



WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief April 2022

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CHANGING LIVES



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 Covid-19, as of 30 April 2022, Côte d'Ivoire had 81 957 confirmed cases of Covid-19, out of which 81 112 people cured, 799 deaths, and 37 active cases and a total of 12,363,407 doses of vaccine were administered by that date.

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

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Main photo : WFP Côte d'Ivoire/Souleymane Berthe

Caption: A woman winnowing maize after machine shelling

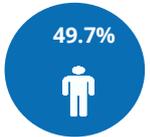
In Numbers

186,994 mt of food assistance distributed

USD cash-based transfers made

USD 3.7 m six months (May – October 2022) net funding requirements

126,190 people assisted in April 2022.



Operational Updates

- In April, 126,190 students (50.3 percent of girls), benefited from WFP's nutritious hot meals in the school canteens, which represents a total of 186,994 tons of food distributed in all targeted school.
- On Thursday, March 31, 2022, WFP participated in the validation workshop of the evaluation report of the project: "Contribution of local radios to the sustainability of school canteens" organized by the Directorate of school canteens (DCS) in the context of the implementation of the McGovern-Dole programme. This workshop brought together 60 participants including school canteen programme managers, technical and financial partners, radio partners, civil society and consultants. The goal was to evaluate the achievement of initial objectives such as the improvement of the population's knowledge of the school feeding programme; the increase in the participation of canteen actors in local radio programmes; and the increase in the number of local governments, communities and private sectors involved in the programme.
- As part of the implementation of the support component for small producers of the Mc Govern-Dole (MGD) project, WFP carried out an identification mission of groups mobilized around canteens in the Gontougo region (East) and Bounkani region (North-East) from 18 to 27 April 2022.
- WFP participated in the restitution of the recommendations of the National Education and Literacy Conference organized by the Ministry of National Education.
- The final evaluation report of the first phase of the MGD and the baseline of the second are being finalized.
- The Regional Director of WFP, Chris Nikoi, visited Côte d'Ivoire to discuss with the national authorities on the management of CERFAM (The Centre of Excellence). The visit was an opportunity for WFP to discuss the implementation of the second phase of the MGD project and to provide some clarification.
- WFP is in discussions with Transforming Education in Cocoa Communities (TRECC) and the Government to establish an MOU for a project on nutrition and early childhood development. As part of this project, a task force has been established consisting of representatives from WFP's Headquarters, Regional Bureau and CO, TRECC, and a representative from the Government of Cote d'Ivoire.

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2025)

2022 Total Requirement (in USD)	2022 Available Contributions (in USD)	Sixth Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
12 m	22 m	3.7m

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 programs 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.

Strategic Outcome 6: The government, humanitarian, and development partners in Côte d'Ivoire can reach vulnerable populations and respond to emergencies by 2025

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities Outcome 6

Provide, on-demand, supply chain, ICT, and coordination services to the Government, humanitarian, and development partners

- WFP, as a member of the nutrition Technical and Financial Partners (TFPs), participated in the elaboration of the UN Nutrition brief that includes TFPs' activities in nutrition.
- The preliminary studies for the rice fortification project are in the final stage with the launch of the acceptability study. This study, conducted by Cote d'Ivoire Normalisation (CODINORM), has begun with the definition of the methodology and will be carried out as soon as the fortified rice grains are received from DSM in June 2022. The pilot test is also being prepared with discussions between WFP Country Office and the National Rice Office (ADERIZ) for a partnership.
- WFP continues to engage with the Ministry of Health to strengthen supply chain Capacity. The cooperation with the central medical store has been successfully closed with WFP recording success in training staff on Fleet management, defining a roadmap to select transport service providers, and a key performance dashboard to facilitate decision making.

Story

"With the income from the sale, I participate in the expenses of the house"



Silué Cécile is a mother of four children, and a member of the group of women farmers in the village of Gbandokaha, in the Korhogo region, in the north of Côte d'Ivoire. Cécile participates with the other women, between two to three times per week in group activities. On the side-lines of these activities, Cécile owns land that allows her to plant vegetables, such as tomatoes, eggplants, peppers. WFP supports women in improving their production by teaching them agricultural techniques. Cécile puts these taught techniques into practice in her own field.

"The techniques WFP teaches us help me to improve production in my field. I benefit twice, at the level of the group and mine. And when I have a good harvest in quantity and quality. With the income from the sale, I participate in the expenses of the house. I help my husband to send the children to school. And I take care of myself," says Cécile.

Challenges

- 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

Top donors to WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Strategic Plan 2019-2025 include the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, ECOWAS, private donors, and the United States of America. Additional support has been provided by the UN.