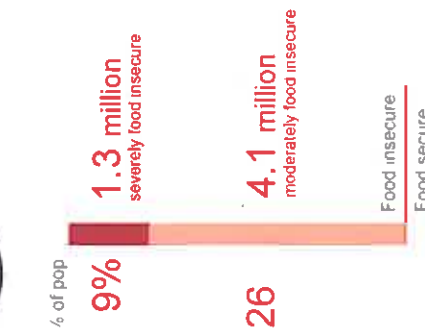


Niger: 5.4 million people are food insecure (as of 25 Jan 2012)



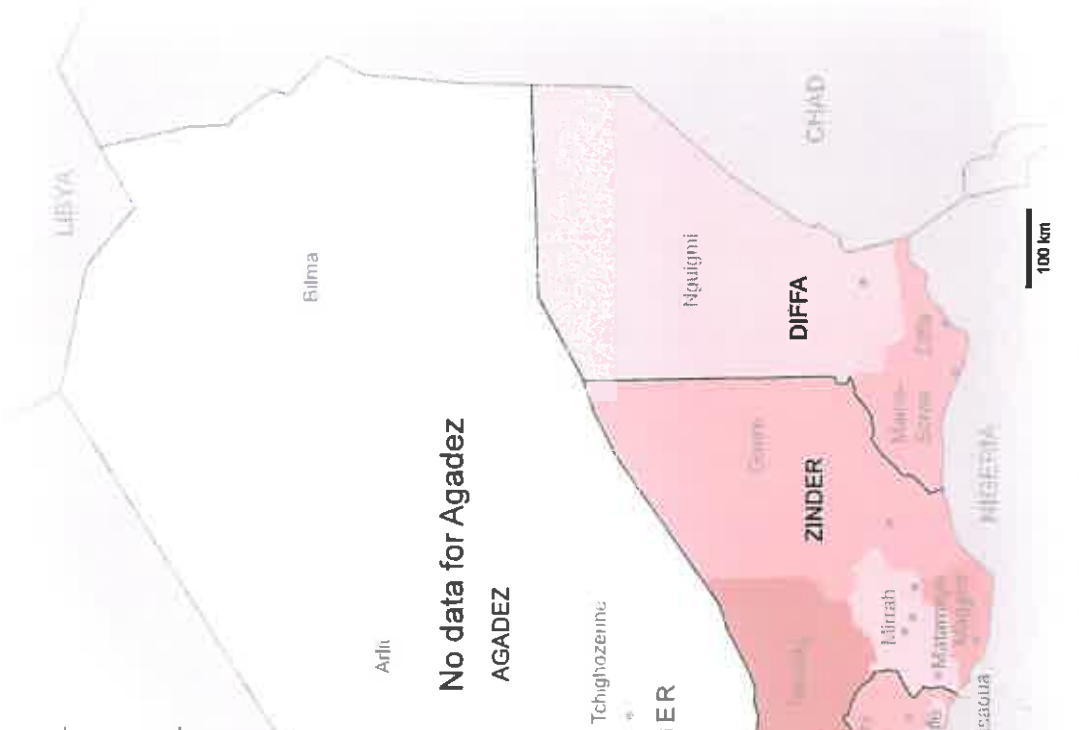
One third of Niger's population is food insecure.¹ The Government is facing a grain shortfall of 692,501 tons following another severe drought across the Sahel.²



5.4 million people are food insecure¹

Urban area
32% of pop. is food insecure

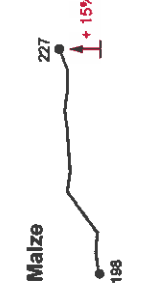
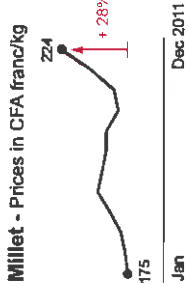
Rural area
51% of pop. is food insecure



Cereal deficit¹

14% gap in the country's seasonal cereal needs

Dramatic increases in cereal prices³



Household stocks are running low and cereal prices are rising, leading to an alarming food-security situation.

Funding requirement

\$US229 million requested to provide nutrition, food and health assistance to **3.8 million** people **7.2%** funded

Creation date: 20 Feb 2012. Sources: 1. FAO, 2. UNICEF, 3. UNICEF, 4. FTS, Basemap: 1:100,000, 2:100,000, 3:100,000, 4:100,000, 5:100,000, 6:100,000. Feedback: [mailto:info@ocha.org](#)

The Sahel: On the edge of a nutrition crisis



Throughout the Sahel, acute malnutrition in children reaches its annual peak during the hunger season. Children under two years of age have the highest risk of becoming sick or dying during this period. Malnutrition is caused by inadequate food quality and quantity, inadequate care, as well as unhealthy household environment and lack of health services.

The prevalence of global acute malnutrition met or exceeded the critical threshold of 10% in all of the surveys conducted in the hunger season of 2011 (from May to August). If food security significantly deteriorates in 2012, the nutrition conditions for children could surpass emergency levels throughout the Sahel region.

Expected number of cases of severe acute malnutrition by region across the Sahel in 2012

