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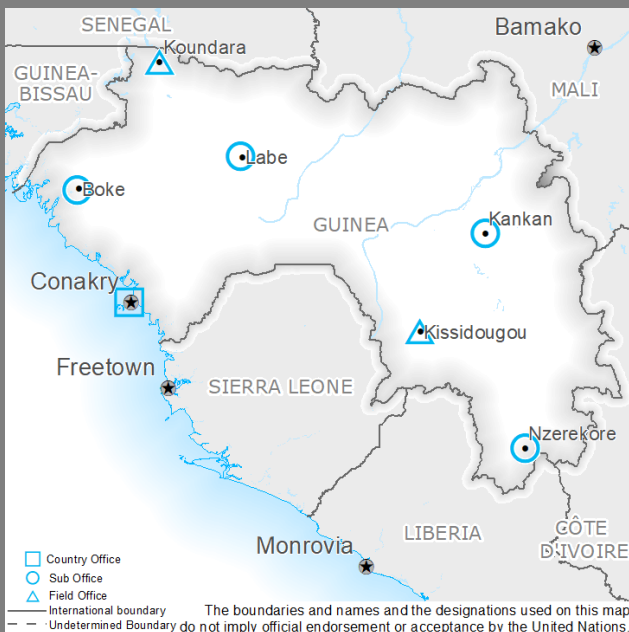
SAVING LIVES  
CHANGING LIVES

# WFP Guinea Country Brief June 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**

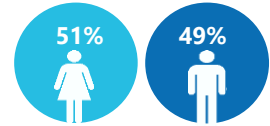
## In Numbers

**1907.476 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 195,021.28** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 3.2 m** six months (July-December 2019) net funding requirements

**136,844 m people assisted** in June 2019



## Operational Updates

- Second cycle of cash distribution took place and covered 195 schools (30 received a full food basket, and 28,804 students in 165 received rice only). The cash distributed to school committees was used to purchase local food items composed of rice, condiments and fresh vegetables to feed children in school canteens with hot and nutritious meals. MTN mobile money was responsible for cash transfers and local NGOs supervised transactions between school canteen committees and food items providers, State representatives supported the overall monitoring and supervision with WFP field Monitors.
- Every month, WFP collects the prices of 16 food items on 11 Guinean markets. In June, a second coordination meeting was organised jointly by WFP Guinea and the Ministry of Agriculture's Agency in charge of agricultural statistics (ANASA). The meeting gathered partners from all ministries involved in the collection and analysis of market prices, who exchanged on the methodology and products covered to ensure data quality and consistency. It was decided that such meetings would be held monthly to harmonize practices.
- As part of its school feeding programme, WFP distributed take home rations in the regions. Overall 196.5 mt of rice and 2.6 mt of oil were distributed to 8,452 girls in the 133 schools of Gueckedou prefecture, while 389 mt of rice and 6 mt of oil were distributed to 5,561 girls in 106 primary schools in the Kankan sub-office.
- In June, WFP continued to support 150 treatment centres to fight against moderate acute malnutrition for children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women. In addition, in nine treatment sites for antiretroviral therapy, WFP continued to monitor patients on ARV dentures in seven prefectures. from the country
- National Food and Nutrition Vulnerability Surveys on HIV/TB clients started on 25 June 2019 and will end mid-July 2019. The National AIDS committee (CNLS) is responsible for coordinating the survey in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the National Institute of Statistics. Preliminary results are expected by the end of July 2019.

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Caption : During Training of community health workers for the 1000 days activities

### Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

| 2019 Total Requirement (in USD) | 2019 Allocated Contributions (in USD) | Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 16.8 m                          | 10.8 m                                | 4.3 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 second cycle distribution was done.

## Challenges

Among challenges faced by the second cash distribution:

- Lack of nutrition food items from July 2019.
- Some committees lost their SIM cards or forgot their passwords.
- Weak communication system between WFP and MTN on the implementation process
- CBT transactions were delayed for over a week due to cash disbursement issues.

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