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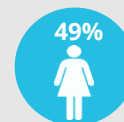
WFP Guinea Country Brief May 2023



In Numbers

188,059 people assisted

in May 2023



133,323 mt of food distributed in May 2023

USD 691,905.4 cash-based transfers made

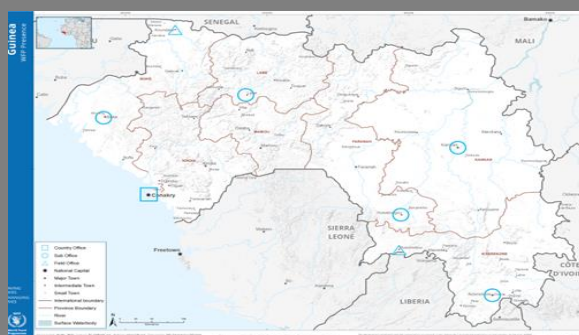
USD 3.8 m six months (June-November 2023) net funding requirements

Operational Context

Guinea's economy is largely dependent on mining and agriculture. Despite its abundant natural resources and diverse agroclimatic conditions, the country faces serious socio-economic-political challenges with an alarming poverty rate, food insecurity, and malnutrition rates, especially in rural areas. On average, 55 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, and more than 21 percent of households are food-insecure (55 percent women, 45 percent men). The nutritional situation of children remains precarious, with 6.1 percent of children aged 6-59 months suffering from global acute malnutrition (of whom 1.7 percent are severely affected).

According to the March 2023 Cadre Harmonisé, 2,198,730 people (19.17 percent) are still under pressure and 496,782 people (4.33 percent) are in crisis. The outlook remains with 697,390 people (6.19%) projected to face crisis and emergency levels of food insecurity during the lean season (June to August) in the prefectures of Lelouma, Dalaba, Boffa, Tougué, Kerouané, and Labé.

Present in Guinea since 1964, WFP interventions focus on saving lives and changing lives by closely collaborating with Government to address root causes and build resilience among food-insecure communities in Guinea to achieve zero hunger while contributing towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 17 and aligning with national priorities (Plan national de développement économique et social 2016-2020 and Programme de référence intérimaire de la transition 2022-2025) with a special focus on women and youth. This approach also aims to increase national ownership through institutional capacity strengthening.



Population: **13.5 million**

2022 Human Development Index: **182 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower income**

Chronic malnutrition: **24.4% of children between 6-59 months**

Operational Updates

- Despite funding gaps, WFP developed a response plan to provide food and nutrition assistance to at least **156,689 households** during the next lean season (June-August 2023).
- WFP provided nutrition assistance to 2,197 beneficiaries through the WFP moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) treatment programme, providing specialized supplementary foods to support their food security and adherence to treatment in 19 health centres across the country.
- Additionally, food and nutrition assistance, including super cereal, rice, peas, oil, and salt was provided to 3,250 people living with HIV (PLHIV) and Tuberculosis and their households in Labé, Lelouma, Boke, and Kankan.
- WFP continued its 1,000 days programme by distributing 16.5 mt of food, 9000 soap, and 3000 Sur'Eau (a water purifier to improve access to clean water) and organized awareness raising sessions benefitting 4,334 pregnant and lactating women (PLWs), and 4,084 children in the regions of Nzerekore, Boké, Labé, and Kankan to improve nutrition and hygiene practices.
- In addition, cash transfers worth USD 82,558 were provided to 800 households of smallholder farmers (4,000 people) for their contribution in the ongoing community work, including the development and fencing of 92 ha of rice paddy agricultural lands in the Zero Hunger Villages in the prefectures of Kerouane, Boke, Nzérékoré, Kissidougou and Faranah.
- WFP distributed USD 609,347.4 through cash-based transfers (CBT) to 622 schools for school feeding activities and to locally purchase 306.47 mt of food from farmers organisations. This benefitted 78,792 children (including 19,109 girls) in the prefectures of Beyla, Macenta, Lola, N'Zérékoré, Yomou, Gueckédou, Kissidougou, Faranah, Boké, Boffa, Gaoual, Télémélé Siguiri, Mandiana, Kouroussa, Kankan and Kerouané.
- As part of WFP's "Zero Hunger Village" project, Smallholder Agricultural Market Support (SAMS) activities are ongoing for 43,58 ha of land, 23 ha of rice fields, and 3 ha of market gardens under development in Kissidougou and Nzérékoré, and 50 ha are underway in Faranah. Another 0.5 ha of off-season rice is being harvested in Pampako.
- Additional awareness-raising activities among technical services and communities in ZHVs along with other potential sites for the extension of Tongil rice in Faranah, Kissidougou, and Nzérékoré are underway.
- With 5 destinations covered, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) continues its operations. Hundred and twenty-eight passengers and 1.15 metric tons of light cargo (including vaccines, safety equipment, and medicines) were transported in May between Conakry, Nzerekore, Kankan, Labe, and Kissidougou in support to the Government and the humanitarian community in Guinea..

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Photo Caption: School children in Nzerekore

Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
93 m	80.9 m (87%)
2023 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (June – November 2023)
12.8 m	3.8 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food-insecure populations, including pre-and primary school-aged children, in targeted areas, have access to adequate and nutritious food all year round.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Provide nutritious school feeding to pre- and primary school children including take home rations for girls, prioritizing local purchase and strengthening partners' capacities, including through social and behaviour change communication and nutrition-sensitive activities within the framework of HGSG approaches.

Strategic Result 2: Emergency

Strategic Outcome 2: Crisis-affected populations in targeted areas can meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of a crisis.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Provide an integrated package of emergency food and nutrition assistance that includes gender-responsive and gender-transformative social and behaviour change communication and livelihood support, for crisis-affected populations.

Strategic Result 3: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Nutritionally vulnerable populations including children, pregnant and lactating women and girls, people living with HIV or TB and receiving treatment, persons with disabilities and orphans in Guinea, have improved nutritional status by 2030.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Support beneficiaries equitably - women, men, girls and boys - through the provision of specialized nutritious food and integrated programmes including social and behaviour change communication and strengthen partner's capacities to prevent and treat malnutrition.

Strategic Result 4: Sustainable food systems

Strategic Outcome 4: Food insecure and climate-affected populations including smallholder farmers, youth and women in targeted areas have improved livelihood sources, more efficient and inclusive value chains by 2030.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide targeted groups with climate-resilient livelihood support that enables them to sustainably increase and diversify their role along the food value chain, strengthens their access to markets including school feeding and HGSG interventions and improves food handling and processing.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 5: National institutions have enhanced capacities in the design and use of management systems for food security and nutrition, social protection, and disaster risk by 2030.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Deliver capacity-strengthening support to national institutions and other partners including through South-South Cooperation in the design and use of systems for the management of social protection, emergency preparedness and response, disaster risk, post-harvest losses and supply chain for food security and nutrition objectives.

Partnerships

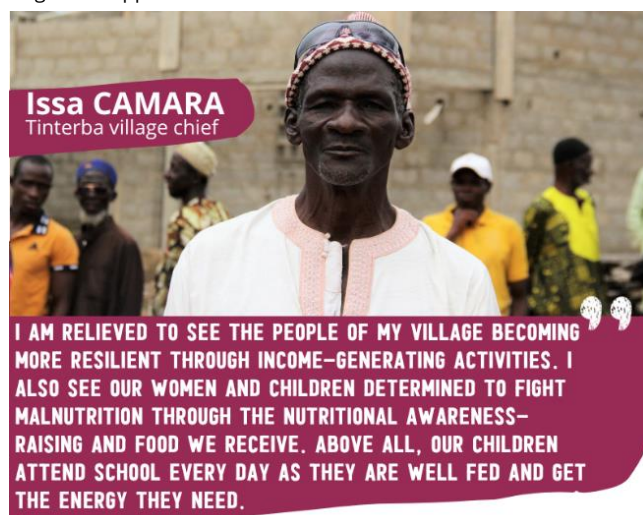
- WFP met in May with the Prime Minister of Guinea to discuss ongoing activities and synergies. This was also an opportunity to pursue WFP's advocacy for a nationwide school meals programme and the PM requested technical support from WFP. On this last point, a meeting with the Minister of Education and a separate technical meeting with the new interim director for school canteens were also organised in May, particularly as WFP is also looking to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry and position itself for future GPE opportunities.
- A meeting was organized with the Minister of Environment to agree on the next steps to develop a full proposal for the Adaptation Fund, following which the Ministry validated the work plan coordinated by WFP.
- An introductory meeting with Saudi Arabia's new Ambassador to Guinea was organized in mid-May
- WFP participated in a workshop organized by the World Bank for the validation of a new study on gender equality in Guinea. This will inform among others the Gender Action Plan the country office is currently formulating.

Monitoring

- In May 2023, food prices continued to rise in some prefectures of the country, by 13 percent in Kankan, and 23 percent in Lola. Low supplies could explain the rise in prices on the market at the start of the rainy season, as well as the poor condition of roads linking production areas to markets.

Voice from the Field

The village of Tinterba is one of the six villages in the Faranah region where the Peacebuilding Fund project "Building cross border peace and strengthening sustainable livelihoods of cattle herders and crop farmers", is being implemented. The village is also one of the Zero Hunger Villages participating in WFP's flagship project to benefit from integrated support.



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