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Regional Overview for West Africa Executive Board Session Rome, November 2018



Outline

Challenges

- Sahel Shock
- Lake Chad Basin
- Central African Republic

Opportunities

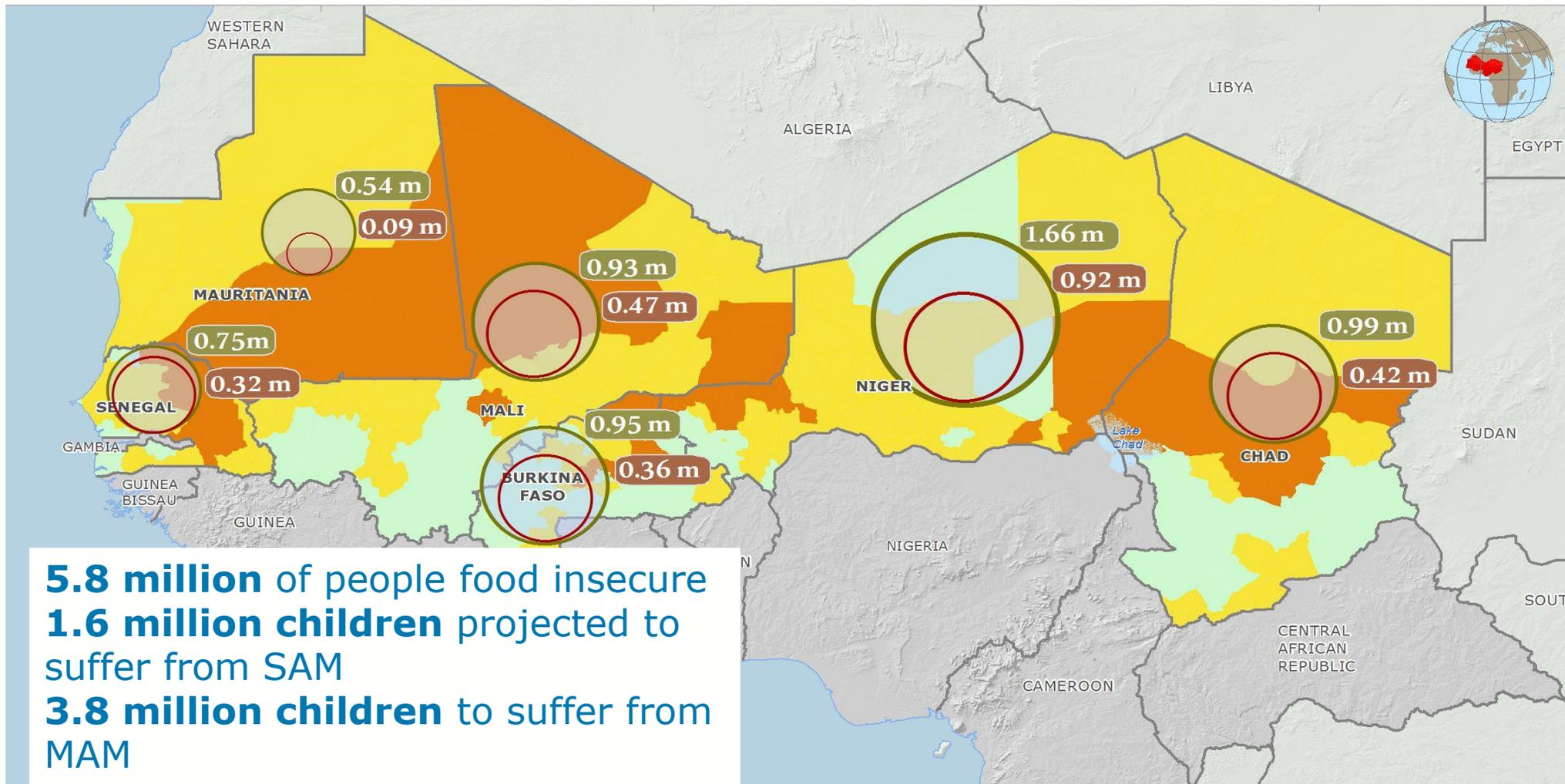
- Sahel Scale up-Resilience
- From Recipient Governments to Financial Contributors
- Centre of Excellence in Côte d'Ivoire

2018 Sahel Lean Season



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WFP Sahel Lean Season Response



Out of **3.5 million planned**, WFP reached more than three million vulnerable people, or **89 percent** from March to September.

Activities included:



Unconditional food assistance through in-kind and CBT



Malnutrition prevention and treatment activities

	Beneficiaries planned	Beneficiaries reached
Burkina Faso	725,683	573,084
Chad	700,000	634,839
Mali	676,450	811,200
Mauritania	427,687	344,119
Niger	831,683	673,328
Senegal	139,500	91,911
Total	3,501,003	3,128,481

Key Success Factors



Declaration of a pre-emptive L3



WFP activated internal financing mechanisms



Use of the GCMF was scaled-up to provide a more proactive response



Surge capacity deployed on time in all countries



Successful coordination through Food Security and Nutrition working groups and clusters



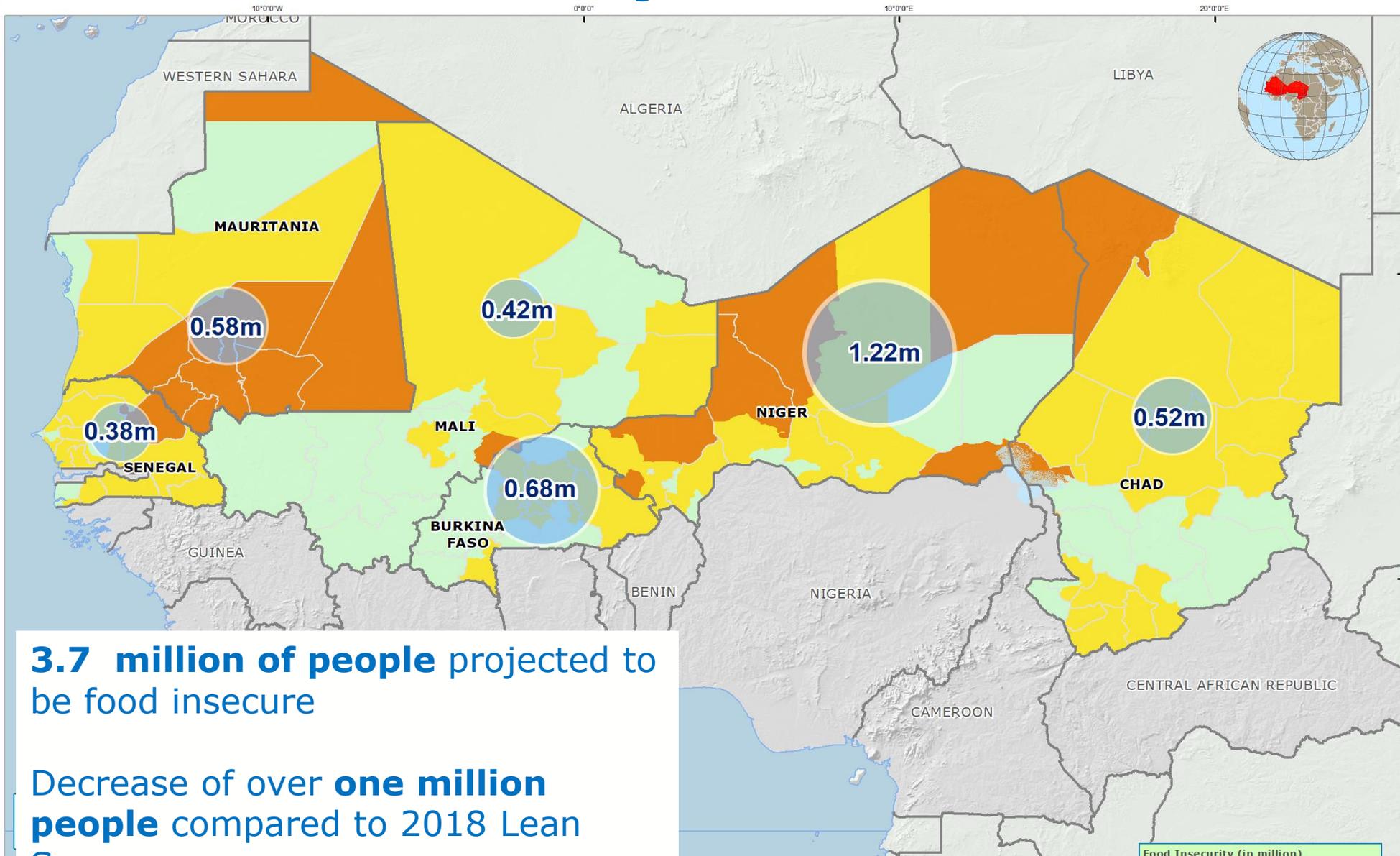
Joint appeals and responses made with UN sister agencies

2019 Sahel Projected Lean Season



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Food Insecurity (in million)



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Lake Chad Basin (LCB)

3.3 million food insecure across the LCB

1.93 million IDPs in Nigeria alone

230,000 refugees in Niger, Cameroon and Chad

WFP Response:

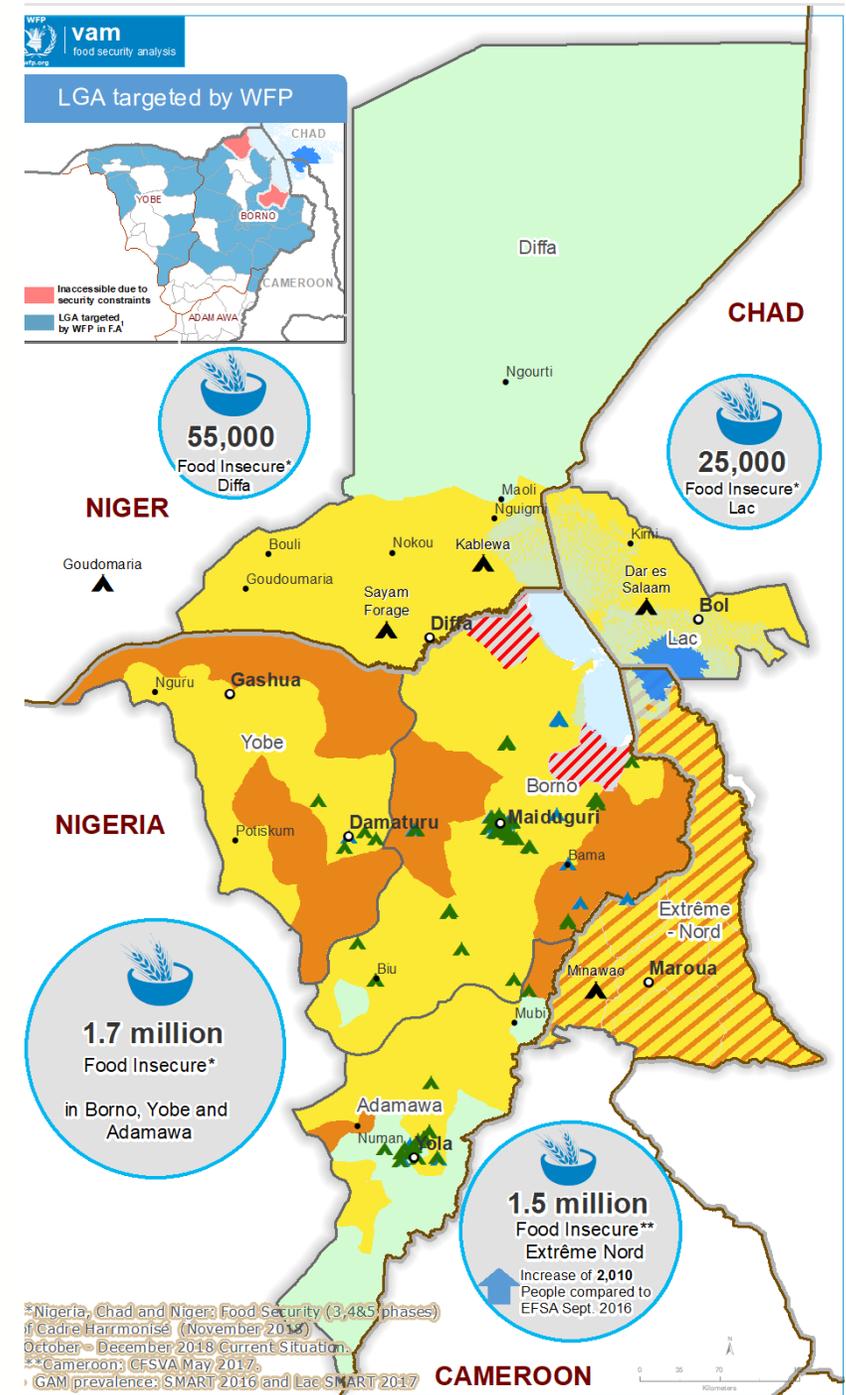
2.6 million IDPs, refugees and host population planned

2.1 million people reached through:

in-kind food distributions

cash-based transfers

Nutrition assistance





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1.9 million people in need of food assistance:

- **1.35 million** people in Crisis
- **550 000** people in Emergency

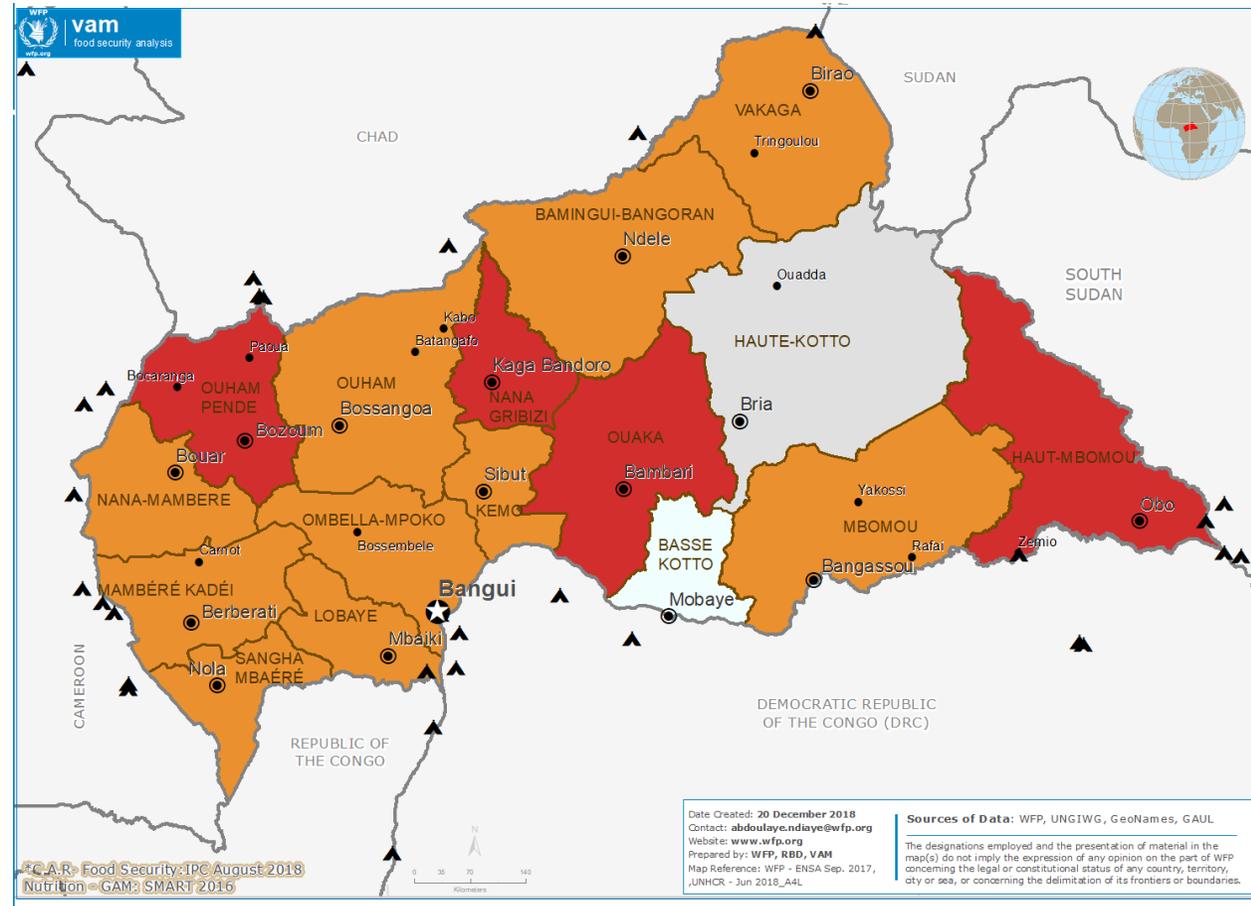
40 % stunting rates

1.3 million displaced

WFP Response:

1.1 million people targeted, including displaced populations

876,000 people reached through in-kind, CBT, and nutrition assistance



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Scaling up Resilience in the Sahel:

Linking early response to long term solutions

- Contributed to the development of the **United Nations Integrated Sahel Strategy** – with focus on building resilience and addressing food insecurity and malnutrition to achieve SDGs
- Developed an **Operational Reference Note** for WFP contribution to scale up resilience in the Sahel, targeting most vulnerable **two million people in 800 communities**, with integrated interventions, **over three to five years**
- **Begun to scale up resilience work with integrated packages in five Sahel countries**
- Promoted regional and **government-owned** and government-led coalitions
- Fostered **Operational partnerships** (e.g. RBA, UNICEF) through shared principles, tools and intervention areas





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From Recipient Countries to Financial Contributors

Ghana

Government covers running costs

Sao Tome & Principe

Government Contributing to the CSP budget

Benin

Government invested USD 47 million for school feeding; raised an additional USD 50 million for expansion

Sierra Leone

President committed USD eight million to feed more than 400,000 school children

Senegal & Togo

Ongoing Negotiations with both governments to follow Benin Model

Côte d'Ivoire

Hosting and funding a Centre of Excellence against Hunger & Malnutrition



Entry Points

- ❖ Food security
- ❖ Support to Smallholder Farmers
- ❖ Nutrition
- ❖ Social protection
- ❖ Home-Grown School Feeding programmes

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