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## WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief November 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 the country on 11 March 2020, Côte d'Ivoire is continuously experiencing a low number of new confirmed cases. As of 29 November, 21,310 cases are reported (20,947 recovered, 131 deaths and 232 active) as of November 29. WFP's 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

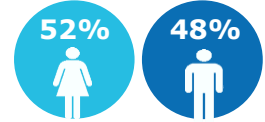
## In Numbers

**64,989 mt** of food assistance distributed

**USD 0** cash-based transfers made

**USD 10.1 m** six months (December 2020 – May 2021) net funding requirements

**53, 098 people assisted**  
In November 2020



### Operational Updates

- The October presidential election recorded incidents of civil disobedience and violence, affecting over 60 localities with inter-community conflicts, casualties and destruction of property and infrastructure. According to the Government, 85 people were killed during pre- and post-election-related violence, with an additional 484 people injured and 225 people arrested. Fear of violence was the main driver that resulted in the exodus of Ivorian refugees, especially from western regions of the country, to neighboring countries and to other regions of the country.
- WFP in Côte d'Ivoire has activated its emergency response to provide immediate relief to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in regions identified through rapid needs assessments, conducted by local partners and inter-agency multisectoral groups. To date, WFP has partnered with UNHCR, Red Cross, and Caritas in support of 4,900 people who have received urgent food assistance (rice, vegetable oil and beans). The country office is planning to augment its assistance to different localities and extend the length of assistance to best serve affected IDPs and host communities who lost their sources of livelihoods.
- Under the direction of *Comité de Coopération Élargi* (CCE) co-chaired by Ministry of Solidarity and Social Cohesion and UN Resident Coordinator, WFP has been co-leading the Operational Coordination Group (*Groupe de Coopération Opérationnelle*) with the Directorate of Solidarity to develop multi-agency contingency plan as part of emergency preparedness measures to the Presidential Election on October 31. WFP is leading sectors of food-security, supply chain/telecommunication and cash-based transfers (CBT).

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**Caption:** WFP food distribution to IDPs in the village of Bayota (Centre East), Department of Gagnoa

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)		
2020 Total Requirement (in USD)	2020 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Sixth Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
15.6 m	32 m*	10.1 m

\*Allocated contributions for 2020 operations are USD 11.7 million. However, USD 32 million reflect the recent addition of multi-year grant.

## 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

**Focus area:** Root causes

**Activities:**

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

- WFP's operations (school feeding and livelihood activities) in the western region were directly impacted by the volatile political and security situation. Fearing election-related violence and disturbances, participants involved in the food assistance for assets (FFA) programme have either abandoned their activities to flee the area or were reluctant to resume their regular livelihood activities. In addition, many teachers and beneficiaries of WFP-supported school feeding programme have reportedly fled their homes to move closer to Liberian border, while others have fled to their villages in rural areas.
- In the northern region, which has been relatively calm throughout the electoral period, WFP's operations continued undisrupted. WFP's support to smallholder farmers under the smallholder agricultural market support (SAMS) programme continued, following the harvest period of rain-fed crops (e.g. nuts, corns, beans). To ensure the quality of grains farmed, technical support on post-harvest management and storage methods was provided to smallholder farmers. More specifically, demonstrations and trainings on post-harvest methodologies, such as drying, winnowing, sorting and use of storage silo were organized.
- Schools remained closed from 23 October to 16 November, with school holidays extended, due to the volatile security situation. In accordance to the school reopening starting 17 November, WFP resumed food deliveries to assisted schools to restart their school feeding activities. Food deliveries to schools are expected to be concluded in early December.

## Challenges

- Funding shortfall of USD 10.1 million will critically impact WFP's food assistance programmes. Urgent resources are required to ensure timely food assistance to IDPs, and host-communities affected by the electoral violence. In addition, scale-up of support to the smallholder farmers, a critical component for the sustainability of the school feeding programme, remains largely under-resourced.

## Donors

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