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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, and the outbreak has affected more than 9,400 people with 59 deaths as of end August 2020. 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. According to the 2020 March *cadre harmonisé*, 267,170 people are food insecure and WFP estimates an additional 613,571 people to be food insecure by the end of 2020 due to the socio-economic effects of COVID-19. WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964.



Population: **13.1 million**

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

Income Level: **Low**

Chronic malnutrition: **24% of children aged 6-59 months**

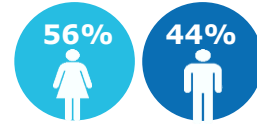
In Numbers

228.253 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 9, 979.9 cash-based transfers made

USD 8.4 m six months (September 2020- February 2021) net funding requirements

19,180 people assisted
in August 2020



Operational Updates

- To mitigate the COVID-19 propagation, WFP introduced potential lifesaving and income-generating activities by training people in vulnerable communities in the production of 67,600 bars of soap, 185,600 masks, distributed within the same communities and the installation of 826 hand-washing systems, benefitting 84,500 people in eight prefectures. Cash transfers of USD 400,000 are provided to smallholder farmers trained in the production of equipment, and more than 2,300 artisans in return for their work taking into account their respective family members, thus reaching more than 25,500 people.
- Within the SCOPE of the RESIGUI project funded by the European Union (DEVCO), WFP has carried out beneficiary targeting in collaboration with eight local NGOs. In line with the project proposal, 20,000 vulnerable households will be assisted. The households have been identified across eight prefectures (Boké, Guéckédou, Kankan, Labé, Lélouma, Macenta, N'Zérékoré and Siguiri), covering over 50 districts and 180 villages.
- Following the completion of food distribution to COVID-19 infected people, contact persons and families in July through the national strategy "STOP COVID-19 in 60 days", launched in June 2020, the Government requests the continuity of this assistance under a whole new national strategy (to be developed) to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Through the tripartite agreement with the *Agence Nationale d'Inclusion Economique et Sociale* (ANIES) and the International Trade Centre (ITC) signed in July targeting 25,000 poor and affected households in Conakry aimed to mitigate COVID-19 socio-economic effects on their food security, WFP supported (registering to date) the distribution of 783.35 mt of food to 12,172 households (of which, 2,999 are headed by women) in August 2020. Each household receive an assistance package of a bag of rice, 5 litres of oil and 5 kg of Irish potatoes. An additional 25,000 households in Conakry will receive cash transfers of GNF 250,000 (USD 26) provided by ANIES.

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Caption: Distribution of masks and soaps to smallholder farmers and community members in the district of Kandaïda (Koundara) to prevent the spread of COVID-19

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	5.4 m	8.4 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.

- WFP provided cash transfer of USD 9,980 to the remaining 96 people amongst the 957 smallholder farmers and their families who participated in the rehabilitation work of 56.7 ha of agricultural lands in the region of Nzerekore, Kankan, Faranah and Boke through its food assistance for assets programme.
- Through the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition, WFP provided specialized nutritious food to 3,639 children aged 6-59 months and 712 pregnant and lactating women in Conakry, Kankan, Boké, Labé, Nzérékoré and Faranah. It also provided food and nutrition assistance to 1,667 people living with HIV under Antiretroviral treatment and 2,565 of their family members in Conakry, Kankan, Boké, Labé, Nzérékoré, Gueckedou and Kissidougou.
- In addition, WFP provided specialized nutritious food and hygiene kits (soap and chlorine solution) accompanied by awareness raising campaigns on good nutrition and hygiene practices as well as on COVID-19 preventive measures, reaching 2,278 children aged 6-23 months and 2,232 pregnant and lactating women and girls for the prevention of chronic malnutrition in the Prefecture of Labé and Kouroussa.

Partnership

- WFP is working with the Ministry of Rights and Women's Empowerment to develop a memorandum of understanding in order to foster relationship on activities implemented in favour of women.
- An advocacy document on school feeding programme was also developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

Resource Mobilisation

- Through WFP Guinea's effort to mobilise required funding for the smooth running of its activities, the country office submitted a USD 4 m proposal.
- WFP Guinea is in the final stages of securing a USD 2 m grant for emergency food assistance, to support food-insecure populations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2020 lean season in Guinea.

Monitoring

- WFP trained 14 contracted telephone operators to monitor the effects of COVID-19 on markets and vulnerable household's food security using mVAM.
- Preliminary PDM results undertaken in May 2020 on take home rations distributed to schoolgirls showed that 89.4 percent of beneficiary families were satisfied with the assistance they receive.

Donors

Donors to WFP Guinea in 2020 include China, Japan and Republic of Korea. Additional support has been provided by the European Union (DEVCO).