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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.

The March 2025 Cadre Harmonisé projected that 1.77 million people – nearly 2 million – would experience food and nutrition crisis during the current 2025 lean season. Compared to March 2024, the number of people likely to face crisis food insecurity increased by 72.3 percent, indicating a deterioration in the food and nutrition situation across the country. Of this, over 91,000 people are projected to be in emergency (phase 4), unlike in 2024 when only Phase 3 food insecurity level was recorded. This situation is partly due to the low availability of staple foods during the lean season, the usual peak in the price of agricultural products, the likelihood of natural disasters such as floods – which have already started with the current rainy season – and the deterioration of access roads to production areas.

WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964, contributing to improving food and nutrition security while boosting sustainable agricultural development across the country. 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.



Population: **14.53 million**
(2024)

2025 Human Development Index:
179 out of 191

Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

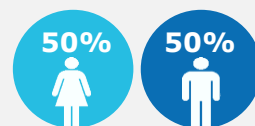
In Numbers

104,494 people assisted

US\$ 666,592 cash-based transfers made

500 MT of food assistance distributed

US\$ 6.6 million (June– November 2025) six-month net funding requirements



Operational Updates

- **Emergency assistance to crisis-affected people.** WFP continued to provide life-saving food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected populations. In May, WFP provided cash-based transfers to 30,588 beneficiaries, including children under five, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and persons with reduced mobility. This assistance targeted the most vulnerable populations identified through the national targeting system, under the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) support.
- **The “1000 Days” Project.** On 28 May, WFP collaborated with government ministries and partners to host a workshop aimed at consolidating data on multisectoral interventions in agriculture, health, education, nutrition, food security, and social protection. The “1000 Days” project, targeting chronic malnutrition prevention, continued in 99 health facilities, reaching 8,420 mother-child pairs. Activities included the distribution of ready-to-use supplementary food to children aged 6–24 months, hygiene kit provision, and awareness-raising sessions.
- **Building resilient communities.** WFP contributes to changing lives in Guinea through fostering long-term solutions while providing support to build more resilient communities. With funding from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea (MAFRA), WFP Guinea signed Field Level Agreements with eight local NGOs across Boké, Faranah, Kissidougou, Guéckédou, and N'zérékoré. These agreements launched a series of community-based initiatives, including agroforestry projects, which will continue through the end of 2025.
- **The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service.** UNHAS transported 219 passengers between Conakry, N'zérékoré, Siguiri, and Kissidougou. An urgent appeal for US\$ 2 million was developed to ensure the continuation of UNHAS operations beyond September 2025.

Partnerships

- Watson Farley & Williams (WFW) has published a [press release](#) announcing their partnership with WFP Guinea. WFW is making an 18-month donation to WFP as part of its ‘Responsible Business’ approach and ongoing commitment to shared prosperity. The firm’s support will benefit over 1,550 people in need, including children with school meals in Kissidougou and Faranah, and help promote the economic empowerment of their mothers.

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Photo Caption: Community consultation in Maadou in Guéckédou.

Country Strategic Plan (2024-2029)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
143.5 million	33.5 million
2025 requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (US\$) (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 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:

- 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.

Funding Gap

- Despite its vital role in reaching remote and crisis-affected areas, UNHAS requires an additional US\$ 1.2 million to sustain operations beyond September 2025. Without immediate support, humanitarian access to hard-to-reach regions, especially during the rainy season, will be severely constrained.

Monitoring and assessments

- WFP conducted a KOICA-funded survey and Post-Distribution Monitoring in flood-affected areas to assess beneficiary satisfaction and the effectiveness of assistance. Findings confirmed the relevance and impact of WFP's support on the ground.
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Voices from the field



"Before WFP came to our village, I worked hard on my land, but it was never enough to feed my family. We lacked the tools, knowledge, and hope. Then WFP gave me 50 kg of Tongil rice and helped me join a farmers' group. That rice turned into 12 full bags, more than I ever imagined. I even traveled to Farabana to learn new farming techniques from others supported by WFP. Now, my harvests are better, and my children eat at school thanks to the new canteen. WFP didn't just give us food; they gave us a future."

- Harouna Camara, Farmer, Komodou Centre, Kérouané

Donors

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