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SAVING LIVES CHANGING LIVES Guinea WFP Country Brief August 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 schoolaged children, pregnant and lactating women, children aged 6-59 months, malnourished HIV/TB patients, and smallholder farmers in targeted areas, namely women and youth.



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In Numbers

249 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 0 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 3.4 m six months (September 2018 - February 2019) net funding requirements, representing 64% of total

36,149 m people assisted in August





Operational Updates

- WFP is promoting the local purchase of rice to improve food security and livelihoods of vulnerable communities by supporting food production and farmers' income. Out of a total of 233 mt of parboiled rice to be purchased before mid-October, 53 mt are produced by five Women Farmer Cooperatives in Forest Guinea and Middle Guinea. A quality inspection mission will be organized in September before the stock of parboiled rice is delivered to WFP's warehouse.
- In August, WFP continued to provide preventative nutrition assistance through blanket supplementary feeding to children aged 6-59 months in the Nzerekoré region, Beyla prefecture, to reduce the risk of acute malnutrition during the 2018 welding period. In addition, WFP continued the prevention of chronic malnutrition in Kankan and Labe and distributed 19 mt of specialized nutritious food.
- WFP is prepositioning 912 mt of food in the suboffices in preparation for the start of the school year in October.

Main photo: Credit: WFP/Fatoumata Diallo **Caption**: Conakry for the validation of the survey's results. During two-day workshop,

WFP Country Strategy



Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
15.0 m	14.8 m	3.4 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Vulnerable populations including school-aged children in Guinea have adequate access to safe and nutritious food all year-round.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- 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.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: 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.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- 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.

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and incomes

Strategic Outcome 3: Smallholders in targeted areas, namely women and young people, have enhanced livelihoods to better support their food security and nutrition needs throughout the year.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- 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

Monitoring

On 7 and 8 August, UN agencies, ministries and other partners involved in the CFSVA+N met in Conakry to validate the results of the survey. During a two-day workshop, around 30 participants discussed in depth the results presented on food security and nutrition, as well as the underlying factors, to amend the report before publication later this year.

Challenges

The prepositioning of food at the Extended Deliver Point (EDP) level of the sub-offices for school canteens for the first quarter of 2018 was set up. The office received 24 mt of SuperCereal and 193 mt of peas internationally purchased.

Donors

In alphabetic order

Canada, Government of Guinea, Japan, Multilateral Allocations, Russia and UN Funds