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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 (39.4 percent) continues to live under the poverty line (EHCVM, INS, 2018). According to ENV (2015) report, the percentage women living under poverty is 45.9% and that of men is 46.4%. 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.

As of 31 October, Côte d'Ivoire registered 61,297 COVID-19 cases compared to 60,253 registered at end of September. Active COVID-19 cases have decreased 587 at end of October compared to 1,634 as of September. The total number of patients cured of COVID-19 as of 31 October was 60,015 compared to 57,995 in September.

Since 1969, WFP Côte d'Ivoire has been providing support in alignment with the national context. WFP's operations are currently focused on developing 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 a higher concentration of food insecure and vulnerable populations.



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

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

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

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

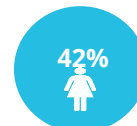
In Numbers

113,802 mt of food assistance distributed.

USD 26,200 cash-based transfers made.

USD 4 m six months (November 2021 – April 2022) net funding requirements.

66,859 people assisted in October 2021.



Operational Updates

- Ghana, Botswana, and Côte d'Ivoire were selected by the African Union for the validation of the home-grown school feeding (HGSF) guidelines. A two-day workshop was held in Abidjan from 20 to 21 October, attended by government officials and several stakeholders to validate the HGSF guidelines. The inputs are expected to be incorporated in the final draft of the guidelines to serve as a compass for the design and implementation of any HGSF in Africa.
- WFP distributed food to 66,859 beneficiaries (42 percent women and 58 percent men); that comprised 65,859 school canteen children, 70 floods affected, and 930 internally displaced persons by the post-election crisis.
- A total of 3,322,649 doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in October compared to 2,200,871 in September. COVID-19 related death cases were 695 compared to 624 in September.
- The WFP Country Director in Côte d'Ivoire visited Korhogo field office and extended his visit to the Burkina Faso refugees in the northern part of the country. The first influx of these refugees arrived in June 2020 and increased to 2,000. They are accommodated by host families and received non-food assistance from UNHCR and UNICEF and some food from local authorities back in June. Given the current number of refugees; and without a request from the Government, WFP cannot provide food assistance for the time being. The priority needs expressed by the refugees to the Country Director include food, non-food, and scholastic support to their children.
- WFP's health supply chain in Côte d'Ivoire – in collaboration with the ministry of health – started working on emergency response preparedness to prepare the country to swiftly respond to any pandemic outbreak. The health supply also started working in Gbeke region to enhance visibility and management of medicine supply and distribution of the medicine supplies. The health supply further supported the central medical stores to optimize their distribution network by introducing an appropriate fleet management system.
- From 24 to 29 October 2021, WFP received a support mission from the WFP headquarters to strengthen the capacities of WFP Côte d'Ivoire by introducing the new McGovern Dole guidelines for implementing the second phase USDA/Mc Govern Dole funded school feeding.

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Main photo : WFP Côte d'Ivoire/Souleymane Berthe

Caption: Woman working in her home garden.

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2021 Total Requirement (in USD)	2021 Available Contributions (in USD)	Sixth Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
22 m	29 m	4 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 their capacity to better target and manage food security, nutrition, and social protection programmes by 2023

Focus area: Root causes**Activities Outcome 5**

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

Challenges

- Recurrent attacks and kidnapping by unknown gunmen create challenges for WFP's monitoring activities in the northern part of the country specifically in Tchologo regions and Bounkani region.
- The current trend of COVID-19 infections will most likely affect WFP operations across the country, especially in Abidjan where infection rates are the highest.

Donors

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