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WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief November 2018

In Numbers

368 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 7,173 cash-based transfers made

2,550 women's farmer groups assisted.
WFP increased assistance to 35 women's farmer groups, increasing from 1,023 farmers.

118,785 people assisted
in NOVEMBER 2018



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Operational Context

Côte d'Ivoire is a middle-income country with an estimated population in 2017 of 24.3 million. Since 2012, the country has witnessed positive political, economic and security developments, enabling most refugees and internally displaced persons to return to their areas of origin. Despite some improvements in the educational, social and nutritional status of the population compared to the aftermath of the crisis, deep socio-economic inequalities still linger.

WFP has been present in Côte d'Ivoire since 1969 and has been providing support according to the national context. WFP operations are currently focused on development interventions to improve food security, reduce malnutrition, enhance education achievements and minimize gender inequalities. WFP activities are concentrated in northern and western rural areas which are particularly more vulnerable and food insecure.



Prevalence of food insecurity:
12.8 % of the population

Chronic malnutrition: **21.6% of children between 24-59 months**

2017 Gender Inequality Index:
155 out of 189 countries

2017 Human Development Index:
170 out of 189 countries

Operational Updates

- WFP is supporting the development of a national rice fortification strategy to reduce micronutrient deficiencies, particularly in iron, folic acid and zinc, as part of the technical support to the Government for the implementation of the National Multisectoral Nutrition Plan (PNMN 2016-2020). To learn from the Chinese model, WFP and government officials from Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Timor Leste participated in a rice processing and fortification workshop organized by the WFP Centre of Excellence in China. The participants had the opportunity to learn about the rice processing chain, fortification process and technologies, through visits and exchanges with smallholder rice producers, manufacturers of food processing and quality control equipment, fortified rice suppliers and rice fortification research centres.
- The food assistance-for assets (FFA) programme supporting asset creation and reintegration of returnees and vulnerable host populations is ongoing in western Côte d'Ivoire. WFP registered 1,500 participants (85 percent recently returned Ivorian refugees and 15 percent host populations) to be involved in FFA activities from October to December 2018. Activities during this last trimester will include lowland rehabilitation, orange-fleshed sweet potato and cassava production, poultry farming, fish farming and frog farming. In November, WFP provided food production inputs, processing equipment and training. Support to improve post-harvest loss management, market access and organizational skills is also ongoing.
- Nine women's smallholder farmers out of the 35 groups supported under the Small Agriculture Market Support (SAMS) project received training on improved conservation technologies, including on the use of hermetic bags and silos and on drying techniques of vegetables. Farmer groups were selected on the basis of their high levels of maize production.

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Caption: School meals prepared with locally sourced food, Korhogo 2018

Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (2018)

2018 Total Requirement (in USD)	2018 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
18.3 m	12 m	1.37 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food insecure children in targeted areas have access to adequate safe and nutritious food all year-round

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Provide school meals with a literacy component to public primary school children, with a focus on quarterly incentives (in-kind or cash-based) for girls in fifth and sixth grade to encourage regular attendance and retention in school.

Strategic Outcome 5: Populations affected by occasional shocks have access to food to cover their basic food and nutritional needs

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

Provide an integrated assistance package to shock-affected populations to meet their immediate food and nutrition needs.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 2: Children and Pregnant and Lactating Women and Girls (PLW/G) in vulnerable communities have improved nutritional status in line with national targets by 2020

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Provide nutritious food and support access to health services and nutrition education to children aged 6-23 months and PLW/G for stunting prevention.

Strategic Result 3: Smallholder productivity and incomes

Strategic Outcome 3: Food-insecure smallholders and communities in targeted areas have increased resilience to shocks and improved livelihoods to support food security and nutrition needs all year-round

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide food assistance for asset creation or rehabilitation projects to food-insecure smallholders, to strengthen their resilience to shocks and improve livelihoods, particularly for women.
- Provide capacity strengthening to smallholders on market access programmes, to strengthen links between local food production and public/private markets.
- Provide capacity development and augmentation on productive safety nets, climate change adaptation, early warning, and food systems to targeted populations.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 4: National institutions have strengthened capacities to develop and manage food security, nutrition and social protection policies and programmes in line with the national targets by 2020

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Provide capacity development and augmentation to national partners on policy development, programme planning and management of food security and nutrition programmes, including school meals programmes, national nutrition programmes, purchase for progress

- In November, 118,632 public primary school students in WFP-targeted regions benefited from nutritious hot lunches. In three localities, WFP-assisted women's smallholder farmer groups donated to local school canteens a part of their production, including vitamin-A rich orange-fleshed sweet potato. This contributed in diversifying and enriching the nutrient content of the school lunches, which the children really enjoyed.
- WFP is supporting the preparation of the 4th edition of the African School Food Day (JAAS) which will be held in Côte d'Ivoire on 1 March 2019, following the commitment of the Government to co-host this continental event with the African Union. A national committee was formed, which is led by the Prime Minister. WFP is participating at the technical level with the various government focal points to ensure its successful occurrence.

Story Worth Telling

Yeo Aboulaye is a tailor by profession in the Loyerikaha village in northern Côte d'Ivoire. Last year, he was recruited by the local women's smallholder farmer group to help them operate and manage their maize milling machine provided by WFP. The Chigata group in Loyerikaha, with 143 farmers, is one of the ten women's farmer groups supported by WFP since 2017 as part of the Small Agriculture and Market Access Support (SAMS) project in the region.

His home being close to the processing unit, and with his previous experience as a miller in a nearby village, Yeo was the ideal candidate. "The women approached me to help them with this heavy machinery. It requires maintenance, management of the fuel costs and collecting money from the users. Hence every day from 4 PM, I help out at the processing unit. In exchange, I earn FCFA 12,500 (USD 21.60) per month. As a tailor, I earn FCFA 5,000 (USD 8.65) per month. This additional income source helps me support myself and develop other activities for more income. I was able to buy some fuel that I sell next to the processing unit. I was also able to repair my sewing machine which was broken. When there are no customers at the processing centre, I continue to sew." The SAMS project is contributing in creating additional jobs in target villages, benefitting community members like Yeo who will do their part in ensuring the sustainability of the project. "Through the different earnings made, I was able to pay the school books of my son who is in fourth grade now and to enroll my daughter in college this year".

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