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WFP Guinea Country Brief July 2024

In Numbers



US\$ 8 million (August 2024 - January 2025) net funding requirements

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 March 2024 Cadre Harmonisé analysis indicated that 2,771,971 people (33.9 percent of the population) are 'under pressure', and 828,708 people (29.9 percent) are in 'crisis', with a potential shift of 1,025,13 people (7.4 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**

2024 Human Development Index: **181 out of 193**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

Operational Updates

- In July, after the WFP Executive Board approved the Guinea Country Strategic Plan (2024-2029) in June, WFP CO began implementation, marking a significant step towards shared goals with the Government of Guinea, emphasizing collaborative partnerships.
- On 1 July 2024, the Chinese delegation, represented by the WFP China representative, was welcomed in N'Zérékoré. Alongside the WFP Guinea Deputy Country Director, they handed over agricultural equipment to smallholder farmers from the Zero Hunger Village of Nienh. This is part of a rice value chain project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, focusing on rice production, processing, and post-harvest management. The project benefits six farmers' groups, including 275 people, 75 percent of whom are women, in Nzérékoré, Gueckedou, and Labé.
- WFP Guinea joined a 2-day seminar in Abidjan on 'Developing the Rice Value Chain in West Africa.' Facilitated by CERFAM and the WFP Centre of Excellence in China, this seminar strengthened partnerships, mutual learning, and collaboration among West African countries and development partners, contributing to SDG 2.
- This month, treatment for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) was provided to 882 children aged 6 to 59 months, with a recovery rate of 96 percent. Additionally, the mothers of 3,243 children, aged 6 to 23 months, received sensitization messages on better nutritional practices in the localities of Boké, Labé, Kankan, Faranah, and N'Zérékoré.
- From 20 July to 5 August, WFP assessed its electrical capabilities in Conakry and sub-offices in Nzérékoré, Labé, and Boké to identify necessary electrical safety improvements, and recommend sustainable energy solutions, including advice for Energy Efficiency Programme (EEP) applications. This initiative focuses on enhancing electrical safety and promoting a greener energy transition.
- From 17-19 July, the WFP Country Director and the Guinean government, represented by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (MAGEL), participated in the fourth Seminar on China-Africa Rice Value Chain in Chengdu, China. Co-organized by UNOSSC, BMGF, and the WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation, the event focused on fostering partnerships and exploring financing opportunities in the rice value chain. It brought together stakeholders from China and Africa to discuss investment prospects and showcase successful case studies, promoting sustainable development in the rice sector.

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Photo Caption: The "Guilikèye" multifunctional platform was inaugurated in front of local authorities and community members.

Country Strategic Plan (2024-2029)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
143.5 million	22.7 million
2024 Requirements (US\$) (Aug 2024–Jan 2025)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (Aug 2024–Jan 2025)
17.8 million	8 million

Strategic Result 1: People are better able to meet their urgent food and nutrition needs

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis-affected populations in Guinea can meet their basic and urgent food and nutrition needs before, during and in the aftermath of shocks, by 2029.

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activities:

- Activity 1: Provide food and nutrition assistance package mainly to crisis-affected populations.

Strategic Result 2: People have better nutrition, health and education outcomes

Strategic Outcome 2: Children, pregnant or breastfeeding women and girls, vulnerable populations, and people at risk of malnutrition in Guinea benefit from better access to healthy diets and essential services to improve their health, nutritional and educational status by 2029.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- Activity 2: Provide nutritious school meals and foster complementary health and nutrition interventions for improved health, nutrition and education outcomes.
- Activity 3: Provide an integrated nutrition prevention package for populations that are at risk of malnutrition and strengthen community-level nutrition services.

Strategic Result 3: People have improved and sustainable livelihoods

Strategic Outcome 3: Communities whose livelihoods are at risk in Guinea, including smallholder farmers and other nutrition-sensitive value-chain actors, have improved livelihoods and increased resilience to climate change and other socioeconomic shocks by 2029.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- Activity 4: Provide integrated support to smallholder farmers and other value chain actors to develop climate-resilient and nutrition-sensitive value chains.

Strategic Result 4: National programmes and systems are strengthened

Strategic Outcome 4: National systems, institutions and actors have strengthened capacities to achieve zero hunger, tackle vulnerability and develop the human capital of Guinea by 2029.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- Activity 5: Provide capacity strengthening support to national institutions and systems, in the development and implementation of management systems for food security, nutrition, social protection and emergency preparedness and response.

Strategic Result 5: Humanitarian and development actors are more efficient and effective

Strategic Outcome 5: Humanitarian, development and government partners have access to reliable transport and logistics services to support vulnerable people effectively and efficiently.

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activities:

- Activity 6: Provide air transport services and technical assistance to governmental, humanitarian and development partners.
- Activity 7: Provide on-demand services and technical assistance to governmental, humanitarian and development partners.

- In July, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) transported a total of 109 passengers (23 women) and 0.8 mt of light cargo between Conakry, Nzérékoré, Siguiri and Kissidougou.

Partnerships

- WFP met with the Ministry of Education to discuss scaling up Guinea's school feeding programme nationwide. They focused on resource mobilization, advocacy, sustainability, collaboration, infrastructure, and developing a MoU and a multisectoral committee. Both parties committed to strengthening the programme together.
- In July, WFP and the Minister of Agriculture had a meeting that marked a significant step towards enhancing agricultural resilience in Guinea. The focus of the meeting was the collaboration on the new digital solution, "Farm2Go," which aims to improve market access for smallholder farmers. This platform is designed to streamline the agricultural value chain and support farmers in accessing new markets. Financially supported by the Korean Government, "Farm2Go" will be launched in August.

Monitoring

- From 10-24 July, WFP and the *Institut National de Statistique* conducted a workshop in Kindia to validate the Food Security and Vulnerability (AGVSAN) survey. The event focused on data collection and analysis, finalizing the database, and confirming preliminary results with the aim of creating a national database to monitor food and nutrition insecurity for better decision-making.

Voices from the field



My name is Fatoumata Binta Diallo, president of the Nemah cooperative. I am 35 years old, married, and the mother of four children, living in Kouraoadhé. Our cooperative, founded in 2020, initially lacked

collective equipment and had to rent materials to maintain our activities. Thanks to WFP's support, we received a drum, a thresher, and funds, which allowed us to repay our debts and invest in additional equipment. Inspired by this support, I created an income-generating activity. Today, thanks to these activities all my children go to school and have jobs in commerce. I have been able to finance medical care for my mother and myself. With the experience and training received, I am very satisfied and motivated.

Donors

Donors to WFP Guinea ICSP 2019 – 2024 include the African Development Bank, Canada, China, the European Union, France, Germany, the Government of Guinea, the International Monetary Fund, Luxembourg, Norway, the Norwegian Refugee Council, Private Donors, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, and the United States of America, UN CERF, UN COVID Multi-Donor Trust Fund, and the Peacebuilding Fund.

Photo Caption: Fatoumata, smiling after receiving news equipments for her cooperative.