WFP Côte d’Ivoire
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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 Covid-19, as of 31 May 2022, Côte d’Ivoire had 82,226 confirmed cases of Covid-19, out of which 81,360 people cured, 799 deaths, and 67 active cases and a total of 13,566,966 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.

In Numbers

- **312mt** of food assistance distributed
- **USD 2,4m** six months (June – November 2022) net funding requirements.
- 126,794 people assisted in May 2022.

Operational Updates

- WFP has actively participated in the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification that took place in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, from 9 to 20 May 2022, under the theme “Land. Life. Legacy: From scarcity to prosperity”. WFP participated in several side events and organized an exhibition that attracted attention from attendees and international media – using interactive models, posters, and virtual reality experiences.
- The COP15 has been an opportunity to showcase WFP’s role in supporting Governments’ efforts to restore lands and improve the livelihoods of rural populations – particularly through integrated resilience programmes and approaches.
- A total of 126,794 students of whom 50.6 percent are girls benefited from 312mt of assorted food commodities distributed in the 613 schools under the McGovern Dole school programme.
- As part of the monitoring of the activities of the MGD 2 Programme, a joint supervision mission composed of WFP, the School Canteens Directorate, and the National Agency for Support to Rural Development visited the seven regions where the project is implemented.
- 20 groups of smallholder farmers have been selected for support in the first year of the programme. This is an important step in the process of transfer and sustainability of school canteens.
- WFP participated in the panel conference organised by Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) and the Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD). The theme of the conference was "Impact evaluation: good practices for a better effectiveness of development policies in Côte d’Ivoire". The objective of the conference was to highlight good practices in the impact evaluation of public policies and the mechanisms by which they can inform the process of institutionalisation of evaluation underway in Côte d’Ivoire.
- WFP Supply Chain unit continues to support the Ministry of Health in emergency preparedness in the context of the pandemic. A training of an additional 22 public health agents and government officials from across the national territory took place from 9-13 May 2022 in Yamoussoukro. A simulation exercise is planned for June, to test the ability of key stakeholders to properly use Playbook, the emergency tool.

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Main photo: WFP Côte d’Ivoire/Souleymane Berthe
Caption: Photos exhibition at COP15 in Abidjan
The government, humanitarian, and development partners in Côte d'Ivoire can reach vulnerable populations and respond to emergencies by 2025.

Activities Outcome 6
Focus: Crisis response

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

Challenges

- The availability of a security stock at the food emergency level is a challenge for WFP while displacement or movement continue at the northern borders.
- 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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