



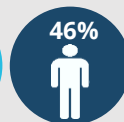
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WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief August - September 2024

In Numbers



32,995 people assisted

US\$ 542,426 cash-based transfers distributed

US\$ 8.9 million six-month (October 2024 - March 2025) net funding requirements, representing 61 percent of the total needs-based plan

Operational Context

Côte d'Ivoire, a global leader in cocoa and cashew production, has been experiencing one of the fastest sustained economic growths within sub-Saharan Africa over the past decade. However, challenges like food insecurity, malnutrition, and gender inequalities persist, with 34.8 percent of the population living below the poverty line. In the north and central west, 30 percent of children under five are stunted, and 68 percent of those aged 6 to 59 months suffer from anaemia. Preliminary results from the October 2024 Cadre Harmonisé indicate that over 738,000 people are in crisis from October to December 2024, with 3.6 million under stress.

Meanwhile, the northern regions of Tchologo and Bounkani are heavily impacted by the Central Sahel crisis, hosting 67,081 asylum seekers from Burkina Faso, mostly women and children. Around 19 percent of them are settled in transit sites and 81 percent live in host communities. This influx strains local resources and exacerbates food insecurity among asylum seekers and host communities.

Côte d'Ivoire is also highly vulnerable to climate change, particularly in the north, where droughts and floods affect smallholder farmers.

Since 1968, WFP has provided humanitarian and development assistance, focusing on reducing gender inequalities, boosting educational outcomes, and promoting food and nutrition security. WFP collaborates with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and partners to enhance school feeding, address malnutrition, and improve food systems. Activities are mainly concentrated in the rural areas of the north, west, and north-east which have a higher concentration of food insecure and vulnerable people.



Population: 29.4 million

2023/2024 Human Development Report: 166 out of 193

Food insecurity: 900,000 people in crisis phase

2023 Global Gender Gap Index: 122 out of 146 countries

Operational Updates

- As part of South-South Cooperation, WFP and the Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) facilitated a study tour for key Ivorian government officials, including the General Director for Rice Promotion at the Ministry of Agriculture and the General Director of ADERIZ (Agency for the Development of the Rice Sector), to the WFP Centre of Excellence and Rural Transformation in China from 19-26 September. The objective of the visit was to strengthen the capacities of key stakeholders involved in the rice value chain, including policymakers, technical experts from the government, rural community leaders, and project partners. The exchange focused on advanced rice value chain practices, aiming to enhance local expertise and improve the rice production in Côte d'Ivoire.
- In August 2024, WFP established approximately 6,500 square meters of school gardens across 10 schools in the Bounkani region. These gardens provide a sustainable source of fresh food for school canteens and serve as a hands-on learning platform for students and the community, promoting awareness of sustainable farming techniques. To further enrich local food practices, cooking demonstrations were held, introducing new, nutritious dishes. A highlight of these initiatives was the introduction of maize couscous, or maize *attiéké*, an innovative alternative to the traditional cassava-based *attiéké*. This addition diversifies local diets while enhancing the value of locally produced crops.
- WFP also supported 295 women smallholder farmers in establishing nine Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) across eight communities during August. These associations play a pivotal role in fostering financial inclusion by providing farmers with access to funds needed to start and develop income-generating activities. Through these VSLAs, farmers can diversify their income streams, become more resilient to shocks, and foster a culture of collective savings within their communities.

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Photo Caption: School meal service at Brombirédouo primary school, Nassian department, Bouna region in northeastern Côte d'Ivoire
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Country Strategic Plan (2019 – 2025)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
126.2 million	66.7 million
2024 Requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (Oct 2024– Mar 2025)
24.6 million	8.9 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 2025.

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 2025.

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.

- As part of the Rice Value Chain Development Project in Côte d'Ivoire, WFP, in collaboration with the Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) and WFP's Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation in China, distributed innovative agricultural equipment to small-scale farmer groups in the Poro, Bagoué, and Loh Djiboua regions. On 22 August, in Korhogo, farmers received power tillers, tricycles, threshers, huskers, silos, and a combined husking mill. This equipment will significantly boost productivity, improve storage capabilities, and enhance the efficiency of rice processing. To ensure sustainability, beneficiaries underwent comprehensive training in the operation and maintenance of the machinery.
- In preparation for the 2024/2025 school year and the resumption of school feeding activities, WFP began dispatching food commodities in September from its warehouse in Abidjan to regional warehouses and schools in targeted areas. A detailed dispatch plan was developed in collaboration with the Directorate of School Canteens at the Ministry of Education and Literacy to ensure the timely availability of food supplies for children, ensuring that school canteens are well-stocked as classes begin.
- WFP has been delivering emergency food assistance through cash-based transfers (cash in hand) to a growing number of asylum seekers from Burkina Faso. In August and September 2024, a total of 32,995 individuals received cash assistance, including 29,263 asylum seekers and 3,732 vulnerable individuals from host communities. Asylum seekers received their monthly assistance, which covered half of their required monthly food ration due to resourcing constraints. Meanwhile, host populations received their quarterly safety net transfer in September. Fifty-four percent of these beneficiaries were women. WFP also provided Specialized Nutritious Foods (SNF) to 392 pregnant and lactating women and 2,934 children aged 6–59 months. In total, 60.5 metric tons of Super Cereals, Super Cereals Plus and vegetable oil were distributed.

Challenges

- The current funding only allows WFP to assist asylum seekers from Burkina Faso and host communities at half-ration until November 2024. Without additional funding, WFP will have to suspend its activities starting December 2024.

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