

ending child hunger and undernutrition initiative

overview and update

WFP Executive Board, First Regular Session
Rome, 19 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
 - First of three regional consultations on **regional strategy** development
 - **The Lancet** series on child undernutrition (June 07)

- Q3
 - Inaugural Annual **Partners Group** meeting to approve 2007-08 work plan
 - **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 reduce child malnutrition

Dec 06

- Global Framework for Action revised after discussions with FAO, IFAD where [Household Food Security](#) was refined:
 - i. [Homestead Food Production \(FAO, IFAD\)](#)
 - ii. [Cash Transfers](#)
 - iii. [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

- Case Study - West Africa Regional Strategy on ECHUI

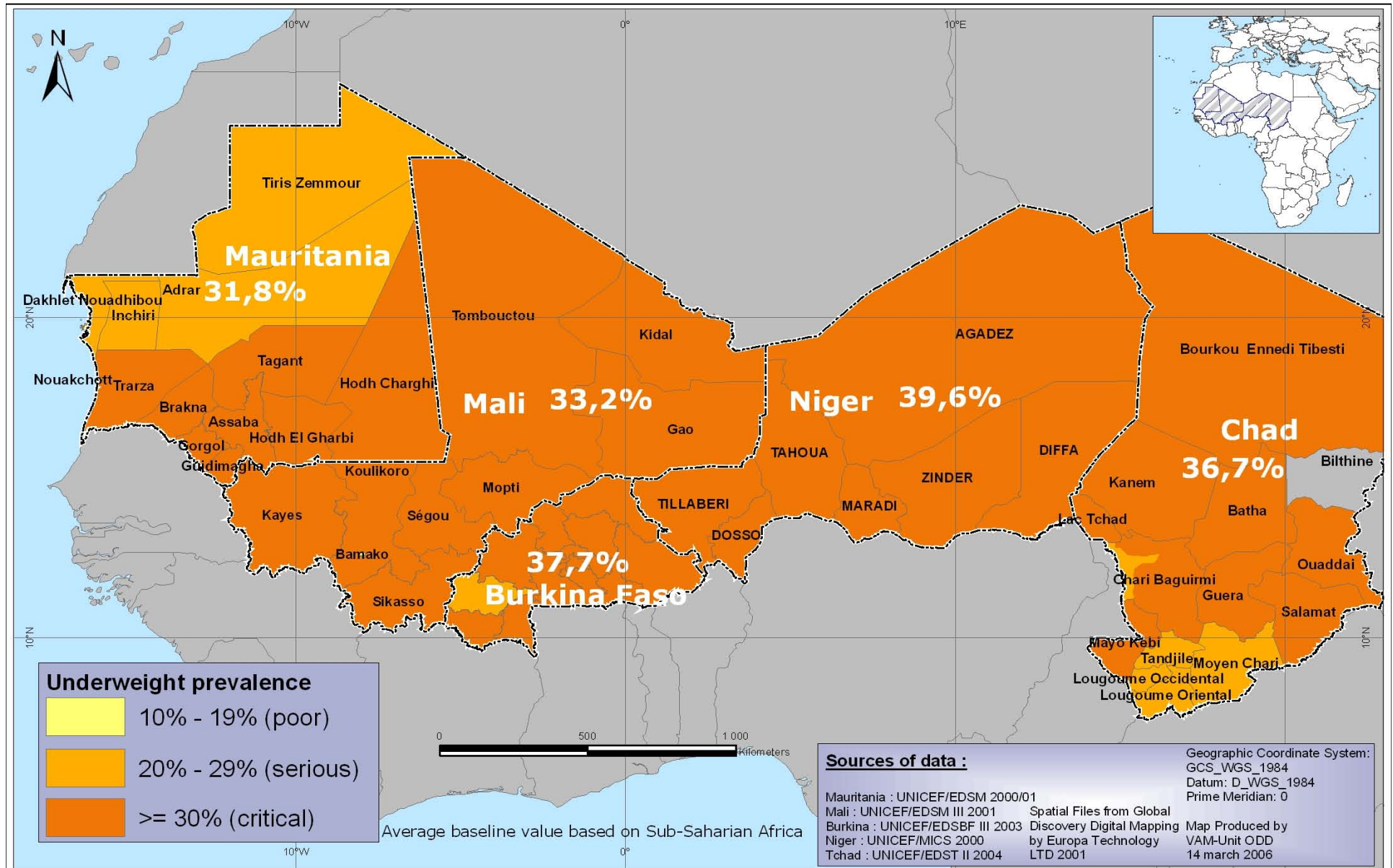
WFP's role at **country-level**

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

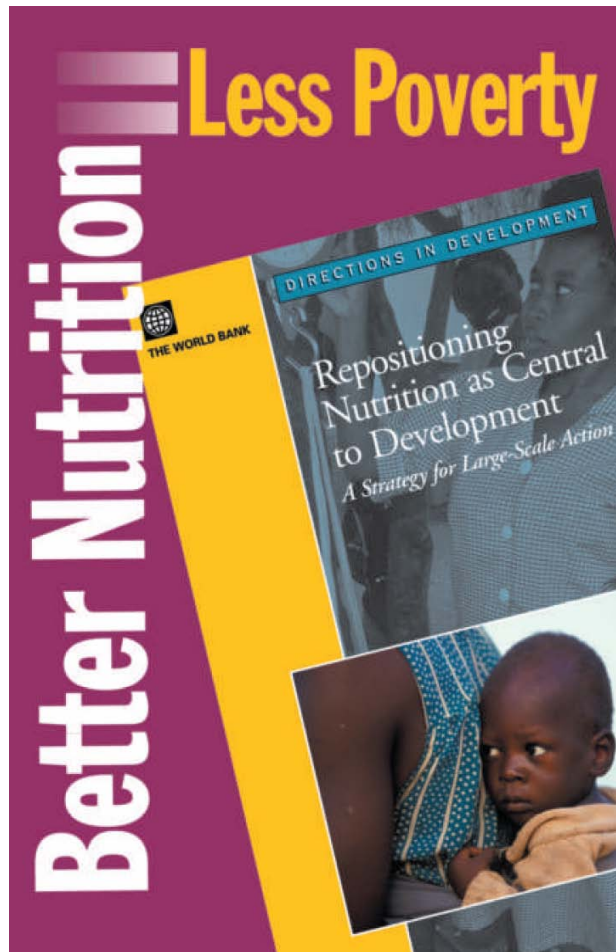
UNICEF-WFP Response: Essential Packages

PREVENTION PACKAGE

1. Breastfeeding
2. Age-appropriate food and feeding practices
3. Vitamins & Minerals
4. Deworming
5. Vaccination
6. Hand-washing
7. oral rehydration (ORT)
8. Maternal food support where access to food is a problem
9. Household food security

1. Health, nutrition & hygiene education
2. Household Food Security
3. Micronutrient supplementation
4. Household water treatment
5. Hand washing with soap
6. Parasite Control

Repositioning Nutrition: World Bank



- calls for policy change
- gives evidence that maternal & child nutrition interventions:
 - are “essential for speeding poverty reduction”
 - have high benefit-cost ratios
 - can improve nutrition much faster than reliance on economic growth alone
 - can *drive* economic growth

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.

Draft decision for Feb. session (revised)

Having reviewed the Initiative, the Board:

- **notes** the UNICEF Executive Board's decisions of 18 January 2007, the status of the Partners Group, the milestones for 2007-2008, the corresponding timetable for developing the Partners Group work plan and responsibilities, 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;
- **authorizes** the Secretariat to continue developing the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative as outlined in the Global Framework for Action (see Addendum WFP/EB.1/2007/5-A/Add. 1), including the minimum funding from non-PSA sources required for further refining the Work Plan and milestones, for developing the Partners Group, and preparing the ground for the Steering Committee and the Secretariat, recognizing UNICEF's co-leadership role;
- **requests** the Secretariat to seek EB approval in the 2007 Annual Session for WFP's role in the 2007-2008 workplan with a budget established on a cost-sharing basis with UNICEF and other partners from non-PSA funds, contingent upon confirmation of UNICEF's participation in the Initiative.