



World Food Programme

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WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief May 2019



Operational Context

With an estimated 25.1 million inhabitants (48.4 percent women), Cote d'Ivoire has enjoyed steady economic growth since the end of the 2010-2011 post-electoral crisis, restoring its middle-income status. However, this has not translated into inclusive socioeconomic development for most of the population. Poverty rates remain high, affecting 46 percent of the population, food security continues to be a challenge and the country suffers from the triple burden of malnutrition, represented by micronutrient deficiencies, undernutrition and overnutrition, with significant regional disparities. WFP is providing support in Cote d'Ivoire 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.

WFP has been present in Cote d'Ivoire since 1969.



Prevalence of food insecurity: **10.8 %**
of the population

2017 Human Development Index: **170**
out of 189 countries

2017 Gender Inequality Index: **170**
out of 189 countries

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

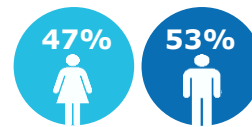
In Numbers

431 mt of food assistance distributed

3,817 women farmers organized in 35 women's smallholder farmer groups benefits from capacity strengthening (ongoing)

US\$ 1.5 m six months (June-November 2019) net funding requirements

121,250 people assisted
in May 2019



Operational Updates

- In May, nutritious hot school lunches were provided to 120,914 schoolchildren (48 percent girls and 52 percent boys) through 426.85 mt of fortified rice, oil and pulses, to contribute to improving their education achievement and nutrition. School canteens and the communities are also complementing the school meals, with locally sourced fish, vegetables and fruits.
- As part of the technical support to the Government to reduce national micronutrient deficiencies, WFP is supporting the roll-out of rice fortification strategy, particularly in iron, folic acid and zinc. The National Alliance for Food Enrichment in Côte d'Ivoire (ANEA), established by the National Nutrition Council in 2018 to facilitate coordination of all rice fortification initiatives, held its first work session in May. The specific objectives of this national workshop were to present the responsibilities of the ANEA, to present the results of the validation workshop following the study in 2018 on rice fortification potentials in the country, to develop the road map of the process, and to adopt the action plan for 2019.
- Under the leadership of UNAIDS, WFP and other UN agencies developed jointly the workplan and budget for the next two years (2020-2021) of the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework, to maximize the coherence, coordination and impact of the UN's response to AIDS. In line with national priorities as highlighted in the National Health Development Plan (PNDS 2016-2020) and the HIV/AIDS strategic plan, WFP and partners are developing the priority programmes adapted to the national context.
- In partnership with UNHCR and DAARA of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, WFP continued to support the voluntary repatriation of Ivorian returnees, providing food assistance to 336 beneficiaries, including 88 children under 5. In total, 4.1 mt of food and USD 10,110 were provided to meet the returnees' and their households' immediate food needs.

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Caption: Soro Tchomogo Adjaratou next to her grandmother, surveyed by a WFP staff, Korhogo 2018

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	2019 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Sixth Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
13.9 m	9.7 m	1.5 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Primary-school-age children and their households in food-insecure areas have access to adequate nutritious food all year

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Provide school meals, take-home rations complementary services to primary-school-age children during the school year and promote the purchase of locally produced food for school meals.

Strategic Outcome 2: 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

Activities:

- Provide an integrated assistance package to affected populations, including food assistance, SBCC and specialized nutritious food to children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women and girls and people living with HIV, to improve access to food and prevent malnutrition.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable food-insecure populations in targeted areas – particularly children, women of child-bearing age and people living with HIV – have improved nutritional status by 2023

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Support the implementation of the national nutrition programme, with a focus on the development and implementation of a gender-responsive social behaviour change communication strategy; the implementation of the national strategy for the fortification of regularly consumed staples; enhancement of the primary education curriculum to include nutrition; and the generation of evidence on the activities in the national multisectoral nutrition plan.

Strategic Result 4: Sustainable food systems

Strategic Outcome 4: Targeted populations and communities have stronger livelihoods, are more resilient to climate and other shocks and benefit from more efficient and equitable value chains and sustainable food systems by 2023

Focus area: Resilience building

Activities:

- Provide an integrated and gender-transformative assistance package to smallholder farmers, especially women's farmer groups, comprising training on good agricultural practices, equipment and social behaviour change communication-related activities that place value on local agricultural potential, asset creation and targeted food assistance; and provide technical support for generating evidence to inform the scale-up of farmer groups' activities.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 5: National institutions have strengthened capacity to better target and manage food security, nutrition and social protection programmes by 2023

Focus area: Root causes

Activities

- Provide technical support to national partners in their efforts to address school feeding, food security, nutrition, social protection and emergency preparedness and response.

- WFP supported the Directorate of school canteens of the Ministry of Education in finalizing the assessment of the national school feeding programme, as part of the global survey on school feeding programmes. Conducted by the Global Child Nutrition Foundation (GFNF), this initiative aims to strengthen the work of the global school feeding network by creating a global database to better understand, document and support the functioning of school feeding programmes worldwide. This first survey asked a standard set of questions and will be used to develop a baseline database on the current state of school feeding programmes in all countries, including those with no school feeding activities. Information gathered ranged from the scope of activities, the level of government's involvement, the multidimensional aspects (nutrition, gender and education) and the agricultural and private sector engagement. Moreover, the survey database will enable each participating country to share information about its programme with stakeholders and researchers around the world; identify strengths, weaknesses and needs; recognize and remedy gaps in programme data collection; learn from the successes and challenges of other countries' programmes; invest in school nutrition with deeper knowledge of the sector globally; and direct training, education, research and funding efforts to the areas of greatest need.

- From 22 to 24 May, WFP participated in the Regional Symposium on the Right to Education and Inclusion in Education Policies and Practices in Africa. Organized by the Ministry of Education and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), education focal points from 24 different countries were gathered to exchange on good practices and lessons learned in promoting inclusive education. The different presentations and group works highlighted that while countries have made good efforts for inclusive education, gaps still persist. In Côte d'Ivoire, out of 1,932,299 girls recorded in primary school, less than 48 percent of them continue their education cycle onto the secondary school. Committed to undertake education law reviews and strengthen ongoing efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4 "Quality education", ECOWAS countries will be implementing jointly recommendations of the workshop, including mapping the needs of children in vulnerable situations, improving the legal frameworks, collecting data on education at each level, integrating modules on inclusive education in the teachers' curriculum and strengthening capacities of education supervisors.

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