Launched in March 2019 in Abidjan, the Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) is the result of a strategic partnership between the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and the World Food Programme (WFP), reflecting the Government's institutional commitment at the highest-level.

**MISSION**
- Help accelerate progress towards the elimination of hunger and malnutrition in West and Central Africa

**VISION**
- To be a catalyst for good practice and innovative solutions to hunger and malnutrition

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**
- Promote and facilitate access to and sharing of knowledge in order to transform good practices and lessons learned into opportunities to fight hunger and malnutrition

**What do we do?**
- Support the efforts of African countries to develop and implement sustainable policies and programmes to eradicate hunger and combat all forms of malnutrition, in line with the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the African Union’s Agenda 2063.
- Respond to the growing demands of governments for capacity development, knowledge management and sharing, and South-South Cooperation focusing on food security and nutrition.

**Our priority areas for action**
- Supporting governments, institutions and partners in the formulation, planning, implementation and monitoring of food security and nutrition policies and interventions
- Supporting national Home-Grown School Feeding programmes in support of social safety nets and local economic development
- Building the resilience of individuals, communities and local systems to cyclical and recurrent shocks
- Prioritising multi-sectoral and innovative nutrition strategies that are part of sustainable food systems
- Optimising food value chains and supporting the development of efficient and sustainable supply systems to benefit the income of small-scale farmers.
KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT
Knowledge management is at the heart of CERFAM’s work. It provides a unique tool for experience sharing and exchange focused on food security and nutrition. CERFAM identifies good practices, produces the necessary documentation that promotes and capitalises on innovative solutions.

PROMOTION OF GOOD PRACTICE AND CERFAM KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE PLATFORM (KEPT)
In 2020, CERFAM launched a digital platform that promotes knowledge exchange, the mobilisation of expertise, the replication of good practices and interactions between experts on KEPT. This innovative platform is an effective tool which plays a central role in collecting, documenting and sharing successful experiences, and in facilitating access to certified and proven good practices which accelerate the improvement of food security and nutrition targets.

The process of submission and review of good practices involves national and international partners, national institutions, UN agencies, NGOs and civil society and is carried out on KEPT.

Some of CERFAM’s achievements

- Technical assistance missions to: Guinea, Côte d’Ivoire, Togo, Benin, Chad, Republic of Congo, Liberia, Cameroon
- High-level events: Organisation of a high-level consultation on food fortification; participation in a side-event on the sidelines of the WFP Executive Board on promoting good practices in Africa; organisation of a workshop on post-harvest losses on the margins of the Salon de l’Agriculture et des Ressources Animales in Côte d’Ivoire; Participation at the COP 15; Organisation of a side-event during the Global South-South Development Expo 2022
- Study visits: facilitated a delegation from The Gambia in Côte d’Ivoire; a delegation from Burundi to Benin; a delegation from Libya to Zambia
- Countries which have benefited from CERFAM’s support in terms of documentation of good practices: Togo, Rwanda, Mauritania, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Kenya
- Partnership agreements signed with: INADES Formation, HELP Logistics, Nangui Abrogoua University, the International Centre for Development Evaluation (ICED), the Centre for International Cooperation in Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD), the Food Bank of Côte d’Ivoire (BACI), AfricaRice Center

Our four strategic pillars

- PARTNERSHIPS
  Develop and strengthen partnerships at all levels, including with other centres of excellence and platforms to accelerate results towards the achievement of Zero Hunger
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
  Support government partners and stakeholders in the design of policy, institutional and programmes frameworks and the implementation of good practices
- CAPACITY BUILDING AND SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION
  Identify, document and disseminate good practices and lessons learned in family farming, post-harvest loss management, school feeding, nutrition and resilience interventions
- RESEARCH
  Mobilise resources and partners to support the adoption of good practices and innovative solutions
- ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION
  Support government partners and stakeholders in the design of policy, institutional and programmes frameworks and the implementation of good practices