In Numbers

84,071 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 2.4 million six-month (December 2022 – May 2023) net funding requirements.

66,838 people assisted

Operational Updates

- In terms of resilience, the office continues to monitor the activities of the farming groups, which include harvesting crops (rice, maize, groundnuts) during the rainy season and post-harvest management activities such as shelling, drying, winnowing, bagging, weighing and storage. In addition, some groups have begun working on establishing off-season crops. In 27 villages, farmers have even started planting onions, aubergines, cabbage, zucchini, and lettuce.

- As part of the school feeding cost-benefit study, WFP met with the Direction des Cantines Scolaires (DCS) on 30 November to discuss (i) the establishment of the technical and decision-making committees that will manage the technical and strategic implementation of the study, (ii) determine the timeline for the implementation of the study and identify relevant study reports that can inform the study and determine the next steps.

- WFP participated in the Local Education Partners Group (LEPG) monthly meeting held on 24 November. The main topic discussed was the finalization of the Côte d’Ivoire/World Bank partnership pact which presents the main lines of intervention for education in Côte d’Ivoire.

- WFP’s partner, Bureau de vente des producteurs (BVP), facilitated the sale of 49 tonnes of agricultural products through its group sales platform. This month, the products consisted of groundnuts, maize, paddy rice, tomatoes, local potatoes, sweet potatoes with orange flesh, and white and red beans.

- In partnership with the national NGO WO PILE SANGA, WFP continued nutrition education activities in 21 localities in the country’s north. Awareness-raising sessions on essential nutrition actions were conducted with 326 people, including 38 pregnant women and 36 nursing mothers.

- In addition, the WO PILE SANGA partner also monitored the operation and implementation of the Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) set up. At the end of November, the total amount of contributions for the 40 VSLAs was USD 34,642 of which USD 28,992 was available in cash and USD 5,650 in loans. The contributions for this month amounted to USD 5,778.

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Caption: Food donation of the Kagbolodougou women’s group to the canteen
The government, humanitarian, and development partners can reach vulnerable populations and respond to emergencies by 2025.

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, SBC 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 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.

Challenges

- Agricultural production in the north of the country is currently facing two challenges: 1) widespread attacks of the insect pest “jassid” have been observed on cotton, resulting in significant production losses. These attacks have also been observed on food crops in the North and North-East zones. Smallholder groups assisted by the resilience programme have expressed great concern about this situation; 2) in the bean plots of the smallholder groups, another pest, “thrips”, was observed, which prevented the plants from flowering, resulting in the destruction of over 80 percent of the plants. The Phyto treatment used so far to tackle this issue did not work.

- Funding challenges may prevent 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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