Forum
- Unilever
- TNT
- Boston Consulting Group
- US Centres for Disease Control
- George Washington University
- *The Lancet*
- UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN)
- Archbishop of Canterbury
- UNHCR, FAO, IFAD, WHO,
- IFIs (WB, AfDB, IADB)
- **WFP? UNICEF?**

II. Major milestones: 2007

- Q1
 - **SCN** Annual Session: SCN & ECHUI work plans harmonised (26 Feb)
 - Partners Group **TORs** approved
 - NGO and private sector **vice-chairs** of the Partners Group identified

- Q2
 - Inaugural Annual **Partners Group** meeting to approve 2007-08 work plan
 - First of three regional consultations on **regional strategy** development
 - ***The Lancet*** series on child undernutrition (June 07)

- Q3
 - ***Progress for Children: Report Card on Nutrition*** (UNICEF) released
 - Initiate high-level **advocacy campaign** to establish child hunger as policy priority
 - Second of three regional consultations on **regional strategy** development

- Q4
 - **Committee on World Food Security** convened; FAO/Rome
 - Third of three regional consultations on **regional strategy** development

III. ECHUI Work plans: 2007–08

Initiative work plan:

- Advocate CHU issues and solutions w/ all stakeholders
- Work with Governments through UNDAF and PRSP processes (WFP is one partner among many in UNCT)
- Identify opportunities for initiation or expansion

Secretariat work plan:

- Policy coordination
- Partnership development
- Best practices adopted

IV. Governance: TORs (Annex II)

Partners Group

- global-level partnerships forum
- advisory body
- strategic guidance
- defines work plan
- reports annually on results
- supported technically by SCN

Steering Committee

- strategic direction
- provides guidance to Secretariat
- authorizes allocation of Secretariat resources

Secretariat

- supports Partners Group
- supports and/or implements:
 - partnership development
 - policy coordination
 - communications for advocacy
 - updating & monitoring of work plans
 - best practice documentation
- Consists of personnel from WFP, UNICEF and others

What's new?

Nov 06

- WFP EB welcomes ECHUI
- “Act of Lima” commits WFP-UNICEF-PAHO to work with Government of Peru to eradicate child malnutrition

Dec 06

- Global Framework for Action revised after discussions with FAO, IFAD where [Household Food Security](#) was refined:
 - [Homestead Food Production \(FAO, IFAD\)](#)
 - [Cash Transfers](#)
 - [Supplementary Feeding \(Annex V c\)](#)
- Clarification of ECHUI responsibilities re: ‘essential’ and ‘[complementary](#)’ interventions (see Target Table Annex V c)

Jan 07

- ECHUI on the agenda at [World Economic Forum Davos '07](#)

Feb 07

- West Africa Regional meeting on ECHUI – regional strategy adopted in five Sahel countries by UN Country Teams

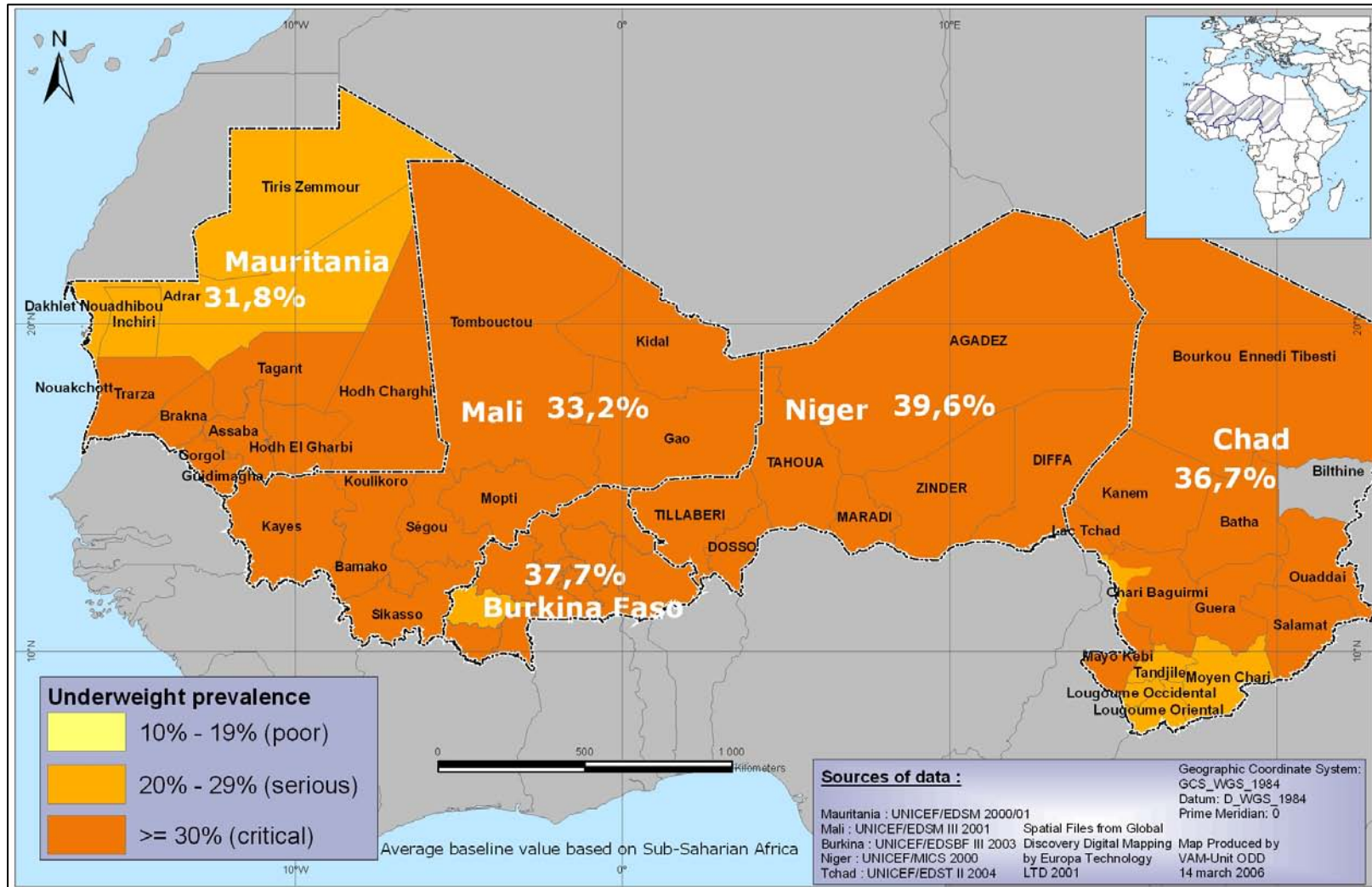
WFP's role at **country-level**

WFP works with the Government,
the UN Country Teams and national partners to:

- **analyse** the problem and interventions required
- **identify** gaps
- **help** develop Government plan to fill gaps
- **support** more effective policy responses
- **build** partnerships to harmonise and scale up needed interventions

Regional Case Study:

Sahel & Prevalence of underweight in children 0-59 mo.



Regional Case Study: Sahel Alliance – Feb 2007

- UN Country Teams:
 - UN Resident Coordinator + WFP CD
+ UNICEF CR + FAO + WHO Regional Officials
- To “scale up” ECHUI in the Sahel
- “Unacceptably high rates of malnutrition, mortality and food insecurity” – triple threat
- PRSPs and WB/Govt.
- Regional Response – National Action Plans

UNICEF-WFP Response: Essential Packages

PREVENTION PACKAGE

- Breastfeeding
- Age-appropriate food and feeding practices
- Vitamins & Minerals
- Deworming
- Vaccination
- Hand-washing
- oral rehydration (ORT)
- Maternal food support where access to food is a problem
- Household food security

Draft decision for Feb. session

Having reviewed the Initiative, the Board:

- **authorizes WFP to participate in the Initiative** as outlined in the Global Framework for Action, including participation in the Partners Group, the Steering Committee and the Secretariat;
- **approves WFP's role in the work plan for 2007–2008** with an est. budget of US\$1.1 per annum for WFP's participation in the work plan to be funded from non-PSA sources;
- **notes the status of the Partners Group, the milestones** for 2007–2008, and the corresponding **timetable** for developing the Partners Group work plan and responsibilities,
- **welcomes the draft work plan** for the Initiative, including the **terms of reference** for the Partners Group, the Steering Committee and the Secretariat of the Initiative.