

# Operational Steering Committee of the Alliance Sahel

## Panel 5:

### **The food crisis in the G5 Sahel countries**

Views and recommendations: Structural causes  
and nexus approach

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# Food insecurity is expanding in our region

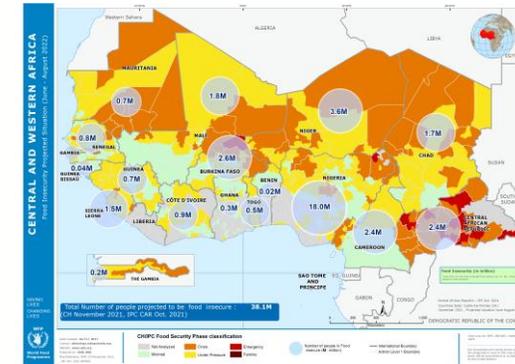
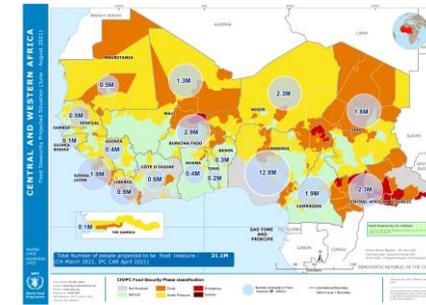
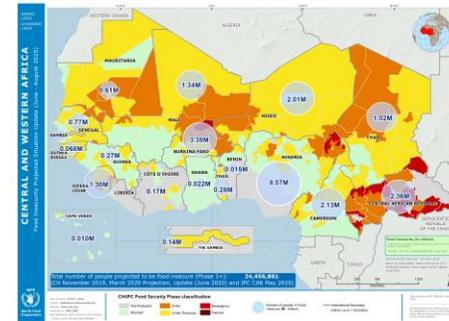
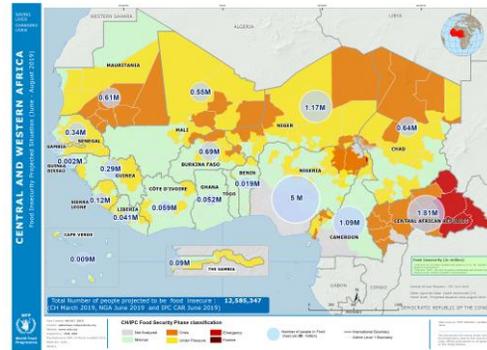
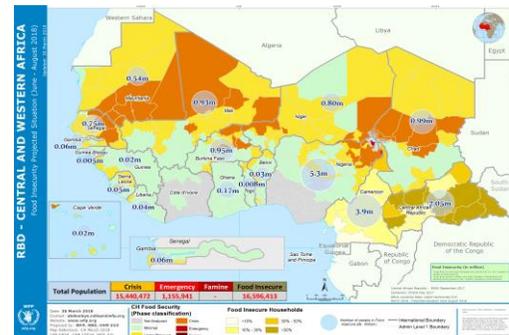
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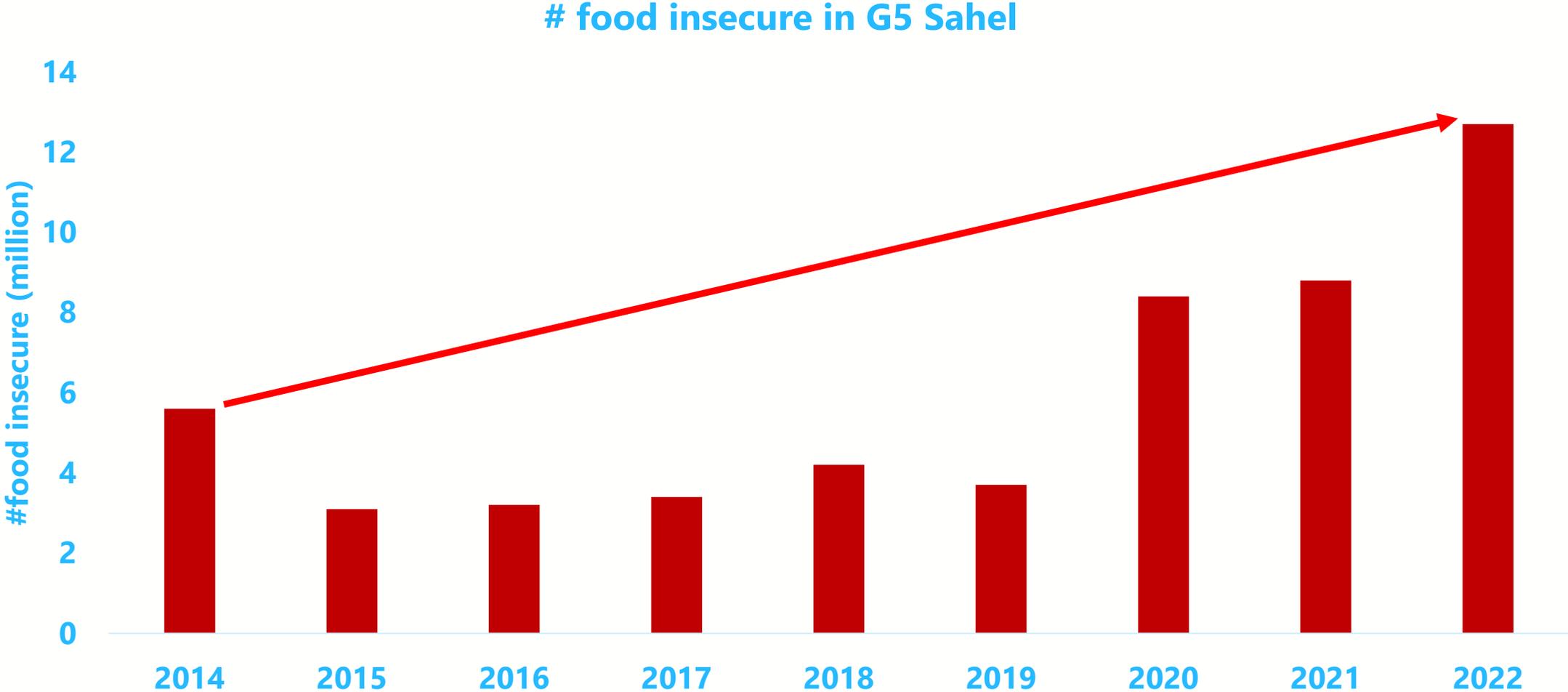
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# Food insecurity trend in the G5 Sahel: over 40% since 2019

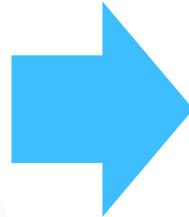
## More than 6 million undernourished children



# UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURAL DRIVERS

## COMPLEXITY & MORE SUFFERING POPULATIONS

- Climate change.
- Poor performance of the food system: **policies framework.**
- Economic & budgetary challenges: inflation, debt, budget deficit.
- Regional integration challenges: barriers to trade, **trade disruption leading to substantial price increases**
- Complex multidimensional **socio-political and socio-economic instability** leading to insecurity/conflicts and food crises
- Regional contagion, expansion of **conflict-affected areas** toward coastal countries
- **Pandemic:** Ebola, COVID-19
- **Crisis in Ukraine:** food availability, macroeconomic impact, humanitarian & development consequences



In fragile areas, we are witnessing

### **PROTRACTED AND INCREASING FORCED DISPLACEMENTS**

- IDPs/Refugees/Returnees
- Multi displacements hampering recovery efforts
- Conditions for sustainable returns not fulfilled
- Increased protection risks (Sexual violence, recruitment of children soldiers, negative coping mechanisms, etc.)
- Lack of land/property rights and access to legal documents

### **DISRUPTED ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES**

- The provision of services and safety nets is disrupted or prevented
- Schools are closing
- Health systems are disrupted



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# Operationalizing the Nexus in the G5 Sahel countries

SAVING  
LIVES  
CHANGING  
LIVES

# The Humanitarian-Peace-Development Concept

- To WFP, the nexus approach implies that **humanitarian, development and peace** outcomes complement and contribute to each other with a **vision to gradually reduce the risks, vulnerabilities and needs among populations we serve through a prevention lens.**
- The nexus approach supports **transition, though seldom linear, from humanitarian crisis responses towards prevention, resilience and systems strengthening.**
- WFP's overall **objectives in operationalizing the Nexus** are to:
  1. Continue to **address the most acute needs** where required;
  2. **Whilst doing so, ensure it increases resilience** of individuals, communities and systems;
  3. And, pursue **social cohesion** and **peace** outcomes while **protecting humanitarian space.**
- WFP's more specific objectives will differ based on context and require a geographically differentiated approach.

# Programmatic Pillars

## Pillar 1: Scaling-up life-saving assistance and complementary measures

To **prevent and mitigate the risks** of severe food insecurity and malnutrition and ensure that those furthest behind are able to meet their food and nutritional needs in periods of crisis

## Pillar 2: Reinforcing integrated community-based resilience

**Recovery and resilience-building interventions** including asset creation, sustainable and diversified livelihood opportunities, access to markets, nutrition interventions, access to basic social services, and keeping children in school

## Pillar 3: Strengthening national systems

Whenever possible, WFP will seek to align with national policies, **support governments' investments** in **strengthening national systems** such as social protection systems or support setting-up **safety nets**

## Pillar 4: Nexus learning and coordination platform

WFP is striving to further build the **evidence base** on how actors across the humanitarian, development and peace communities together can achieve **joint outcomes**. A **learning** and **coordination component** will contribute to institutional learning, programmatic development.



What matters is to have & present an articulated strategy among these pillars

# TOWARDS AN EFFECTIVE

# HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

NEXUS

01

**Strengthened leadership, political and financial mobilization**

- Initiate **regional solidarity mechanisms** - Food Security Regional Reserves
- Set up appropriate **political and financial instruments**
- **Commitment and support of governments, donors and stakeholders**

02

**Enhanced dialogue on food crisis assessment** as part of the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA)

- **Reaching consensus based on understanding of the crisis** – both short term and structural drivers
- Additional focus on **anticipation** of food crises

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**Strengthened convergence of HDP actors towards collective outcomes**

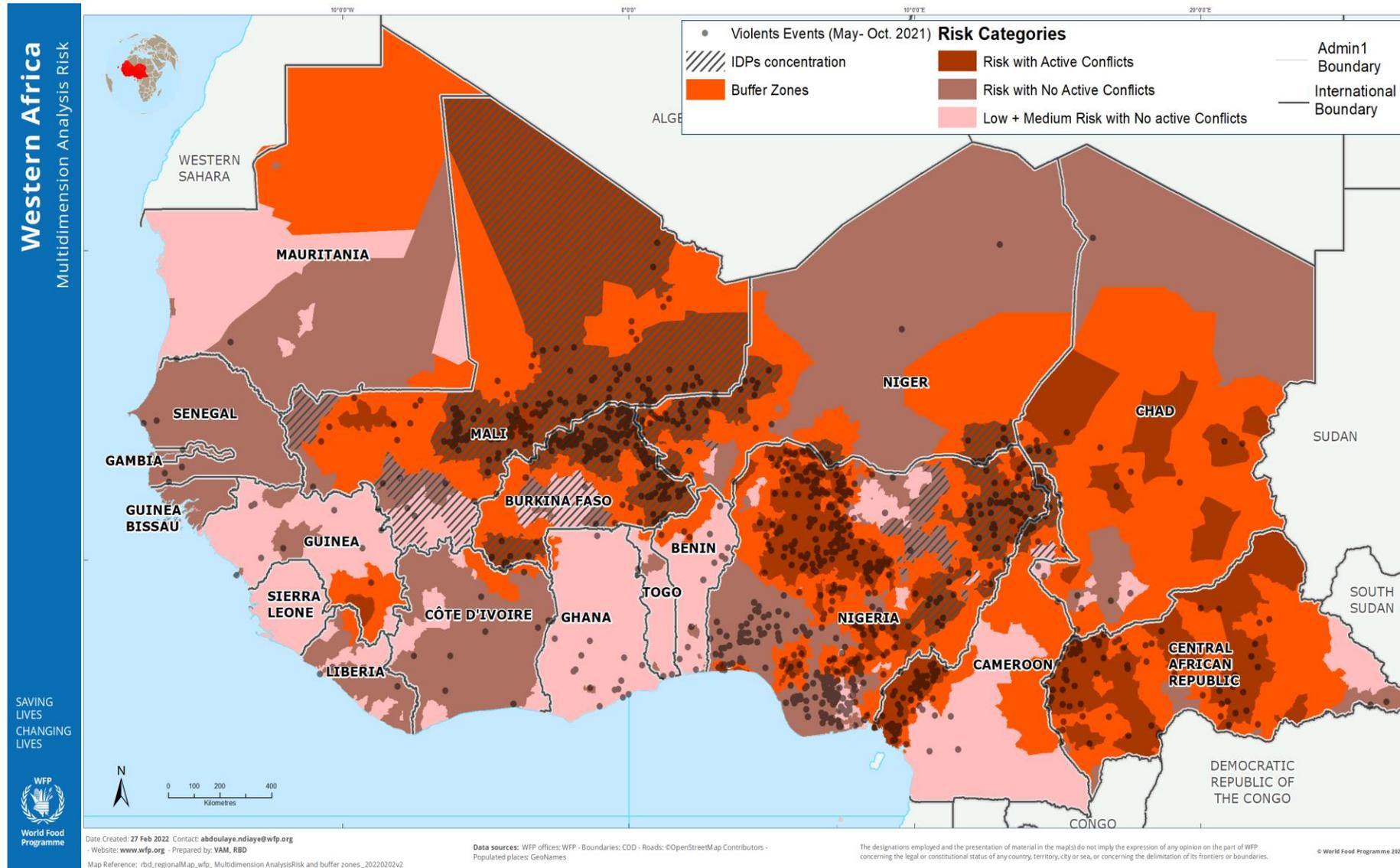
- Scale up **lifesaving, institutional strengthening and resilience building investments** through **geographical convergence and programmatic complementarity**
- Enhanced **collaboration, coordination mechanisms and collective learning**

04

**Adapted Funding**

- **Reduce the gap between resources and needs**
- **Multi-year flexible and more localized investments** with adaptive capacity to respond to a changing context

# Regional Geographical Differentiation



- In the Sahel specifically, WFP believes that the **greatest potential for the nexus and prevention of further unravelling lies in the 'buffer' zones** that usually hold large concentrations of displaced populations over protracted periods.
- In these settings efforts towards coherence and **complementarity between HDP actors can and must be accelerated.**



**Merci**