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# WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief January 2023



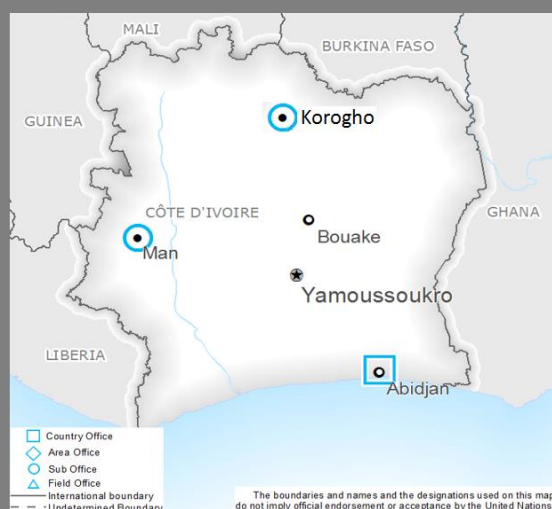
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## Operational Context

Côte d'Ivoire, the world's leading cocoa and cashew producer, has enjoyed a steady economic growth over the last decade, establishing itself as a lower middle-income country. With real GDP growth averaging 8.2 percent between 2012 and 2019, Côte d'Ivoire successfully contained the COVID-19 pandemic and maintained a growth rate of 2 percent in 2020. However, inflation in 2021 averaged 4.2 percent, its highest level in 10 years, compared to 2.4 percent in 2020, largely due to increasing food prices.

With an estimated population of 29.4 million, 51 percent of whom are women, poverty, food insecurity, malnutrition and gender inequalities remain widespread with 46 percent of people living below the poverty line and nearly 23 percent of children stunted nationwide. The Cadre Harmonisé analysis, conducted in all 31 regions of Côte d'Ivoire in November 2022, found that nearly 17 percent of the population are under pressure and require interventions that promote resilience and 5 percent are in crisis phase, i.e. requiring relief interventions.

Since 1968, WFP has provided humanitarian aid and development assistance to reduce gender inequalities, increase educational success, and promote food security. WFP works closely with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and partners to promote school feeding, address malnutrition, and improve food systems. Activities are mainly concentrated in the rural areas in the north, west, and north-east which have a higher concentration of food insecure and vulnerable people.



2021 Human Development Index:  
159 out of 191 countries

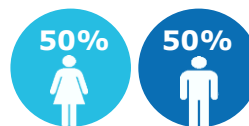
2022 Global Gender Gap Index:  
133 out of 146 countries

## In Numbers

**293.6 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 2 m** six months (January-June 2023) net funding requirements

**121,069 people assisted**  
in January 2023



## Operational Updates

- On 10 January, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire signed the *School Meals Coalition Declaration: Nutrition, Health, and Education for all children*, demonstrating the country's commitment to continue the expansion of the national school feeding programme, which currently supports over 977,000 students across the country.
- In collaboration with Harvard University, the school feeding cost-benefit analysis study was launched in Côte d'Ivoire under the leadership of the Prime Minister's office. This initiative aims to provide evidence to advocate for more sustainable financing for school feeding.
- WFP facilitated an ECHO mission to the northern border region on 9 – 12 January to assess the situation of refugees coming from Burkina Faso in the Tougbo, Tehini and Kong areas. This visit aimed to identify potential activities to be implemented to support vulnerable people as part of a broader dialogue with ECHO on the Gulf of Guinea countries.
- The local purchase of 360 mt of beans was completed to support the McGovern Dole school feeding programme for the academic year 2023–2024.
- WFP, CODINORM and SE-CONNAPE completed a national acceptability study for fortified rice in January 2023. The study was conducted in restaurants, school canteens, and households in five regions of Côte d'Ivoire. The results of the trial are yet to be analyzed.
- As part of a joint mission of WFP, SE-CONNAPE and ADERIZ, one rice mill unit in Yamoussoukro has been identified for a fortified rice production pilot. A support mission from WFP regional bureau will take place in mid-March to assess the rice mill units with food safety and quality standards.

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## Country Strategic Plan (2019-2025)

Requirement for 2023 (in USD)	Allocated Contributions for 2023 (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
11.1 m	9.3 m	2 m

### 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

**Activity 1:** Provide school meals, take-home rations and complementary services to primary-school-age children during the school year and promote the purchase of locally produced food for school meals

**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

**Activity 2:** 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

**Activity 3:** 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 3: Food systems are sustainable

**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

**Activity 4:** 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: Country capacities are strengthened

**Strategic Outcome 5:** National institutions have strengthened capacity to better target and manage food security, nutrition and social protection programmes by 2025.

**Focus area:** Root causes

**Activity 5:** Provide technical support to national stakeholders (Government, private sector and communities) in their efforts to address school feeding, food security, food system, 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

**Activity 6:** Provide, on demand, supply chain, ICT and coordination services to the Government, humanitarian, and development partners

- In January, WFP, through its partner Agence Nationale d'Appui au Développement Rural (ANADER) provided agricultural equipment and inputs to farming groups of Tegohuni and Pambariba in the Bondoukou region. In Pambariba, agricultural activities included planting okra and setting up nurseries.
- WFP's partner, the Bureau de Vente des Producteurs (BVP) facilitated the sale of 89.2 metric tons of agricultural products through its smallholder farmer group platform. This month, the products consisted of dried groundnuts, maize, paddy rice, chili, and sorghum.
- The Korhogo field office conducted monitoring visits to 38 school canteens (19 in Korhogo and 19 in Bondoukou). These missions revealed that the food storage conditions are acceptable but information in the notebooks and registers are not being regularly updated by canteen managers.

## Challenges

- There are still challenges in financing the school feeding programme to ensure sustainability.
- Farmers continue to struggle to irrigate and produce enough during the off-season due to water scarcity.
- Lack of resources (both financial and human) to respond should the influx of Burkinabe refugees increase.

## Donors

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