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COVID-19 FERTILIZER WATCH

PROVIDING WEEKLY INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER MARKET

HIGHLIGHTS

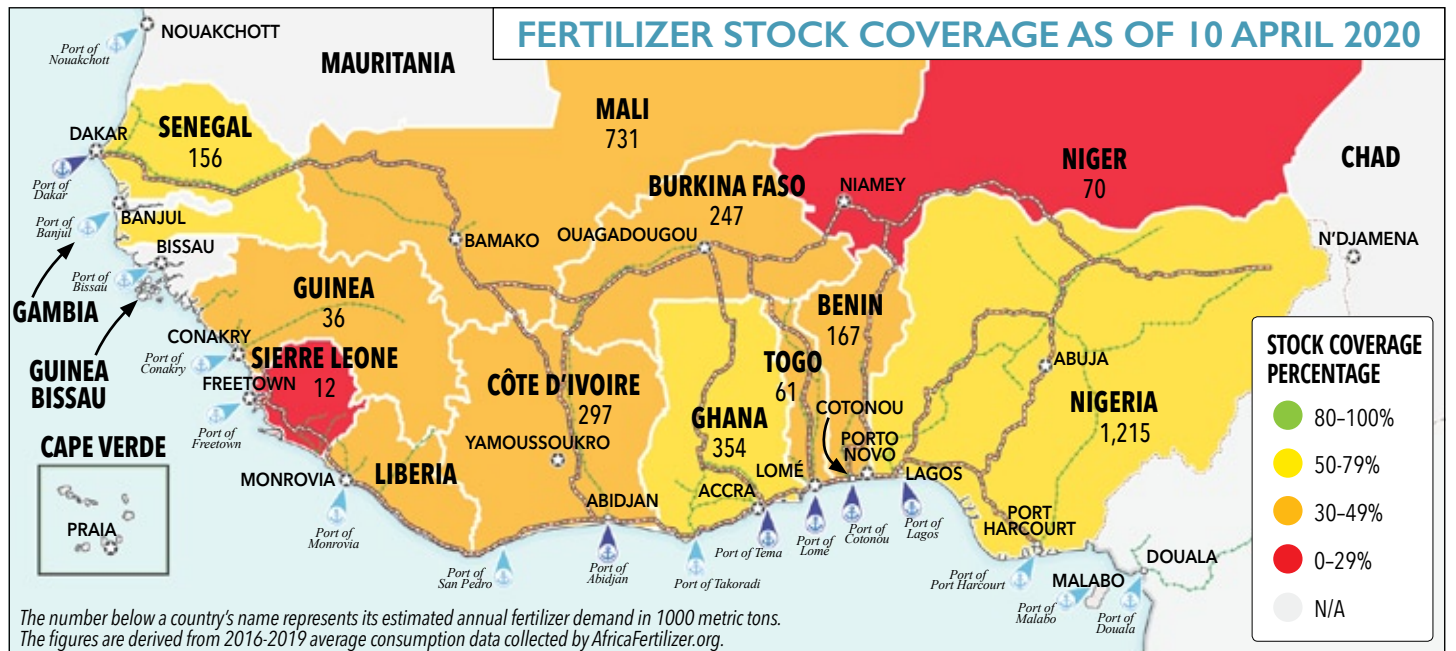
- ▶ **Fertilizer** is officially recognized as an essential commodity in Ghana, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire. Advocacy efforts of the West Africa Fertilizer Association (WAFA) and national associations in these countries led governments to include agro-inputs in essential commodities that can move despite restrictions.
- ▶ **Port** operations in Dakar, Abidjan, and Lomé are impacted by curfew hours, but without major congestion. Quarantine measures apply to some vessels. All these factors will delay the supply of fertilizer in coastal and landlocked countries.
- ▶ **Road** transport is operating below normal rates and requires special authorization to move from region to region in several countries (i.e., Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana). Curfews add to the severe risks of delays as the crisis develops.
- ▶ **Cross-border** trade is functional in general but with increased delays and the need for additional authorizations.
- ▶ **Agro-input shops** are open for business and still deliver agro-inputs to farmers in all 15 ECOWAS Member States, with a few exceptions in regions and cities heavily affected by COVID-19.

STATS

Country	Cases	Public Measures	Measures affecting fertilizer logistics (port to farm)					Fertilizer Estimates		
BENIN										
BURKINA FASO										
CAPE VERDE										
CHAD										
CÔTE D'IVOIRE										
GAMBIA										
GHANA										
GUINEA BISSAU										
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LIBERIA										
MALI										
MAURITANIA										
NIGER										
NIGERIA										
SENEGAL										
SIERRA LEONE										
TOGO										

■ Little to no impact. ■ Limited impacts ■ Moderate impacts ■ Strong impacts ■ No data

COVID-19 CASES HEALTH MEASURES ECONOMIC MEASURES PORT OPERATIONS DOMESTIC TRANSPORT BORDER CROSSING AGRO INPUT RETAIL SHOPS FERTILIZER SECTOR RESPONSE FERTILIZER DEMAND PERCENT COVERAGE



The number below a country's name represents its estimated annual fertilizer demand in 1000 metric tons. The figures are derived from 2016-2019 average consumption data collected by AfricaFertilizer.org.

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