

**Information Note of Immediate Response
Delegation of Authority to the Country Director**

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I have reviewed the Information Note and confirm that it meets the required standard, including appropriate response to the internal review process. I recommend approval of this response.			

**SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE RESPONSE
Cote d'Ivoire CSP CI01**

EMERGENCY CONTEXT

1. **Location:** The capital city, west, centre and south Cote d'Ivoire
2. **Cause:** Heavy rains and sudden flash floods
3. **Impact:** Population displacement leading to short-term food insecurity. Heavy rainfall on 18 and 19 June resulted in sudden flashfloods that reached as high as 2.5 meters deep. Ten localities in the west, centre and south Cote d'Ivoire, including the capital city, were significantly affected. Official reports indicate 20 deaths and approximately 1,200 households (6,000 people) displaced as a result of the flashfloods. The rainy season extends until October 2018, and additional heavy rainfall is predicted. As a result, the national authority has relocated some affected families to temporary shelters in schools and other public buildings. In addition, families living in at-risk zones, below the water basin, have also been displaced due to evictions from these areas. Majority of these vulnerable families are stranded or temporarily residing with host communities.
4. Total numbers affected and in need of emergency food assistance: based on pre-existing vulnerability data, of the 6,000 affected people, an estimated 2,500 displaced people require short-term food assistance. The number of people in need will be refined based on the findings of an emergency food needs assessment planned by WFP.

COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN

Revised number of beneficiaries (original CSP/ICSP-TICSP figures + emergency)	299,500
Overall Duration (start date - end date)	12 months
Revised total cost to WFP	USD 18,353,331

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE BR

Number of beneficiaries	2,500
Duration (start date - end date) (maximum three months)	10 July – 10 October 2018
Cost to WFP	USD 383,736

WFP EMERGENCY RESPONSE

5. Rapid urbanization, high unemployment and increased cost of living has contributed to growing levels of vulnerability among residents in the capital city of Abidjan. The most recent household living conditions survey (2015ⁱ) notes a poverty rate and food insecurity rate of 22.7 percent and 11 percent respectively in Abidjan, while chronic malnutrition was estimated at 9.8 percent among children 6 – 59 months. Meanwhile, in Gagnoa, centre-west of Cote d'Ivoire, more than half of the population are living below the poverty line (53.3 percent), while 4.1 percent of the population is food insecureⁱⁱ. Against this context, it is expected that the severe floods and subsequent devastation would have further exacerbated pre-existing vulnerable conditions, further compromising the food security and nutrition status of the flood-affected households.
6. An inter-agency scoping mission with Red Cross Society (RCS) to a sample of locations confirmed the need for urgent food and non-food assistance, including health responses to prevent the spread of diseases. Initial support to flood victims in Abidjan and surrounding neighborhoods has been provided by the local community, the RCS and the government. However, the wide geographical spread and magnitude of the damage across ten localities across the country, has prompted the government to call on its partners to provide humanitarian assistance to flood victims, as well as to assist the coordination of the humanitarian response.

Region	Locality	Number of affected households
Abidjan	Abobo	107
Abidjan	Anyama	86
Abidjan	Cocody	139
Abidjan	Yopougon & Attecoubé	154
Tiassa-Agnebi	Tiassalé	83
Tiassa-Agnebi	N'douci	38
Cavally	Toulepleu	5
Goh	Gagnoa	408
Gbokle	Sassandra	145
Gbokle	Grihiri	20
TOTAL		1,185

7. Following the deactivation of the UN-led humanitarian coordination system in 2016 and the subsequent closure of OCHA office in 2017, the coordination responsibilities were transferred to the Inter-Ministerial Crisis Management Committee (CGIC) co-led by the Minister of Women, Child Protection and Solidarity, and the UN Humanitarian Coordinator. To address the current coordination challenges faced by the government, UNDP is activating its emergency funds to strengthen coordination capacities of the government for ongoing and anticipated emergency actions.
8. The nature and intensity of the floods' devastating impact however suggests that vulnerable households will require food assistance for a minimum of three months. While the inter-agency scoping mission provided preliminary information on the humanitarian

situation in two of ten localities visited, a more detailed emergency food needs assessment is required to support an evidence-based humanitarian response in all ten localities affected by the floods.

9. Through this IR-BR, WFP will conduct an emergency food needs assessment whose findings will inform the implementation of the emergency response, in particular to enhance understanding of the level of food needs and to ensure a more refined beneficiary targeting approach.
10. Given market functionality in urban areas, WFP's food assistance will be provided through cash-based transfers to selected households. Priority will be given to flood-affected female-headed households, as well as affected households with other vulnerable groups, including the elderly, disabled, and orphans. Each selected household will receive a cash transfer of 90,000 FCFA (USD 159) per month over a three month period to cover their food needs. The cash transfer will complement the government's one-off cash assistance of 150,000 francs CFA (USD 265) per household to cover their relocation costs and shelter needs. The food assistance provided will contribute to preventing a further deterioration of the food security and nutrition status, as well as prevent affected-households from adopting negative coping mechanisms and further indebtedness that may affect their recovery prospects
11. WFP's emergency intervention will be coordinated with the Red Cross Society and the government, to ensure complementarity and avoid a duplication of efforts. Beneficiary targets and selection criteria will be refined based on the results of the emergency food needs assessment.
12. The immediate response will be channeled through the Country Office's ongoing TICSP through the addition of Strategic Outcome 5: "Populations affected by shocks have access to food to cover their basic food and nutritional needs during and in the aftermath of shocks" under which Activity 7 will be added: "provide immediate relief food assistance to affected populations".
13. Number of beneficiaries and location: WFP will target 2,500 people in the most affected areas
14. Total food aid requirements (USD value of CBT): USD 383,736 is required for cash-transfers
15. Food basket/cash/voucher value, composition and ration: USD 159 (90,000 FCFA) per household per month for three months
16. This emergency response is expected to be discontinued within the proposed timeframe. However, the findings of the emergency food needs assessment will provide a more accurate situation analysis, and serve as a basis for further humanitarian response appeals, if required. In support of the recovery effort, UNDP will complement the government's rehabilitation projects through a flood recovery programme, under preparation, to support the rehabilitation / restoration of basic infrastructures and the livelihoods of affected-families.

COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION VALUE ONLY (US\$)	
WFP Strategic Result / SDG Target	SR 1 / SDG 2.1
WFP Strategic Outcome	Strategic Outcome 5 - Populations affected by shocks have access to food to cover their basic food and nutritional needs during and in the aftermath of shocks
Focus Area	Crisis Response
Transfer	288,184
Implementation	50,392
Adjusted DSC	21,739
Sub-total	360,315
ISC (6.5%)	23,420
TOTAL	383,736

OVERALL CSP COST BREAKDOWN, FOLLOWING THE REVISION (US\$)						
WFP Strategic Results / SDG Targets	SR 1 / SDG 2.1	SR 2 / SDG 2.2	SR 3 / SDG 2.3	SR 5 / SDG 17.9	SR 1 / SDG 2.1	Total
WFP Strategic Outcomes	Strategic Outcome 1	Strategic Outcome 2	Strategic Outcome 3	Strategic Outcome 4	Strategic Outcome 5	
Focus Area	Root Cause	Root Cause	Resilience Building	Root Cause	Crisis Response	
Transfer	7,447,158	1,377,868	5,041,613	245,800	288,184	14,400,623
Implementation	958,210	281,488	458,485	44,228	50,392	1,792,803
Adjusted DSC	539,693	106,544	353,151	18,622	21,739	1,039,749
Sub-total	8,945,061	1,765,900	5,853,248	308,650	360,315	17,233,174
ISC (6.5%)	581,429	114,784	380,461	20,062	23,420	1,120,156
TOTAL	9,526,490	1,880,684	6,233,710	328,712	383,736	18,353,331

ⁱ Survey on household's living conditions in Cote d'Ivoire (ENV 2015)

ⁱⁱ Women and children situation in Cote d'Ivoire (MICS 2016)