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WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief November 2019

Operational Context

With an estimated 25.5 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

2018 Human Development Index: **165**
out of 189 countries

2018 Gender Inequality Index: **157**
out of 162 countries

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

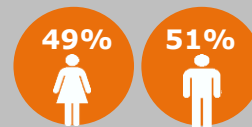
In Numbers

750 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 23.953 cash based transfers made

US\$ 2.2 m six months (November 2019 - April 2020) net funding requirements

120,280 people assisted
in November 2019



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Operational Updates

- The Rome-based agencies (WFP, FAO and IFAD) had a joint stand at the biennial International Exhibition of Agriculture and Animal Resources (SARA) held in Abidjan from 22 November 2019 to 1 December 2019. Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, this year's thematic was *Smart Agriculture & Technological Innovations*. This exhibition was an opportunity for WFP to present to the visitors its integrated Smallholder Agricultural Market Support (SAMS) programme and the results achieved so far. WFP has been gradually scaling-up this programme, increasing from 1,000 to over 4,800 women's smallholder farmers assisted between 2017 and 2019. Some of these women were invited to present the tools and innovative food transformation and conservation technologies they were introduced to and share their experiences. The exhibition gave these women a great boost in visibility whilst sensitizing the public about the importance of eliminating food waste and reducing post-harvest losses in achieving SDG 2 (Zero Hunger).
- In November, 119,979 children benefited from nutritious hot school meals as part of the WFP-supported school feeding programme. This programme targets communities in northern, north-eastern and western localities and aims to complement national efforts in addressing school children's nutritional needs while contributing to improved achievements in schools.
- To assist the flood-affected populations (over 9,500 people) in 14 localities following heavy rainfalls in October, the Government and humanitarian actors are coordinating the multi-sectorial emergency assistance to be provided. The Government has provided the initial assistance to 4,800 people, and WFP launched an emergency operation to provide food assistance to an additional 849 vulnerable and flood-affected people in the three most affected areas: Aboisso, Ayame and Bonoua. In partnership with Croix Rouge of Cote d'Ivoire, relief cash-based transfers will be provided to targeted households in December, to cover their food and non-food requirements. Specific attention was given to people that lost their homes, numerous families, pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/Gs), and people with disabilities, who were identified as the most vulnerable.

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Caption: Women smallholder farmers displaying their food products at SARA, Abidjan 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	11.23 m	2.2 m

Focus area: Root causes

Activities

- Provide technical support to national partners in their efforts 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 programmes by 2023

- In partnership with UNHCR and the *Direction d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et Apatrides* (DAARA) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, WFP provided relief cash transfers to 201 Ivorian returnees (45 women, 57 men and 99 children) coming from Mali. According to the national committee in charge of coordinating humanitarian actions (CCE), led jointly by the Ministry of Solidarity and the UN Resident Coordinator, over 272,400 Ivorians returned throughout 2019, and the repatriation process is expected to continue until 2020.
- The food assistance for assets (FFA) programme supporting asset creation and reintegration of returnees and vulnerable host populations is ongoing in the West of Côte d'Ivoire. As planned, 100 participants of the programme received cash transfers, to address their food needs while waiting for their agriculture-based livelihood activities to take-off. Moreover, training on good poultry farming and agricultural inputs were provided to the groups to improve their agricultural practices and outcomes.
- As part of the **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign**, which is a yearly international campaign starting on 25 November that calls for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls, WFP in Côte d'Ivoire contributed to raising awareness of its staff and its partners through sensitization messages. This year's theme was **Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape**, supporting gender-based violence survivors. In Côte d'Ivoire, where approximately 60 to 70 percent of women are victims of physical or sexual violence, WFP continues to promote a gender-transformative approach in all its programmes, including gender analyses in needs assessment, monitoring and reporting.

WFP says no to Gender-Based violence!

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