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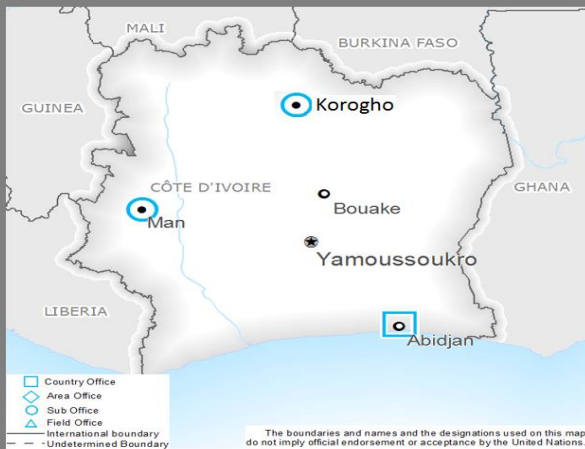


Operational Context

With an estimated 26.4 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 most 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.

Côte d'Ivoire is observing an increase in active COVID-19 cases from 50,135 in July to 55,669 in August 2021 (including 441 deaths and 1,415 actives).

Since 1969, WFP Côte d'Ivoire has been providing support in alignment with the national context. WFP's operations are currently focused on development interventions to improve food security, reduce malnutrition, enhance education achievements, and minimize gender inequalities. Activities are concentrated in northern and western rural areas, which are known to have higher concentration of food insecure and vulnerable populations.



2018 Food insecurity: **10.8 %** of the population

2019 Human Development Index ranking: **162 out of 189 countries**

2019 Gender Inequality Index: **153 out of 162 countries**

Chronic malnutrition: **21.6%** of children between 24-59 months

In Numbers

0 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 79,537 Cash-based transfers distributed

USD 3 m six months (September 2021 – February 2022) net funding requirements

8,475 people assisted in August 2021



Operational Updates

- Côte d'Ivoire received 1,180,530 doses of PFIZER-type vaccines during the reporting month to continue COVID-19 vaccination of people aged from 18 and over (on a free and voluntary basis). Total number of people vaccinated against COVID-19 rose from 1,019,897 cumulative cases reported in July to 1,370,123 as of 31 August representing a 34 percent increase.
- On 24 August 2021, the Côte d'Ivoire Ministry of Health officially declared the Guinean Ebola patient admitted in hospital in Abidjan on 13 August fully recovered from Ebola and discharged from the hospital. Also 828 of the contact cases were vaccinated against Ebola.
- The 8,475 internally displaced persons (IDPs) affected by the 2020 post electoral crisis received food assistance until July this year. As from August 2021, WFP changed the modality of the assistance to cash-based transfers (CBT). As a result, a total of USD 79,537 was distributed to the 8,475 IDPs during the reporting month.
- WFP was forced to halt support to refugees since 2020 due to lack of resources (including the 567 refugees from Burkina Faso that entered Côte d'Ivoire in June 2021).
- Two food fortification high level meetings were conducted in August. One was organized by the Regional Centre of Excellence Against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) on rice fortification and the second was organized by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire through the National Council for Nutrition, Food and Early Childhood Development (CONNAPE) with support from WFP, the African Union and ECOWAS. One key recommendation that featured in the two meetings is to involve all stakeholders in the fortification and validation processes.
- WFP distributed 130 Power banks to youth who were previously trained on "Digital Jobs and Livelihoods".
- Local purchase of 250 mt of rice and 450 mt of beans is ongoing. Suppliers started delivering the food to WFP warehouse.
- WFP completed preparations to conduct a technical workshop in September 2021, aimed at updating the existing monitoring tools and developing new ones for new WASH activities. A second workshop will be conducted in October to familiarise stakeholders on the updated and newly developed monitoring tools. A third workshop will be also conducted to develop Standard Operating procedures (SOP) for the McGovern Dole smallholders' projects as a means of harmonising reporting.
- WFP is also finalizing Field Level Agreements (FLAs) with key partners for the implementation of school feeding activities.

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Caption: Man working in a rice field.

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2021 Total Requirement (in USD)	2021 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Sixth Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
22 m	1.5 m	3 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

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 and initiative of rice fortification project.

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.

Success story: The motorbike will change our lives

- The agricultural group of women of Bouindala, in the department of Touba, 680 km from Abidjan, has been supporting the village school canteen since 2018. Women cultivate plots of rice, cassava, yams, tomatoes, eggplants, cabbage and peppers for their family consumption, sale and for supporting school canteen. The major conundrum is lack of transport means for timely transportation of especially the perishable produce such as tomatoes, cabbage, and eggplants from the fields to the village, market and for school canteen in the city of Touba. According to the secretary general of their association, Ms. Mambo Diomandé, some of their crops are getting rotten due to lack of means of transport and hence affected the continuous and timely supply of the perishable food items (vegetables) to the school canteen. To solve the problem and enhance sustainable supply of food to the school canteen, WFP supported the women group with three wheal motorcycle. The official handing over of this equipment to the women's group of Bouindala was presided by the Côte d'Ivoire Country Director, Mr. Ussama Osman during his field mission to the West of the country. In Ms. Mambo Diomandé's own expression quote, "This motorcycle will change our lives. It will allow us to transport our crops quickly and timely; will reduce post-harvest losses. We say thank you to WFP ". The secretary expressing her joy on receipt of the motorcycle
- The agricultural group of women of Bouindala says it is ready to ensure the sustainability of the school canteen.

Challenges

- The major problem that has direct effect on WFP monitoring activities in the northern region, are the recurrent attacks and kidnapping by unknown gunmen and robbers.
- The current trend of COVID-19 infections will most likely affect normal WFP operations in the country especially in Abidjan.
- If WFP does not receive food items on time, it will delay the resumption of the school canteen, as schools are due to open year on 13 September 2021 for next academic.

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