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# WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER WATCH

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

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **COVID-19 restrictions relaxing.** At least six countries in the region – Ghana, Nigeria, Côte D'Ivoire, Benin, Senegal, and Togo – are progressively relaxing COVID-19 restrictions, including releasing curfews and allowing free movement.
- ▶ **Minor impacts on the supply chain.** Even though fertilizer is flowing, importers across the region are complaining about bottlenecks caused by COVID-19 restrictions, translating into higher logistics/transport costs that may ultimately impact the cost of fertilizers to farmers.
- ▶ **Complementing existing subsidy programs.** Countries with strong fertilizer subsidies already in place are continuing to implement their respective programs, while those with no subsidies or smaller programs are announcing new subsidies (Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, and Nigeria).
- ▶ **Fertilizer stocks are almost built up** with about 1.1 million tons of fertilizer imported into the region since the beginning of 2020. This represents almost 45% of estimated demand and is ahead of the delivery schedule of recent years. With Nigeria's urea production and carryover stocks from 2019, it is estimated that more than 80% of the required fertilizer is already available (more info in the Weekly Analysis).
- ▶ **Featured COVID-19 responses and analysis:** AFFM finance programmes, RCPA food security monitoring, and an AFAP AgriSMEs survey in Ghana.

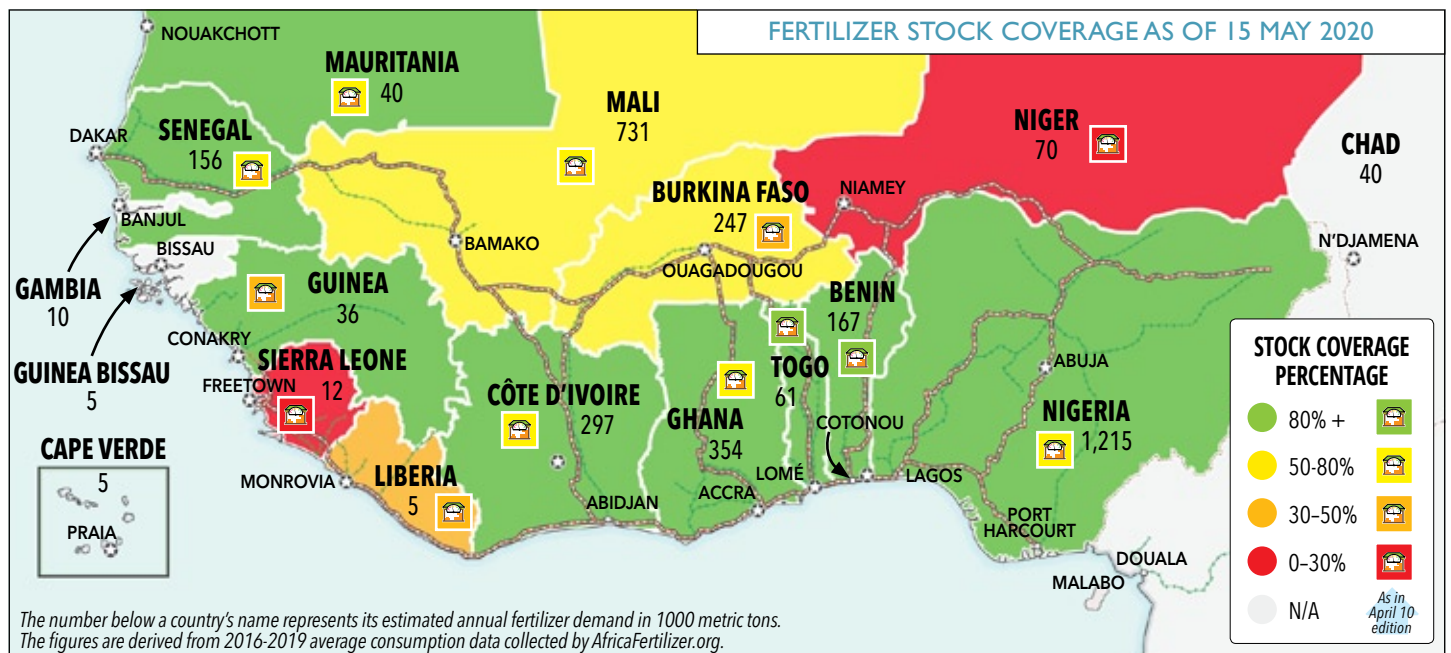


## STATS

Country	Covid -19	Public Measures	Status of fertilizer supply chain	Fertilizer Markets
BENIN				
BURKINA FASO				
CAPE VERDE				
CHAD				
CÔTE D'IVOIRE				
GAMBIA				
GHANA				
GUINEA BISSAU				
GUINEA				
LIBERIA				
MALI				
MAURITANIA				
NIGER				
NIGERIA				
SENEGAL				
SIERRA LEONE				
TOGO				

Color	COVID-19 pandemic: diagnosed cases on a week-on-week basis	Economic status: public health and economic measures, fertilizer logistics	Fertilizer market indicators: % stock coverage	% subsidized/total market	Retail/FOB urea price ratio
Green	Stable	No impact &/or improvement	80% +	< 30%	80% +
Yellow	< 25%	Limited impact	50 - 80%	30 - 50%	50 - 80%
Orange	25% - 50%	Moderate impact	30 - 50%	50 - 80%	30 - 50%
Red	> 50%	Strong impact	< 30%	80% +	< 30%
Grey	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data



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