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WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER WATCH

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

HIGHLIGHTS

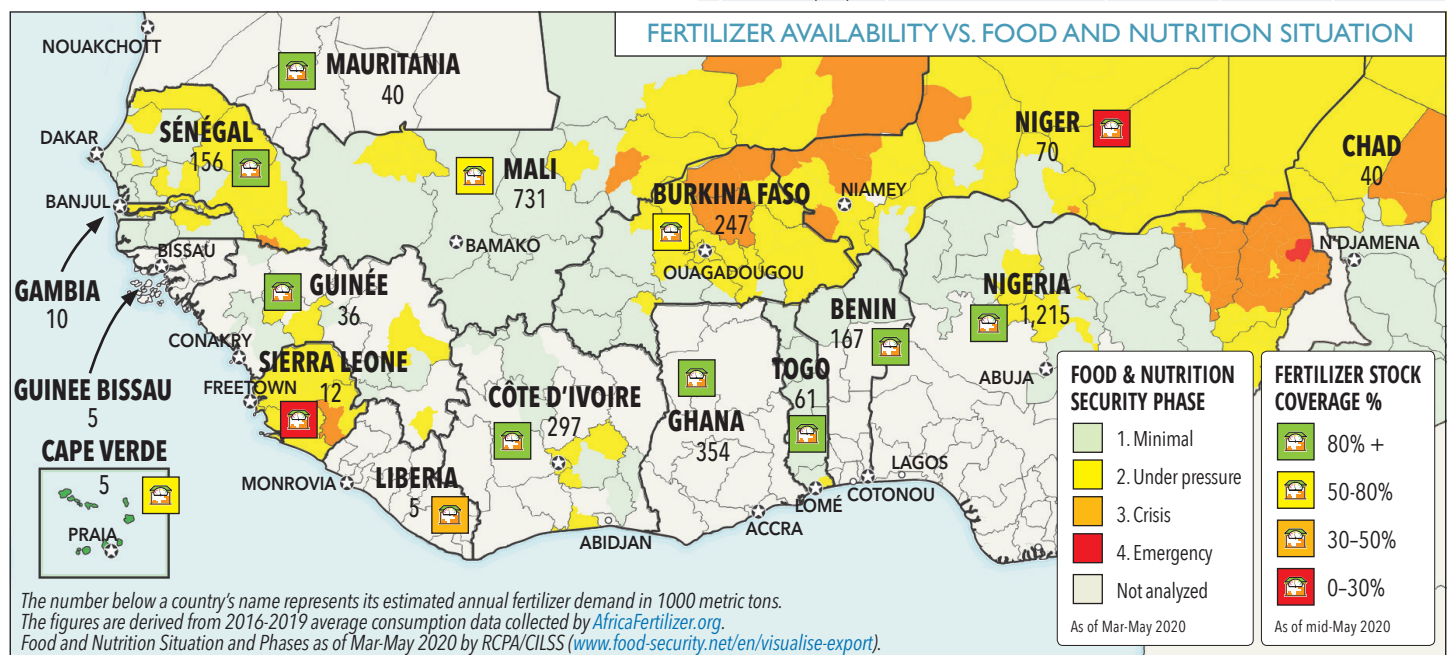
- ▶ **The COVID-19 pandemic appears to be gaining momentum** in West Africa, with +23% increase in new cases recorded during the week. Preventive restrictions are being maintained or tightened.
- ▶ **Coordinated responses** to support the agricultural sector and regional trade: on 18 June, **ECOWAS** presented the World Bank's new USD 500 million, West Africa Food Systems Resilient Program (FSRP); announced on June 8, the AfDB's Feed Africa Response to Covid-19 (**FAREC**) will support, among other things, the provision of key agricultural inputs through smart subsidies.
- ▶ **Fertilizer distribution continues** even "with COVID". Ghana, Nigeria, and Senegal are preparing to import remaining volumes to meet this year's demand. The situation is not as good in Mali and Niger.
- ▶ **Prices of agricultural products remain stable (ROAC/WAGN)**. Food supplies are generally satisfied, except in pockets of food insecurity that the **Food Security Network** anticipates will spread in the next few months (see map below). Excluding subsidy programs and cash crop markets, the purchasing power and access to fertilizers of most fragile small-scale agricultural producers will be sharply reduced.
- ▶ **From July 2020**, the Fertilizer Watches in **West Africa** and **East and Southern Africa** will be brought together and extended to an **Africa Fertilizer Watch** covering 28 countries in sub-Saharan Africa.



STATUS

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%
	No data (N.D.)	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.



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