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WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief December 2021



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.



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**

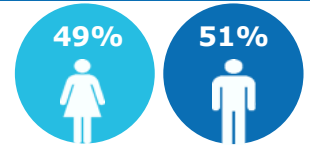
In Numbers

0.076 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 0 cash-based transfers made

USD 3.4 m six months (January 2022 – June 2022) net funding requirements

507 people assisted in December 2021



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

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	3.4 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.

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 Ferkéssédougou, which include resilience activities, support for improved literacy, and the distribution of hot meals in schools in Korhogo and Ferkéssédougou. 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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