



WFP Côte d'Ivoire

Country Brief

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SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES



Operational Context

Based on the last 2021 general population and housing census (RGPH), the population living in Côte d'Ivoire is estimated at 29.4 million. 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 March 2022 revealed that 4 percent of the population (662,002 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 June 2022, Côte d'Ivoire had 83,571 confirmed cases, out of which 82,233 people cured, 805 deaths, and 533 active cases and a total of 14,867,378 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

In Numbers

0 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 2,4m six months (June – November 2022) net funding requirements.

0 people assisted in June 2022.



Operational Updates

- WFP Health Supply chain, with support from the HS3 Capacity Strengthening team, organized a Simulation exercise in collaboration with INHP (National Institute of Public Hygiene) in the district of Aboisso, region of Sud Comoe, from 13-17 June 2022. This exercise directly results from WFP assisting the Ministry of Health in strengthening its response mechanism using the emergency response tool (Playbook). More than 70 participants were involved in completing this exercise.
- As part of emergency preparedness activities, the country office conducted a Market Functionality Index (MFI) assessment in the North and North-East regions of Côte d'Ivoire between 27 June and 8 July 2022. The objective of the MFI is to understand the different markets better and provide an overview of the feasibility of cash transfers while highlighting the risks associated with other supports to help households achieve food security.
- It is the school holidays in Côte d'Ivoire, and the school canteens have not been functioning this June. In the meantime, WFP organised a workshop to discuss the transition plan of the McGovern-Dole Programme on 29 June 2022. The discussion focused on the operationalisation and budgeting of the transition plan to effectively hand over the MGD Programme to the Government. During the workshop, participants discussed the following points: (i) costing of the handover plan; (ii) content of the better, nutritious and realistic food basket based on local production/buying; (iii) definition of the most appropriate supply chain that complies with the rules of the Ivorian public market; (iv) determination of the next steps to be taken to reflect these data in the national budget during the budget conference scheduled for July/August 2022. Discussions are still ongoing to finalise the plan.
- On Thursday 30 June 2022, WFP participated in a workshop to define the operational modalities of the proposals and recommendations of the Etats Généraux de l'Education Nationale et de l'Alphabétisation (EGENA) initiated by the Government.

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Main photo: WFP Côte d'Ivoire/Communication

Caption: Simex: WFP helps the MoH staffs to strengthen its emergency response

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	2.4m

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

- The workshop aims to build a sustainable social pact for an Ivorian school based on the success of learners and the appropriation of values. During this workshop, thematic groups were formed to develop an operational plan to implement the recommendations. WFP actively participated in thematic group 3, "A quality school for all." This group's work helped define each actor's roles and responsibilities and the costs and sources of funding for implementation activities. From 21 to 24 June 2022, WFP participated in the 2022 annual Gender Thematic Working Group (GTWG) retreat. Its objective was to strengthen the understanding of its role among its members and improve its support and strategic advice to the Country Team to intensify efforts in mainstreaming gender in the different programmes. At the end of the discussions, several recommendations were made regarding the fight against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).
- WFP conducted supervision missions in 6 localities in the northern region to assess the functioning of irrigation systems, the level of plot establishment, and organic manure production systems for plot fertilisation. The mission also verified the animals given to the groups, the state of the stables, the construction of mini-stores, and the functioning of resilient households with all these components. Farming activities are intense during the period of the rainy season. Work is underway with the cleaning and ploughing of the sites, direct sowing of maize and rice, maintenance of the crops, and the beginning of the harvest of the intermediate season.

Challenges

- The availability of a security stock to respond to crisis needs is a challenge for WFP while displacement and movement continue at the northern borders.
- Funding challenges may fail 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.

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