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Operational Context

The Guinean economy is dependent largely on mining and agriculture. However, low productivity, poor farming techniques and significant post-harvest losses undermine the agricultural sector, while poor road infrastructure hinders access to markets. Moreover, 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 more than 21 percent of households are food insecure. The nutritional situation of children remains precarious; 6.1 percent of children aged 6-59 months suffer from global acute malnutrition (of whom 1.7 percent are severely affected) and 24.4 percent of children aged 6-59 months suffer from stunting.

WFP targets vulnerable groups of people in the four regions of Guinea particularly in rural areas, in order to improve food security, reduce malnutrition, enhance resilience and contribute to improve education achievements, all while contributing towards the achievement of SDG 2 and 17 and aligning with national priorities (PNDES 2016-2020) with a special focus on women and youth. The approach also aims to increase national ownership through institutional capacity strengthening.

In Guinea, the first COVID-19 case was detected on 12 March 2020, affecting more than 5,000 people as of end June. Beyond the immediate effect on public health, the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on food security, nutrition and livelihoods are already visible among the most vulnerable people, particularly the poorest households, casual labourers and petty traders. Loss of income and comparatively restricted market access are among the principal causes of food insecurity. WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964.



Population: **13.4 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **174 out of 189**

Income Level: **Low income**

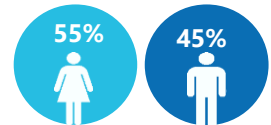
Chronic malnutrition: **24.4% of children aged 6-59 months**

In Numbers

23.727 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 18.4 m six months (July- December 2020) net funding requirements

18,884 people assisted in June 2020



Operational Updates

Crisis response activities: In June, the Government through the *Agence Nationale de Sécurité Sanitaire* (ANSS) launched a national strategy "Stop COVID-19 in 60 days", aiming to stop the spread of the virus in Conakry, which is the epicentre of the disease. In line with this strategy, WFP provides support to the Government and five Community Health Departments (DCS) through food assistance to hospitalized, contacts and families with a door-to-door distribution. A total of 528 households (2,640 people) were reached in June with 26.4 mt of rice distributed. Each household received a package of assistance, consisting of a bag of rice (50 kg), hand-washing kit, four multiple-use facemasks, litre of chlorine solution, 10 soaps and GNF 420,000 cash (USD 50).

School Feeding: Schools reopened on 29 June 2020 for students in graduation classes and 14,537 children went back to WFP-supported schools (representing only 10 percent of the total 150,000 children assisted). The children at school will receive hot meals, whilst the remaining 135,463 children in junior classes still at home during lock down will receive take-home rations.

Nutrition: In June, 2,276 children and 70 pregnant and lactating women and girls received WFP's food and nutrition assistance in Conakry, Kankan, Boké, Labé, Nzerekore and Faranah. A total of 396 people living with HIV and their households also received food and specialized nutritious foods in Conakry.

Partnership

WFP signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Promotion of Women and Children in June to foster collaboration and synergies between the two structures in the field of social protection, child protection, equality and women's empowerment.

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Main photo

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Caption: Food distribution to COVID-19 infected people, their contact persons and families

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)

2020 Total Requirement (in USD)	2020 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
22.4 m	1.2 m	18.4 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food-insecure populations, including pre- and primary school-aged children, in targeted areas have access to adequate and nutritious food all year round

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Strategic Outcome 2: Crisis-affected populations in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of a crisis

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activities:

- Provide nutritious school meals to pre- and primary school children, including take home rations for girls prioritizing local purchase and strengthening partners' capacities
- Provide an integrated emergency food and nutrition assistance including SBCC and livelihood support to crisis-affected populations.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Nutritionally vulnerable populations including children, pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/Gs), HIV/TB antiretroviral therapy (ART) clients, people living with disability and orphans in Guinea, have improved nutritional status by 2030

Focus area: *Root Causes*

Activities:

- Support beneficiaries through the provision of specialized nutritious food and integrated programmes including SBCC, and strengthen partner's capacities to prevent and treat all forms of malnutrition

Strategic Result 4: Sustainable food systems

Strategic Outcome 4: Food insecure and climate-affected populations, including smallholder farmers, youth and women in targeted areas have improved their livelihood sources, have more efficient and inclusive value chains and resilient food systems by 2030.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- Provide climate-resilient livelihood support to targeted groups to sustainably increase and diversify their role along the food value chain, strengthen access to markets including in relation to school meals/HGSF and improve food handling and processing

Strategic Result 5: Countries Strengthening

Strategic Outcome 5: National institutions have enhanced capacities to manage food security and nutrition, social protection and disaster risk management systems by 2030.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- Deliver capacity strengthening support to national institutions and other partners including through South-South Cooperation on the design and implementation of social protection, emergency preparedness and response, disaster risk management and supply chain systems

Monitoring

WFP carried out a remote post distribution monitoring targeting schoolgirl receiving take-home rations as well as their households in the region of Nzérékoré, Kissidougou and Kankan with 45 schools surveyed out of 247 in the region.

Following the baseline survey on food assistance for assets (FFA) conducted in March 2020, preliminary results shows that 96 percent of beneficiary households are food insecure (of whom 27 percent are headed by women), with a more precarious situation in the administrative areas of Koundara, Koubia and Dalaba.

The food security and market monitoring survey including training of contracted field agents has been scheduled for July 2020, following approval of the terms of reference by the committee, WFP, the Institute National of Statistics (INS) and the National Agency of Agricultural and Food Statistics (ANASA), from the Ministry of Agriculture.

The monthly food price collection results showed a 53 percent increase in the price of cassava (gari) in Kissidougou, and a 20 percent decrease in Beyla. Overall, the price of imported and local rice remains stable.

Funding

WFP Guinea is undergoing a budget revision of its Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP), increasing its operational needs for 2020 from USD 12.8 million to USD 22.4 million to enable the country office to scale up activities in the current COVID-19 context. For the next six months, WFP needs USD 18.4 million to ensure smooth running of operations and provide efficient assistance to affected populations (school feeding: USD 0.8 m; emergency food distributions: USD 15.3 m; nutrition: USD 2.2 m; and capacity strengthening: USD 0.4 m). If funding requirements are not met, WFP will prioritise its crisis response and nutrition activities for the next 3-6 months depending on the evolution of the pandemic in the country. New confirmed contributions will be prioritized for crisis response activities, mainly related to COVID-19 response.

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