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# WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief October 2020



## Operational Context

With an estimated 25.5 million inhabitants, Côte d'Ivoire has maintained peace and experienced remarkable economic recovery since the end of the 2010-2011 post-electoral crisis. Despite its growth, almost half of the population (46 percent) continues to live under the poverty line and the majority of the population suffers from the triple burden of malnutrition, represented by micronutrient deficiencies, undernutrition and overnutrition, slowing down WFP's efforts towards Zero Hunger.

Since 1969, WFP Côte d'Ivoire has been providing support in alignment with 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 of the nation, which is known to have higher concentration of food insecure and vulnerable populations.

Following the first reported case of COVID-19 in Côte d'Ivoire on 11 March, 2020, Côte d'Ivoire is continuously experiencing a low number of new confirmed cases, with 20,716 reported cases (20,365 recovered, 126 deaths, 225 active) as of 1 November. WFP operations and activities are resuming back to normal strictly abiding by the health and sanitary measures and regulations.



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**

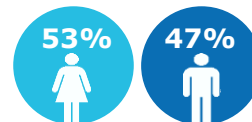
## In Numbers

**0 mt** of food assistance distributed

**USD 107,819** cash-based transfers made

**USD 10.2 m** six months (November 2020 – April 2021) net funding requirements

**7,122 people assisted**  
in October 2020



## Operational Updates

- Planned food distributions had to be suspended due to deteriorating security situation. Implementation of school feeding activities was possible in approximately 10 percent of the 613 WFP-supported schools nonetheless thanks to the contribution of WFP-assisted smallholder farmer groups and their communities who provided local fresh foods in northern and north-eastern regions. Schools are expected to remain closed from 23 October to 16 November, with school holidays extended due to the volatile security situation.
- WFP continues to provide technical support and training of agricultural practices to smallholder farmer groups as part of the Smallholder Agriculture Market Support (SAMS) programme, to improve their food production, post-harvest management and organizational capacities, as well as their food and nutrition security and incomes. Smallholders' activities in October were focused on the harvesting of food production and planning for off-season cycle. While activities continued undisrupted in the northern region, which has been relatively calm during the electoral period, SAMS activities have been in operation at 20 percent only in the western region due to unfolding civil unrest. Remote monitoring of activities continued.
- WFP and UNAIDS worked in collaboration to provide relief response to COVID-19 to support the most vulnerable communities, including people living with HIV (PLHIV) and key populations in the district of Abidjan. The last phase of cash assistance has been completed to 1,328 households, benefitting approximately 8,000 people who have been negatively impacted by the health pandemic.

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**Caption:** CERFAM mission to Nakaha village in the north

## Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2020 Total Requirement (in USD)	2020 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
15.6 m	32.6 m	10.2 m

### 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 round

**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, social behavioural change communication (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 SBCC 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: Food systems are sustainable

**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 SBCC-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 have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 5:** National institutions have strengthened capacity to better target and manage food security, nutrition and social protection programmes by 2023

**Focus area:** Root causes

**Activities:**

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

- Beneficiaries of income-generating activities under the Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) programme, aimed at strengthening livelihoods and resilience of Ivorian returnees, continue to reinvest back into their respective projects of agriculture, poultry or fish farms for continued growth, demonstrating sustainability and community ownership of the project. Slow progress has been noted towards the end of the month, however, as participants feared for their security due to election-related violence and disturbances in the regions, hence did not engage as much in their regular livelihood activities.
- WFP in Côte d'Ivoire is on high alert and closely monitoring the political and security situation across the country, preparing the country office's emergency response capacity to support crisis-affected people in the event of a humanitarian crisis. Moreover, WFP is co-leading the coordination of the multi-agency contingency plan as part of emergency preparedness measures to the Presidential Election on 31 October. WFP is leading clusters of food security, supply chain/telecommunication and cash-based transfers sectors.

## Challenges

- The current political and security situation raise uncertainties about implementation of planned activities and the prospect for peace and growth of the nation.
- The lack of resources, both in cash and food commodities, remains a major challenge for the country office in implementing the Country Strategic Plan's activities at planned scale.

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