



## WFP Guinea Country Brief

June 2018

### Operational Context

Despite an abundance of natural resources, Guinea faces major socio-economic and political challenges. Poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition rates are alarming, especially in rural areas. The 2014 Ebola outbreak has made already vulnerable communities more insecure. On average, 55 percent of the Guinean population live below the poverty line, and unemployment is high, particularly among youth and women. Around 17.5 percent of the population – or 1.9 million people – are food insecure. Just under 100,000 children aged 6-59 months suffer from severe malnutrition, and 230,000 children suffer from moderate acute malnutrition. Overall, chronic malnutrition rates are at 25.9 percent nationwide.

WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964, providing vital assistance to vulnerable groups of people, including school-aged children, pregnant and lactating women, children aged 6-59 months, malnourished HIV/TB patients, and smallholder farmers in targeted areas, namely women and youth.



Population: **12 million**

2016 Human Development Index:  
**183 out of 188**

Income Level: **Least developed**

Chronic malnutrition: **25.9% of children between 6-59 months**

## In Numbers

**301.565 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$0 m** cash based transfers made

**US\$8.4 m** six months (January-June 2018) net funding requirements, representing 55.2% of total

**92,356 People Assisted**  
In June 2018

49%



51%



### Operational Updates

- In mid-June, two ceremonies were organised in Labe: one for a rice donation by Japan, and another for the launch of a joint project with FAO (also funded by Japan). The Ambassador of Japan, the country director of WFP Guinea and the director of FAO in Guinea attended both ceremonies covered by TV media and newspapers. A large portion of the 1,400 mt of Japanese rice will be used to provide school meals to schoolchildren during the 2018/19 school year (a meal prepared with rice offered by Japan was served to the schoolchildren, in the presence of the Japanese Ambassador).
- In June, WFP distributed 73,714 mt of food as part of the activities to prevent chronic malnutrition among children aged 6-23 months, treatment of moderate in children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women; and nutrition and food assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS. These interventions were carried out respectively in the regions of Labé, Kankan and Conakry.
- School holidays have started, and classes are scheduled to open in October.

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Photo

Credit: WFP/David Elhaig  
Caption: WFP and a Japanese mission visit a school in koulé Forest Guinea

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WFP Country Strategy		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (01.01.2018-31.12.2019)</b>		
<b>15.2 m</b>	<b>14.4 m</b>	<b>0.7 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 1:</b> Everyone has access to food		
<b>Strategic Outcome 1:</b> Vulnerable populations including school-aged children in Guinea have adequate access to safe and nutritious food all year-round. <i>Focus area: Resilience Building</i>		
<b>7.1 m</b>	<b>6.8 m</b>	<b>2.2 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 2:</b> No one suffers from malnutrition		
<b>Strategic Outcome 2:</b> The most vulnerable populations in Guinea, namely pregnant and lactating women, children under 5, and malnourished HIV/TB clients, have improved nutritional status by 2020. <i>Focus area: Root Causes</i>		
<b>2.6 m</b>	<b>3.9 m</b>	<b>1.3 m</b>
<b>Strategic Result 3:</b> Smallholder productivity and incomes		
<b>Strategic Outcome 3:</b> Smallholders in targeted areas, namely women and young people, have enhanced livelihoods to better support their food security and nutrition needs throughout the year. <i>Focus area: Resilience Building</i>		
<b>3 m</b>	<b>2.4 m</b>	<b>0.1 m</b>

## WFP Country Activities

### SO 1

- 1 - Provide hot meals to all school-aged children and dry rations to school-aged girls in WFP-assisted schools.
- 2 - Provide technical support to the Government, to contribute to the national school meals policy implementation and the progressive transfer of management to the Government.
- 3 - Forge partnerships with the Government, UN agencies and NGOs to foster a quality learning environment in WFP-supported schools.

### SO 2

- 4 - Provide technical support to national institutions and communities to promote and implement nutrition-sensitive activities and policies.
- 5 - Provide nutritious foods / CBT to children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women and people living with HIV or TB to treat acute malnutrition.
- 6 - Provide food and capacity strengthening to pregnant and lactating women and children aged 6-23 months to contribute to the prevention of chronic malnutrition.

### SO 3

- 7 - Provide capacity strengthening to smallholder farmers in value addition, marketing and financial inclusion.
- 8 - Provide technical support to smallholder farmers to promote the creation of market outlets for their commodities (local purchases, private sector – institutional and private sector demand)

## Monitoring

- Data analysis for Guinea's Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability and Nutrition Analysis (CFSVA+N) is ongoing and preliminary results were presented to the Steering Committee on 5 July. The report detailing vulnerabilities in terms of food security and nutrition is expected later this Summer.

## Challenges

- Screening of vulnerable people for the prevention of chronic malnutrition activities could not be finalised in May because WFP and its partner Helen Keller International could not find enough community workers to conduct the screening. The delay in identifying the vulnerable people subsequently delayed the first round of distribution, which will only commence once all beneficiaries have been identified.

## Donors

Top five donors: Japan, USAID, Canada, Government of Guinea and France.

