



World Food Programme

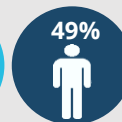
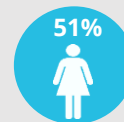
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In Numbers

116,263 people assisted
in May 2023



237.4 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 7.9 million six-month (June – November 2023)
net funding requirements, representing 70 percent
of the total

Operational Context

Côte d'Ivoire, the world's leading cocoa and cashew producer, enjoyed steady economic growth over the last decade, establishing itself as a lower-middle-income country. 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 March 2023, found that over 1 million people are projected to be affected by food and nutrition insecurity in a crisis phase (i.e. requiring relief interventions) by June 2023.

The country continues to be impacted by the spill over of the Sahel crisis. According to UNHCR, as of 30 May 2023, 25,075 people, of whom 57 percent are children, fled from Burkina Faso into northern areas of Côte d'Ivoire. These populations are living in host communities, putting additional pressure on already fragile basic social services.

Since 1968, WFP has been providing 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.



Population: **29.4 million**

2021 Human Development Index:
159 out of 191

Income Level: **Lower middle income**

2022 Global Gender Gap Index:
133 out of 146 countries

Operational Updates

- WFP is preparing to respond to the humanitarian needs of the growing number of Burkinabe asylum seekers in the northern districts of Côte d'Ivoire, with the aim of providing cash assistance to 20,000 asylum seekers and 2,500 host community households for the next six months. WFP also plans to provide acute malnutrition prevention support through blanket supplementary feeding for asylum seeker children under five and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls.
- The US delegation visited the Nagoukaha primary school in northern Côte d'Ivoire where WFP and partner activities are implemented. This school is part of the 613 schools supported by the United States Department for Agriculture-funded [McGovern Dole programme](#) which provides hot meals and complementary services to over 125,000 schoolchildren in seven regions.
- WFP conducted a field mission in the cocoa-producing regions of Western Côte d'Ivoire to present the pilot agricultural insurance project to producers and local authorities and to raise awareness of agricultural insurance products. This pilot aims to insure 5,000 cocoa farmers in the Cavally region who also grow rice, a crop, particularly at risk of climate shocks. The mission outlined the next steps for this pilot including signing agreements with insurance providers, finalising the participant list, and developing a communication plan for the roll-out phase.
- WFP organised two working sessions with the Department for School Canteens (DCS) to facilitate the pre-positioning of food stocks within the DCS regional warehouses before the next school year. This activity ensures commodities with shorter expiry dates are prioritised.
- In a continued effort to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Health (MoH), WFP, WHO and the National Institute of Public Hygiene participated in

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Photo Caption: Working session at the Kamassela public primary school near Touba.
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Country Strategic Plan (2019 – 2025)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
95.9 million	54.6 million
2023 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (June – November 2023)
11.1 million	7.9 million

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 childbearing 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.

an evaluation mission in the three regional emergency response centres in Guiglo, Man, and San Pedro to assess their operational capacity. The centres were found to be suitable for the upcoming MoH-led virtual pandemic simulation exercise.

Challenges

- Funding challenges for the national school feeding programme persist and may hamper WFP's planned handover and its sustainability.
- Farmers continue struggling to irrigate and produce enough during the off-season due to a scarcity of water.
- Resources (both financial and human) are lacking to respond to the increasing influx of Burkinabé refugees.

Donors

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