



WFP Côte d'Ivoire

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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 World Bank (2021) Côte d'Ivoire's has rebounded strongly with a real growth of 7 percent by the end of 2021 compared to 1.8 percent in 2020. Despite robust economic growth, the Cadre Harmonisé study conducted in 8 regions of Côte d'Ivoire in March 2022 revealed that more than 1,650,000 people are under pressure and in crisis, and in need of resilience-building interventions. (24 percent of the total population of these 8 regions).

According to the [HungerMap LIVE \(wfp.org\)](https://www.wfp.org/hungermap-live) Côte d'Ivoire, about 5 million people (17 percent of the overall population) have insufficient food consumption as of 26 August 2022.

On Covid-19, as of 31 August 2022, Côte d'Ivoire had 86,738 confirmed cases, out of which 85,821 people cured, 819 deaths, and 98 active cases and a total of 18,349,727 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

2021 Human Development Index ranking: **159 out of 191** countries

2021 Gender Inequality Index: **155 out of 170** countries

Chronic malnutrition: **21.6 percent** of children between 24-59 months

In Numbers

USD 3,3 m six months (August – January 2023) net funding requirements.

Operational Updates

- From 01 to 07 August 2022, WFP participated in a joint community sensitization mission for the 20 new agricultural groups selected in 20 localities within Bondoukou and Bouna areas, added to the smallholder support component of the USDA-funded School Feeding Programme. The mission informed and mobilized all stakeholders in the 20 localities selected.
- WFP is monitoring the implementation of Association des Volontaires pour le Service International (AVSI) Foundation activities as part of the "Support to the Integrated School Canteen Sustainability Programme". Activities are funded by the USDA, with two components: Improving teaching and learning to read and promoting and improving hygiene and sanitation conditions (WASH). In August, the "promotion and improvement of hygiene and sanitation conditions" component focused on connecting 10 public primary schools to the public drinking water supply network and constructing 15 fountains and washbasins in all 5 DRENA (Bouna, Bondoukou, Ferkessédougou, Korhogo, Boundiali). This will allow children to wash their hands before going to the canteens and classrooms.
- From 8 to 13 August 2022, WFP participated in the preparatory workshop for the World Summit on Education Transformation, aimed at defining the practical modalities and consolidating the documents related to the participation of Côte d'Ivoire in the Summit in New York in September 2022. This workshop, which brought together 30 people, was organized by UNESCO and the Task Force of the Ministry of National Education and Literacy (MENA) and included representatives from WFP, UNESCO, UNICEF, the Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS), the Executive Secretariat of the National Council for Nutrition, Food and Early Childhood Development (SE-CONNAPE), the Ministry of the Environment and the National Youth Council of Côte d'Ivoire (CNJCI). WFP took the opportunity to advocate for the development of a specific school feeding law, the revision of the National School Feeding Strategy (SNAS), and the inclusion of Côte d'Ivoire in the School Feeding Coalition.
- WFP and its partner, the Bureau de Vente des Produits (BVP), continue working together to facilitate market access for farmer groups. In August, the BVP eased access to the market and sale of 37.485 mt worth 19,494,780 FCFA. These marketed crops were produced by WFP-supported farmer groups as well as by other producer groups that have subscribed to the BVP group sales platform.

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Caption: Women from a farming group drawing water from an informal well

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2025)

2022 Total Requirement (in USD)	2022 Available Contributions (in USD)	Sixth Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
12.3 m	22.5 m	3.3m

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 cooperates with Wopile Sanga, under the funding of the Louis Dreyfus Foundation, to set up food, nutrition, health, and environmental resilience-building mechanisms within targeted households. 126 cooking training sessions based on local foods were conducted for 445 people, including 16 pregnant women and 28 breastfeeding women, 240 adults were sensitized to exclusive breastfeeding, supplementary food, and hygiene, and 32 localities saw the establishment of Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) accounting 1,612 members for a total amount of 17,268,500 FCFA for the month of August.
- The Direction de la Coordination du Programme National de Nutrition (DC PNN), with the support of WFP, conducted a baseline study among households of women of childbearing age and their children. This study aimed to: (i) measure knowledge, attitudes, and practices in terms of nutrition and maternal and child health; (ii) assess the quality of dietary diversity among women aged 15-49; (iii) assess the quality of dietary diversity among children aged between 6 and 23 months; and (iv) identify priority needs in terms of nutrition education, to guide the intervention. At the end of the study, the following recommendations were made (a) Sensitise households to diversify their food consumption through community radio and forums for the promotion and adoption of Essential Nutritional Actions and Good Nutritional Practices; (b) Promote nutrition-sensitive agro-pastoral production; (c) Disseminate messages on the benefits of diversified diets; (d) Identify solutions for fertilising arable land in order to encourage farmers to return to high-energy production; and (e) Encourage households to increase their consumption of animal proteins.
- WFP Supply chain successfully cleared the Kernels to be used for the fortification of 500MT of rice. This is the first time the Country Office has handled such a shipment.
- Efforts to strengthen the capacity of the health systems in partnership with the Ministry of Health led to a conjoint mission to evaluate the gaps in the last mile distribution of medicines. This will be the basis to enable WFP to share expertise to optimize the distribution network, revise processes and share fleet management best practices

Challenges

- The availability of funding for emergency response is a challenge for WFP while the country enters the lean season and suffers from prices increase.
- Funding challenges may prevent WFP from delivering 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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