

## WFP Guinea Country Brief March 2024



## In Numbers

**189,935** people assisted



**613 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 12,061** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 1.1 million** (April-September 2024) net funding requirement

## Operational Context

Although rich in natural resources, Guinea faces significant socioeconomic challenges. The poverty rate is alarming, and a large share of the country's 13.9 million inhabitants remain food insecure and malnourished, with limited access to basic education and health services, especially in rural areas. Malnutrition remains a pressing concern in Guinea and the main underlying cause of infant and child mortality. The October 2023 Cadre Harmonisé analysis indicated that 2,000,428 people (14.5 percent of the population) are 'under pressure', and 404,196 people (2.5 percent) are in 'crisis', with a potential shift of 65,085 people (4.2 percent of the population) to 'emergency' food security status in the 2024 June-August lean season.

WFP has been active in Guinea since 1964, improving food and nutrition security, while boosting sustainable agricultural development. In response to a deteriorating food security situation, WFP continues to implement its Interim Country Strategic Plan (I-CSP) 2019–2024, supporting the Government in meeting the growing needs of vulnerable people, particularly in rural areas.



Population: **13.9 million**

2022 Human Development Index: **181 out of 193**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **25.5 percent of children between 6-59 months**

## Operational Updates

- This month, the Country Office ensured the monitoring of the *School Connect* pilot project. All 25 school reports were approved, and the only difficulty encountered was related to a technical computer error, which has now been resolved.
- Resilience efforts were focused in Boké, where the local community harvested a field of fast-growing rice seeds donated by WFP in December last year. The final crop yielded an impressive 3 metric tons of rice per hectare, ensuring local food security for the forthcoming months.
- Thanks to KOICA's funding, WFP provided agricultural equipment to multiple "tongil" rice producers. Additionally, WFP identified further needs: 137 villages requested inputs such as fertilizers and phytosanitary products, and small farming equipment to cultivate 735.5 hectares of land.
- From 25-30 March, a collaborative workshop was held in Kindia, aimed at outlining the methodology for the 'Inquiry on Global Analysis of Vulnerability, Food Security and Nutrition' (AGVSAN) in Guinea. The workshop saw the active participation of twenty-four representatives from various ministries and United Nations agencies.
- The Complaints and Feedback Mechanism (CFM) received and addressed 138 requests with 83 percent of them being positive feedback.
- As part of its close partnership with Guinean counterparts, WFP, through its supply chain unit, has provided a storage space in Tombo (Conakry) to the National Agency for Emergencies and Humanitarian Crises for a period of two weeks.

## Country Strategic Plan (2019-2024)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
<b>119.4 million</b>	<b>93.2 million</b>
2024 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (April–September 2024)
<b>12.4 million</b>	<b>1.1 million</b>

## 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 purchases, and strengthening partners' capacities, including through social and behaviour change communication and nutrition-sensitive activities within the framework of HGSF 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 HGSF 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

- On 25 March, WFP conducted a field visit in Beyla with the French Embassy to look at the "*Aide Alimentaire Programmée*" project, which has received substantial funding from France, amounting to up to US\$ 1.6 million.
- To reaffirm WFP's commitment to its institutional partners, the Country Director met with the new Minister of Agriculture and the new Minister of Finance to discuss ongoing partnerships and further collaboration, including the "Commercial Agriculture Development in Guinea" project.
- In the context of UN internal collaboration, WFP engaged with FAO to reinforce their enduring partnership. Furthermore, the Country Director initiated a dialogue with the representative of UNIDO in Guinea to lay the groundwork for a new collaborative framework.

## Voices from the field

In Guéckédou, the Agropastoral Kendei Halae Union, supported by WFP, oversees seven rice associations, bolstering regional food security and job opportunities. Union President Koumba Elisabeth Tolno credits WFP's 2022 programs for their growth. A local rice purchase initiative, aimed at supporting school canteens and the local economy, has led to the union's expansion. Now employing over 100 people, predominantly women, it represents progress and empowerment.



## Donors

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