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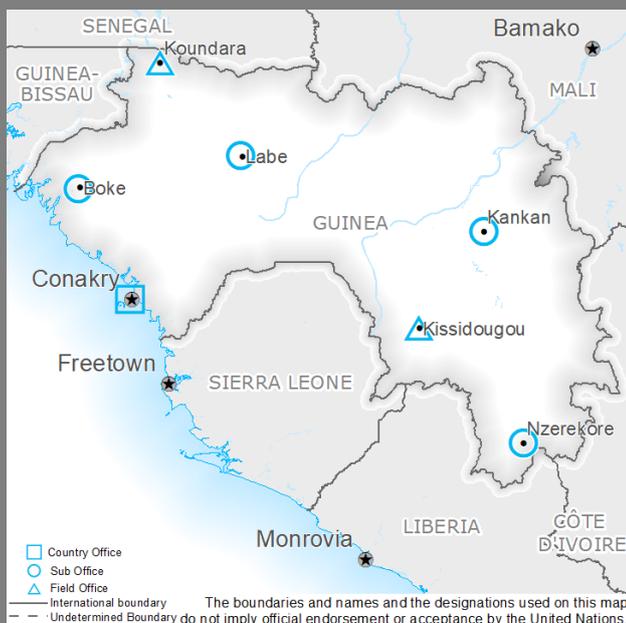
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# WFP Guinea Country Brief May 2019



## 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. On average, 55 percent of the Guinean population live below the poverty line and unemployment is high, particularly among youth and women. According to the Comprehensive Food and Nutrition Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA+N - 2018), around 21.8 percent of household – or 2.5 million people – are food insecure. The nutritional situation for children aged 6-59 months remains precarious: 6.1 percent of children aged 6-59 months suffer from global acute malnutrition (out of which 1.7 percent are in severe form), and 24.4 percent suffer from stunting or chronic malnutrition, whereas 12 percent are underweight (of whom 2.3 percent are in severe form). WFP is 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. WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964



Population: **12.7 million**

2017 Human Development Index: **175 out of 189**

Income Level: **Low income**

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

## In Numbers

**571.4 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 168,218 m** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 2.1 m** six months (June-November 2019) net funding requirements

**144.181 people assisted** in May 2019



## Operational Updates

- The sub-offices of Kankan and N'Zérékoré carried out field missions to assess the quantity and quality of rice stocks available for the upcoming local procurement cycle. The assessments results were deemed satisfactory and communicated to the procurement unit in Conakry to begin the purchase process.
- WFP distributed take-home rations to 13,984 girls in 259 schools in the region of Nzérékoré (356 mt of food items composed of rice and salt), and to 12,390 girls in 192 schools in Kissidougou (87,867 mt of assorted food items composed of rice and oil).
- On 2-3 May, WFP Guinea conducted a technical and programmatic consultation workshop on the Integrated Context Approach (IAC). This workshop is a key step in the design and planning of resilience activities in Guinea.
- To harmonize market prices monitoring, WFP and national partners held the second consultation meeting on 9 May with national services.
- WFP continued to support the Ministry of Health for the treatment of children aged 6 to 59 months, pregnant and lactating women, people living with HIV (PLHIV), tuberculosis and suffering from moderate acute malnutrition, among them 98 percent of outpatient recovering in nutritional centres in the Kankan, Boké, Nzerekore and Conakry
- Through the WFP chronic malnutrition prevention programme, more than 2,000 children aged 0-23 benefited from special supplementary nutrients to help them meet their daily food needs. Pregnant and lactating women also benefit from nutritional advice and good hygiene practices.
- WFP Guinea provide technical and financial support to the Government for the national survey on food and nutrition vulnerability in HIV/AIDS and TB patients to update data from 2014.
- WFP is planning the implementation of the survey on nutritional and food vulnerability among PLHIV/TB in collaboration with the Guinean Government. In this context a second meeting of the Steering Committee and the review of the chronogram of activity were done. The training of interviewers, their selection and the start of the survey are expected to be done in June 2019.

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Caption: During the hot meal at a school in Kissidougou

## Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (January 2018-June 2019)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
16.8 m	10.8 m	2.1 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:**

- Provide hot meals to all school-aged children and dry rations/CBT to schooled-aged girls in WFP assisted schools.
- Provide technical support to the Government, to contribute to the national school meals policy implementation and the progressive transfer of management to the Government.
- 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:**

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

- Provide vulnerable populations and smallholders, especially women's groups, with an integrated package of assistance including equipment, training, food and nutrition education, asset creation and targeted food assistance.
- 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

The month of May was marked by the analysis of partner reports which allowed to provide technical support to the management of school committees, market gardening groups, traders and parboiler unions as part of the implementation of the CBT project. WFP to assess the level of achievement of CBT activities as well as the technical capacity of partners. In view of the upcoming end of the school year, a project site monitoring plan has been revised to ensure the safe storage and protection of large quantities of food items that will remain in schools during the holidays. WFP was assigned to monitor, train and consolidate and the data from PDM.

## Challenges

Local purchase to provide market access to smallholder farmers is not always feasible in a timely manner. WFP needs to purchase food from traders to meet project deadlines.

## Donors

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