



World Food Programme

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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: **155**
out of 160 countries

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

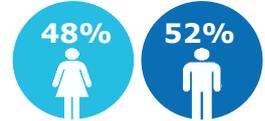
In Numbers

128.67 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 5,629 cash-based transfers made

US\$ 2.5 m six months (October 2019 - March 2020)
net funding requirements

82,226 people assisted
in October 2019



Operational Updates

- Heavy rainfalls across the country that intensified between 11 October and 13 October affected over 1,900 households in 14 localities and resulted in significant material damages. In some of the most heavily affected areas in the south of Côte d'Ivoire such as Grand Bassam, Abobo, Aboisso, Ayamé and Alepé, local authorities and communities provided the initial assistance to over 960 flood-affected households with relief food and non-food items. The detailed situation and needs assessment are ongoing by the Government and partners and local actors are coordinating the multi-sectorial emergency assistance to be provided. WFP plans to complement government efforts by assisting 100 most vulnerable flood-affected households through cash transfers to cover their immediate food needs.
- In October, nutritious hot school meals were provided to 82,091 schoolchildren in targeted northern, north-eastern and western localities to contribute to better nutrition through diverse meals and keeping children in schools.
- In partnership with UNHCR and the *Direction d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et Apatriés* (DAARA) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, WFP provided relief food assistance to 135 Ivorian returnees (71 children, 35 women and 29 men) coming from Mali. Meanwhile, all scheduled voluntary convoys in October were cancelled due to poor road conditions caused by the rainy season. The repatriation process in the west is expected to resume once the rainfall season is over.
- Meanwhile, food assistance for asset (FFA) activities targeting 100 returnees and vulnerable host populations are ongoing in the west of Côte d'Ivoire. The participants of the programme were connected to WFP's financial provider's platform to receive the planned three months (October to December) cash-based transfers, to address their food needs while waiting for their agriculture-based livelihood activities to take off.
- WFP is scaling up its Smallholder Agricultural Market Support (SAMS) programme to reach a total of 48 farmer groups in 2019 since the start with 10 farmer groups in 2017. The new 13 farmer groups were identified to be integrated into ongoing activities. Meanwhile, existing farmer groups assisted are experiencing a successful harvest during the current agricultural campaign. Over 44.8 mt of diversified vegetables including tomato, pepper, eggplant, cabbage, zucchini and okra were harvested between September and October 2019.

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Caption: Solar-powered irrigation system set up to support food production activities of smallholder farmers in dry northern areas, Korhogo 2019

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	10.7 m	2.5 m

programmes by 2023

Focus area: Root causes

Activities

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

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

- WFP provided technical support to the Government in finalizing the 12th national Harmonized Framework on food security analysis, which will inform decision-makers and development partners on the current food and nutrition situation. Due to funding constraints, the analysis was only conducted in four regions out of the 31 regions of Côte d'Ivoire.
- WFP provides technical support to the Ministry of Health to optimize medical supply chain by strengthening supply chain analytics, optimizing health supply chain network and in strengthening fleet management capacities. A donor field visit was organized in October to assess progress made and to discuss with national counterparts.
- WFP teamed up with the Regional Centre of Excellence Against Hunger and Malnutrition in Africa (CERFAM) based in Abidjan to contribute to the development of best practices guidance in post-harvest loss reduction technologies and practices. The consolidated results for the region is expected to be presented during the international exhibition of agriculture and animal resources (SARA), which will be held in Abidjan from 22 November 2019 to 1 December 2019.
- On the World Food Day on 16 October, WFP Country Office in Côte d'Ivoire contributed to the global #StopTheWaste campaign by raising awareness locally. The theme this year was "Healthy Diets for a Zero Hunger World" and the focus was on food waste, highlighting changes needed in eating habits. WFP shared tips on how to reduce food waste in day-to-day life, at home for example. Food waste reduction is key in WFP's strategy for rural northern and western regions of Côte d'Ivoire, where WFP provides women's smallholder farmers with technologies which are helping them minimize their post-harvest losses.

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