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WFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOSETTE SHEERAN THANKS ALGERIA FOR RICE DONATION

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is grateful to the government and people of Algeria for a donation of 15 000 metric tons of rice valued at more than US\$10 million.

This is enough rice to feed more than a million people for a month. Algeria has requested that the rice is used to feed hungry people in six countries in Africa – Niger, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe. Four of these countries lie in the sub-Saharan Sahel region, which is currently facing a severe food crisis brought on by erratic rainfall and failed harvests.

Given the huge scale of the needs, the Algerian donation could not have come at a better time, as WFP is ramping up its food assistance operations for hungry people in the Sahel. In Niger alone, we are aiming to reach 2.3 million people with food to help them through the lean season over the coming months.

Only last week, United Nations agencies, including WFP, launched a Humanitarian Action Plan for Niger which includes an appeal for funds and support.

This is the third time that Algeria has donated to WFP in recent years and sets a glowing example of how African governments - working in partnership with WFP - can help each other to defeat the scourge of hunger

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