Operational Context

Based on the 2014 projection, the estimated population of Côte d'Ivoire in 2020 is 26.4 million inhabitants. According to the African Economic Outlook (2021) Côte d'Ivoire's has rebounded strongly with real growth of 6.2% in 2021 compared to 1.96% in 2020. Despite the robust economic growth, the Cadre Harmonisé study conducted in October 2021 revealed that 6 percent of the population (944,561 people) is classified in the emergency crisis phase and will need urgent emergency intervention. However, the food security study conducted by Sava (2018) exposed that Côte d'Ivoire's food insecurity is 10.8 Percent. Further, a study by ENV (2015) showed that the percentage of women living under poverty is 45.9 percent and that of men is 46.4 percent.

As of 31 December 2021, the country has recorded 71,004 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 61,998 cured cases, 714 deaths, and 2,858 active cases. Following the current upsurge in cases of COVID-19 in Côte d'Ivoire, the practice of antigenic testing at the entrance of large gathering sites is instituted as of 1 January 2022.

Since 1969, WFP Côte d'Ivoire has been providing support in alignment with the national context focusing on development and humanitarian 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.

In Numbers

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507 people assisted in December 2021

49% (Female) 51% (Male)

Operational Updates

- Côte d’Ivoire has witnessed a daily rise in COVID-19 infections in the month of December, with 9,246 people infected in December alone. Because of the upsurge of the rate of COVID-19 contamination, the Government has put in place antigenic testing facilities at all entrances of large gathering sites, effective 1 January 2022.
- In December, the McGovern Dole FY 2020 food stock balance of 0.076mt was used to distribute hot meals to 507 students (49 percent girls and 51 percent boys) in schools' canteens in the Bondoukou region. The school meals program will be fully functional in the other targeted regions, targeting 125,000 students overall, once all partners are on board.
- Through an agreement signed between WFP Côte d'Ivoire and NGO Alliance Côte d'Ivoire, WFP will receive funds from the Alliance. These funds will be used to purchase nutritional food, transport it to WFP warehouses, and hand the food to the Alliance to distribute to people living with HIV (PLHIV), and to scale up preventive measures for populations at high risk of being infected by HIV.
- WFP Côte d'Ivoire is prepared to receive a 90-metric ton of dates’ donation from the government of Saudi Arabia, for distributions to the 125,000 students in WFP supported schools.

Monitoring

- An external evaluation is ongoing and the data collection and preliminary analysis that will feed into the evaluation of the McGovern Dole 2016-2020 evaluation report and the McGovern Dole 2020-2025 baseline report has been completed. The first two draft reports should be submitted by early February 2022.
- The data of three post-distribution monitoring surveys collected in November were analysed and their reports compiled during the reporting month.
- WFP country office’s research assessment and monitoring team (RAM) strengthened the capacity of staff of the Ministry of agriculture (MINADER) on food security indicators analysis and reporting in four workshops, of which one was conducted in December.
- The Côte d'Ivoire bureau of standards (CODINORM) has approved the WFP's proposed norms and specifications for rice fortification. WFP is about to finalize drafting a rice fortification strategy.

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Main photo: WFP Côte d'Ivoire/Souleymane Berthe
Caption: A woman working in her farm
Partnerships

- Three members of WFP headquarters and WFP Washington DC office came to Cote d'Ivoire between the 5th and 8th of December, on a mission to visit McGovern Dole funded activities in Korhogo and Ferkessedougou, which include resilience activities, support for improved literacy, and the distribution of hot meals in schools in Korhogo and Ferkessedougou. They also discussed with partners DCS, AVSI, CERFAM, and ANADER on achievements, challenges, and recommendations.

Challenges

WFP faced delays in distributing food in school canteens, due to the registration of partners not being finalized and an ongoing process to finalize field-level agreements with two partners, DCS and ANADER.

Donors

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