



FOOD FOR PEACE FACT SHEET

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Food Security Situation*

- Mauritania is a least-developed country, ranking 159 of 187 countries on the UNDP 2011 Human Development Index. 42 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.
- Populations in the eastern and southern regions of Mauritania depend upon agriculture and pastoralism as their primary livelihoods. FEWS NET reports that inadequate rainfall in 2011 will negatively affect agricultural and pastoral production in 2012. Rain-fed millet, sorghum, and cowpeas are expected to be roughly 40 - 60 percent of the average.
- Mauritania produces 30 percent of its national consumption needs, importing 70 percent of staple foods such as wheat, oil, sugar, and rice. FEWSNET estimates that average grain prices during 2012 will be 25 percent above the normal five year average. Prices on imported staple foods have already increased 18-36 percent.



Map: CIA World Factbook

Total Food for Peace Contributions

Fiscal Year 2012	-----	-----
Fiscal Year 2011	\$5.1 million	7,400 MT
Fiscal Year 2010	\$5.0 million	7,820 MT
Fiscal Year 2009	\$5.0 million	7,140 MT

Food for Peace Contribution Breakdown

Partners	FY12		FY11	
	Development		Development	
	USD in millions	metric tons	USD in millions	metric tons
PVOs*	-----	-----	\$5.1	7,400

Food for Peace Program Details

Awardee: Counterpart International (CPI)

Targeted Beneficiaries: 46,800 food-insecure Mauritians

Current Projects: Health and nutrition; community mobilization (infrastructure development and income-generating activities); livelihood capacity development

Project Locations: Gorgol; Guidimakha; Hodh el Gharby; Assaba

* FY: fiscal year; MT: metric tons; PVO: private voluntary organization; USD: United States Dollar; WFP: World Food Program; UNDP: United Nations Development Program; FEWS NET: Famine Early Warning Systems

* Food Security Situation information is provided by WFP, UNDP and FEWS NET (www.fews.net) as of December 2011.