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## Operational Context

The Guinean economy is largely dependent 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, 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 12,072 people with 72 hospital deaths as of end October 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 currently 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**

Income Level: **Low**

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

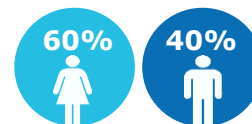
Chronic malnutrition: **24% of children aged 6-59 months**

## In Numbers

**61.247 mt** of food assistance distributed

**USD 15.5 m** six months (November 2020- April 2021) net funding requirements

**15,317 people assisted**  
in October 2020



## Operational Updates

### Security situation

- In Guinea, the presidential elections took place on 18 October 2020 and were followed by violent demonstrations. Electricity cuts and severe internet disruptions put communication to a halt. WFP non-essential missions in the field were cancelled. At the end of October, the security situation was relatively calm.

### Crisis response activities

- The project to assist vulnerable households affected by the socio-economic effects of COVID-19 in collaboration with the *Agence nationale d'inclusion économique et sociale* (ANIES) was suspended because of the presidential election in October.
- In October, under the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) project, 22.3 mt of rice, 2 230 masks, and 2,676 pieces of soaps were distributed to 446 households vulnerable to the socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in collaboration with the *Ministère de l'Action Sociale, de la Promotion Féminine et de l'Enfance* in Conakry.
- The distribution of health kits in collaboration with the *Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire* (ANSS) was suspended and should resume when a new national sanitary strategy against the COVID-19 is launched since the previous strategy "stop COVID-19 in 60 days" has expired.

### School feeding

- The new semester should begin on 16 November. Planning and preparation work for the reopening of Guinean schools is ongoing.

### Food assistance for assets

- In October, an amount of GNF 699,660,000 (USD 71 999.630) Cash Based Transfer (CBT) was planned for 1 690 beneficiaries of 338 households under the RISIGUI project, through which WFP supports food-insecure people in crisis response, recovery and resilience strengthening.
- On 30 October, a transfer of GNF 117,990,000 (USD 12,141.95) was made to 285 beneficiaries of 57 households under the RESIGUI project.

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**Main photo**

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**Caption:** Food, facemask and soap distribution to vulnerable households in line with the joint MPTF project.

## Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)

2020 Total Requirement (in USD)	2020 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
22.5 m	11.4 m	15.5 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

#### Activities:

- Provide nutritious school meals to pre- and primary school children, including take home rations for girls prioritizing local purchase and strengthening partners' capacities

**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 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, people living with HIV or tuberculosis and receiving treatment, persons with disabilities and orphans, in Guinea have improved nutrition 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.

## Nutrition

- In October, WFP provided nutrition assistance to 1,019 children aged 6-59 months suffering from moderate acute malnutrition and 2,082 pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/G) in Conakry, Kankan, Boké, Labé, Nzérékoré and Faranah, in order to treat and prevent chronic malnutrition.
- In October, food and nutrition assistance was provided to 1,500 people living with HIV (PL/HIV) and their households in Conakry, Kankan, Boké, Labé, Nzérékoré and Faranah. WFP also participated in the National Nutrition Cluster and implementation of nutritional activities regarding people living with HIV.

## Partnerships

- A joint PBF WFP, FAO, OHCHR project was signed in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture. The 24-month project (2020-2022) aims at preventing inter-communal conflicts and consolidating peace in Forest Guinea, funded by the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) with a budget of around USD 1 million.
- In October, WFP received internal funding of USD 32,776 via the Emerging Donors Matching Fund (EDMF) to support a Global Fund Project in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. The additional funding will be used to distribute food to HIV/TB patients and their families.

## Monitoring

- A total of 44 beneficiaries out of 50 trained were selected to conduct interviews for the baseline survey of the RESIGUI project. In accordance with the survey methodology, 12 percent of the beneficiary households will be interviewed.
- WFP conducted an upgrading training for its NGO partner aiming at improving the quality of data.
- WFP's VAM and M&E team participated in a workshop on the presentation of the preliminary assessment report of the 2020/2021 agropastoral campaign. This report will facilitate the session organized by *Cadre Harmonisé* in November aiming at evaluating the level of agricultural production in 2020-2021.

## Donors

Donors to WFP Guinea in 2020 include European Union, China, the Government of Guinea, Japan and the Republic of Korea. Additional support has been provided by the COVID-19 Multi Partner Trust Fund.