



# WFP Côte d'Ivoire

## Country Brief

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### 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 a real growth of 6.2 percent in 2021 compared to 1.96 percent 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.

On the health side, the country continues to record new cases of COVID-19 contamination. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Côte d'Ivoire 81,483 confirmed cases have been recorded as of the 28 of February 2022, out of which 79,892 cured, 793 deaths and 789 active cases. A total of 10,253,178 doses administered one year after the launch of the vaccination campaign against COVID-19 in Côte d'Ivoire.

Since 1968, 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 people.



2018 Food insecurity: **10.8 percent** 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 percent** of children between 24-59 months

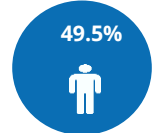
## In Numbers

**213.33 mt** of food assistance distributed.

**US0.0** cash-based transfers made.

**USD 2.2m** six months (March – August 2022) net funding requirements.

**119,640** people assisted in February 2022.



### Operational Updates

- During the month of February, school canteens in all the targeted 613 schools were reopened, in the seven regions of Gontougo, Bounkani, Poro, Bagoue, Tchologo, Cavally, and Bafing. As a result, a total of 119,640 students comprising 50.5 percent girls and 49.5 percent boys, benefited from hot meals.
- WFP Côte d'Ivoire and the Center of Excellence Against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) are coordinating a study tour visit by representatives of the Government of Gambia in Côte d'Ivoire between 13 and 19 March 2022. The goal of this study tour is to exchange on Côte d'Ivoire's model, in view of revitalising the value chains and market access of smallholder farmers to institutional markets in Gambia, using school feeding as a stable market and incentive to food production, and to sustain school canteen.
- The first draft of the final evaluation for McGovern Dole 2015-2020 was submitted to WFP Cote d'Ivoire by the external evaluation company AIR (formerly called IMPAQ) in February, and shared with WFP's Decentralized Evaluation Quality Support Service and the Reference Groups in Côte d'Ivoire for review. The baseline evaluation report for the second McGovern Dole 2020-2025 is expected to be submitted by early March.
- Data collection for the Market survey launched in mid-February is still ongoing and expected to be completed in March.
- The construction of the irrigation system is completed at the Nakaha site, and the work is still in progress in the other 4 sites.
- Action Contre la Faim and Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) organized a meeting in Abidjan on February 24<sup>th</sup>, attended by WFP and participants from various countries such as Chad, Niger, and Senegal. The workshop aimed at prioritizing nutrition components into governments' national development plans.
- A global tripartite agreement was reached between WFP, the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, and Mastercard: thanks to funding from Mastercard, WFP country office in Cote d'Ivoire will support the government in distributing Covid-19 vaccines in about 113 health centres. A contract formalizing this agreement should be signed in March.

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**Main photo :** WFP Côte d'Ivoire/Souleymane Berthe  
**Caption:** women working in their farm

## Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2022 Total Requirement (in USD)	2022 Available Contributions (in USD)	Sixth Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
12 m	22 m	2.2m

**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

- Besides the continuous terrorist threat, Côte d'Ivoire has been hit by a series of criminal activities (robberies and kidnapping in exchange for ransoms). These crimes happened mostly in areas of high agricultural production and areas bordering Burkina Faso.
- The country office has no stock nor funding under its emergency pillars and is therefore not able to provide any kind of assistance to the Burkinabe refugees, despite the current recommendation from the January joint mission to assist 10,000 people. WFP needs an immediate USD 1.5 million to address the needs of 20,000 vulnerable refugees and hosting families in the northern part of the country.
- Funding challenges may result in failure for WFP to deliver on its commitment toward sustainability and local sourcing of school meals, to complement the McGovern Dole funding. An estimated USD 800,000 is needed to fill the gap and initiate the complementary activities planned.

## Donors

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