

# WFP Guinea Country Brief March - April 2025

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# **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 14.53 million (2024) 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.

Food security is still a major concern, as shown in the October 2024 Cadre Harmonisé analysis. 1,257,700 people (9.0% of the national population) face food insecurity, requiring immediate assistance to meet their basic food needs and preserve their livelihoods. 3,557,700 people (25.3% of the population) are categorized as under pressure (Phase 2). Livelihoods have declined, and resilience has decreased. These populations can meet their basic food needs, but resort to adverse coping mechanisms, such as selling assets or incurring debt. Prevention and mitigation measures must be implemented to avoid a worsening of the situation before the lean season in 2025. Otherwise, the most critical phases of food insecurity (emergency) will be reached.

WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964, improving food and nutrition security while boosting sustainable agricultural development. In response to a deteriorating food security situation, WFP's new Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2024-2029 will continue to support the Government of Guinea in meeting the growing needs of vulnerable people, particularly in rural areas.



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207 MT of food assistance distributed

USD 678,909 cash-based transfers made

**USD 6,6 million** (June- November 2025) Six-month net funding requirements

**163,236 people assisted** March - April 2025

# **Operational Updates**

- Over 175,000 people were affected by the devastating floods between August and October 2024. This is ten times more than in 2023. In response, WFP supported the government's emergency plan by providing mobile cash transfers to 50,357 people in Gueckedou and Mandiana supported by UN CERF funding. Each household received USD 79 (GNF 682,000) to address urgent food and non-food needs.
- WFP Guinea supported the revision of the national protocol for acute malnutrition management, aligning it with updated WHO guidelines. Through its "1,000 Days" initiative, WFP continued to provide support for chronic malnutrition prevention in 99 health facilities, reaching 8,420 mother-child pairs. The intervention included ready-to-use supplementary food distribution to children aged 6–24 months, hygiene kits, and nutrition awareness sessions with cooking demonstrations. Monitoring showed 98.6 percent of children maintaining good nutritional status, which underscoring the programme's effectiveness.
- In March, WFP trained 987 school management committee (COGEST) members in 329 newly integrated schools in Boké and Dinguiraye to strengthen transparency in managing school feeding resources. The training covered food reception, resource management, reporting, roles, and community feedback, supporting WFP's strategy to promote local ownership and sustainability.
- As part of the Rice for Resilience and Markets (R4RM) initiative, funded by the Korean Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA), WFP conducted an assessment of how climate change affects rice production in N'Zérékoré and Boké. The assessment, which included farmers, storekeepers, and transporters, offers several recommendations to boost climate resilience and enhance rice value chain management in Guinea.
- The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) transported a total of 491 passengers and 42 kg of light cargo between Conakry, Nzérékoré, Kankan (Siguiri), and Kissidougou.

**Photo Caption**: Odile HABA and Michel KOULEMOU, 6th graders at Nienh Elementary School; WFP Guinea's first Zero Hunger Village.

## WFP Country Strategy



Country Strategic Plan (2024-2029)	
Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
143.5 million	33 million
2025 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (June – November 2025)
30.3 million	6.6 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:

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:

• Provide nutritious school meals and foster complementary health and nutrition interventions for improved health, nutrition and education outcomes.

#### 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 nutritionsensitive value-chain actors, have improved livelihoods and increased resilience to climate change and other socioeconomic shocks by 2029.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

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:

• Provide capacity strengthening 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:

 Provide air transport services and technical assistance to governmental, humanitarian and development partners.

## Partnerships

• On 8 April, the WFP Country Director met with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation to formally announce his upcoming departure and to seek continued support for his successor. The meeting served as a strategic platform to advance key priorities, including the upcoming launch of the national school feeding programme, the scale-up of the Zero Hunger Village initiative, and preparation for the World Bank spring meetings, where the Minister of Planning is expected to engage with the WFP delegation.

### Monitoring

 On April 7, 2025, WFP and the National Agency for Agricultural Statistics (ANASA) hosted a national workshop to validate the findings of the Fill the Nutrient Gap (FNG) study. The event gathered key stakeholders from various organizations and government officials. The study was unanimously approved, marking an important milestone in promoting evidence-based nutrition policies. It emphasized barriers to accessing nutritious diets, particularly for vulnerable populations. Building on this, WFP and ANASA will model food prices across the country to identify high-risk areas and guide targeted interventions.

## Voices from the field

"My name is Laurent Haba, and I am the Mayor of Womey. From a young age, WFP played a vital role in my life. Growing up in a modest household, I benefited from school meals and supplies provided by WFP, which allowed me to stay focused on my education and attend school regularly. The support I received helped shape my



future, and today, I am proud to serve my community as an elected mayor.

As Mayor, I am committed to supporting WFP's initiatives in Womey and will continue to advocate for its work in improving food security and education. I thank WFP Guinea and its donors for their lasting commitment to empowering children through education and nutrition." -Laurent Haba, Mayor of Womey.

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