



CÔTE D'IVOIRE – COMPLEX EMERGENCY

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- As overall security conditions in Côte d'Ivoire further stabilize, displaced populations continue to return home from within the country and from Liberia, although localized insecurity—particularly in southwestern Côte d'Ivoire and Abidjan—still inhibits returns to some areas and results in additional displacement. Relief agencies, including USAID partners, continue to provide humanitarian assistance to returning populations and other conflict-affected people. However, as acute humanitarian needs subside, some relief agencies are ending operations or reducing staff presence in western Côte d'Ivoire, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- In Liberia, diminishing host community resources and poor rainy-season road conditions, which impede humanitarian access to communities hosting refugees near the Liberia–Côte d'Ivoire border, have prompted the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to continue the voluntary relocation of refugees from host communities to camps, according to relief agencies. On September 1, the Government of Liberia and UNHCR opened a sixth refugee camp in southeastern Liberia to accommodate up to 25,000 Ivorians who have been living in host communities. UNHCR will continue to support the relocation of up to 48,000 more refugees to the six existing camps by December. As of September 21, approximately 32,000 refugees resided in the six camps.
- In FY 2011, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provided more than \$11.9 million in assistance to address the humanitarian needs of conflict-affected communities in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia, while USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) provided nearly \$26.8 million for emergency food assistance, regional food procurement, and cash transfer programs to bolster livelihoods. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) provided \$31.5 million for refugee and internally displaced person (IDP) assistance and camp coordination. In total, the U.S. Government provided more than \$70 million in humanitarian assistance, benefiting IDPs, refugees, host community members, and other conflict-affected populations in Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, and neighboring countries.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		Source
IDPs in Côte d'Ivoire	204,417 ¹	UNHCR – July 22, 2011
Ivorian Refugees in Liberia	178,035 ²	UNICEF ³ – September 23, 2011
Ivorian Refugees in Other Countries	24,910	UNHCR – July 28, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$11,940,965
USAID/FFP Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$26,780,956
State/PRM Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, and Neighboring Countries	\$31,500,000
Total USAID and State Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, and Neighboring Countries	\$70,221,921

Context

- Following the disputed presidential election in November 2010 between Alassane Ouattara and then-incumbent Laurent Gbagbo, increasingly intense fighting between forces loyal to the two sides resulted in extensive displacement throughout Côte d'Ivoire and into neighboring countries, primarily Liberia. Although conflict generally ceased in

¹ Due to frequent population movements, estimates of IDP figures are subject to change. As of September 23, approximately 26,000 IDPs—representing slightly more than 13 percent of the most recent, nationwide, official IDP figure—resided at 35 organized sites in Côte d'Ivoire, according to OCHA. The figure reflects a decrease of more than 4,000 IDPs living at organized sites nationwide since August.

² The total includes more than 76,000 refugees in Grand Gedeh County, more than 53,000 refugees in Nimba County, more than 36,000 refugees in Maryland County, and more than 11,000 refugees in River Gee County. The total figure remains fluid due to ongoing UNHCR verification and may not reflect the number of returnees to Côte d'Ivoire.

³ U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)

April 2011, unresolved land tenure disputes, longstanding ethnic tensions, and fear of potential retaliation by forces loyal to Gbagbo or Ouattara—now president—continue to contribute to an uncertain security situation in some areas of southwestern Côte d'Ivoire, where localized insecurity persists, and in some Abidjan neighborhoods.

- On January 4, 2011, U.S. Ambassador to Liberia Linda Thomas-Greenfield issued a disaster declaration for Liberia due to the increasing humanitarian needs of communities hosting Ivorian refugees and citizens of other countries also fleeing Côte d'Ivoire. On March 13, U.S. Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire Phillip Carter III issued a disaster declaration for Côte d'Ivoire due to the humanitarian impact of the increasing violence and displacement.

Security and Population Movements

- Although approximately 204,000 people remain officially displaced within Côte d'Ivoire, according to UNHCR's latest figure, IDPs continue to return home. Pockets of insecurity and lack of household assets to repair damaged homes continue to prevent some displaced Ivorians from permanently returning home. OCHA notes that additional voluntary returns may occur following the September–October harvest season.
- Between September 7 and 21, the overall IDP population decreased by nearly 10 percent in western Côte d'Ivoire's Moyen-Cavally Region following verification exercises that identified some people as only using IDP camp services by day, OCHA reported. In neighboring Dix-Huit Montagnes Region, the population living at organized IDP sites decreased by approximately 78 percent between August 23 and September 7 due to returns, according to UNHCR. IDPs continue to make short visits to areas of origin to assess the potential of safe returns, particularly in Dix-Huit Montagnes, Moyen-Cavally, and Haut-Sassandra regions.
- Between September 7 and 21, the IDP population in and around Abidjan increased by 10 percent, OCHA reported, likely due to evictions from organized sites, demolition of temporary structures inhabited by IDPs, security incidents, and ongoing rumors of violence. Security conditions in parts of Abidjan remain unstable, particularly in some areas of Abobo, Yopougon and Anyama neighborhoods, where local community members continue to report illegal checkpoints and the presence of armed groups, OCHA notes. In early September, more than 2,000 IDPs were evicted from sites in Abidjan's Yopougon and from Bingerville town in southeastern Côte d'Ivoire; some relocated to other organized sites, while others have either returned home or are residing with host families. In Akoupé-Zeudji neighborhood, recent clashes between the FRCI and local youth led to the displacement of approximately 2,000 people, according to OCHA.

Protection

- Ongoing localized insecurity continues to result in protection concerns in Côte d'Ivoire, and relief agencies continue to provide protection assistance and conduct trainings. With support from USAID/OFDA and State/PRM, relief agencies continue to identify and trace separated and unaccompanied children for reunification with their families. As of September 23, State/PRM partner the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) had reunited 75 percent of children it has registered in Liberia with their families, while in Côte d'Ivoire, USAID/OFDA partner UNICEF, State/PRM partner ICRC, and other relief agencies had reunited 26 percent of registered children with their families. UNICEF also continues to provide psychosocial assistance to conflict-affected children.
- From September 5 to 7, the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) sub-cluster—the coordinating body for GBV response activities—conducted standard operating procedure training in Abidjan to increase coordination and quality of GBV prevention and response. More than 30 staff members from government offices and relief agencies participated in the training.
- In FY 2011, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$2.4 million for protection interventions in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia. USAID/OFDA-funded protection programs included specialized emergency response for individuals affected by GBV and support for separated and unaccompanied children.

Agriculture, Food Security, and Livelihoods

- Displacement, impaired livelihoods, risk of crop loss due to a disrupted planting season, loss of host community assets due to IDP hosting, and challenges to long-term cultivation will necessitate ongoing activities to provide agricultural inputs and emergency food assistance to both IDPs and host community members in western and central Côte d'Ivoire, according to recent assessments conducted by relief agencies. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other relief agencies continue to provide agricultural inputs, including seeds and tools, to IDPs and host communities; in total, approximately 210,000 people in vulnerable areas of Côte d'Ivoire have benefited from distribution of agricultural kits to date, according to OCHA. Relief agencies continue to plan for additional agriculture and food security programs during the current harvest season, when additional voluntary

returns may occur. Relief agencies continue to implement and plan cash transfer and food voucher programs in Abidjan and western Côte d'Ivoire to bolster livelihoods.

- With support from USAID/FFP and other donors, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) continues to provide emergency food assistance to affected populations in Liberia, including refugees and host community members. As of September 19, WFP had distributed emergency food assistance benefiting nearly 67,000 refugees and more than 11,000 host community members.
- In FY 2011, USAID/FFP provided nearly \$27 million in assistance to conflict-affected communities in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia. USAID/FFP-funded assistance included distribution of more than 10,200 metric tons (MT) of Title II emergency food assistance, regional food procurement, and cash transfer programs to help repair disrupted livelihoods. USAID/OFDA provided more than \$1 million for agriculture and food security programs in Liberia in FY 2011, benefiting nearly 43,800 people, and nearly \$990,000 for economic recovery and market systems activities in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia, benefiting nearly 37,800 people.

Health and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- Relief agencies continue to conduct WASH activities to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases, including provision of clean drinking water, hygiene promotion, distribution of water containers and hygiene supplies, and rehabilitation of WASH facilities. New displacement continues to result in additional WASH needs; on August 31, rising sea levels in the coastal areas of Adjouffou and Gonzagueville, near Abidjan, resulted in the displacement of nearly 600 households—or approximately 4,100 people—who now have limited access to clean water.
- In FY 2011, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$2.9 million for WASH activities in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia, including \$1 million in assistance through UNICEF, benefiting up to 228,000 people in affected areas. USAID/OFDA also provided more than \$1.6 million for health activities in both countries in FY 2011, benefiting up to 541,000 displaced people, host communities, and other conflict-affected individuals affected or potentially affected by increased health needs due to the conflict, including increased incidence of malaria, acute respiratory infections, and diarrheal disease.

Other Humanitarian Assistance

- As of September 28, donors had provided more than \$83 million toward the regional Emergency Humanitarian Action Plan (EHAP) for Côte d'Ivoire and four neighboring countries, not including Liberia. Including funding for projects not listed in the EHAP, donors have provided nearly \$129 million in humanitarian assistance in Côte d'Ivoire. To date, donors have provided more than \$80 million toward the Liberia EHAP. Including funding for projects not listed in the EHAP, donors have provided a total of more than \$128 million in humanitarian assistance in Liberia.

FY 2011 USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE, LIBERIA, AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Protection, WASH	Côte d'Ivoire: Moyen-Cavally and Dix-Huit Montagnes Regions	\$1,479,001
Première Urgence	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, WASH, Logistics	Côte d'Ivoire: Abidjan and Moyen-Cavally Region	\$1,998,050
Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US)	Health, Nutrition	Côte d'Ivoire: Moyen-Cavally Region	\$1,025,077

UNICEF	Health, WASH, Protection	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$1,800,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA)	Protection	Côte d'Ivoire: Abidjan	\$199,230
WFP	Logistics, U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$825,744
	Program Support Costs	Côte d'Ivoire: Countrywide	\$133,775
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire</i>			\$7,960,877
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Shelter and Settlements	Nimba County, Liberia	\$339,956
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems	Nimba County, Liberia	\$995,792
Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Protection, WASH	Maryland County, Liberia	\$499,941
Equip Liberia	Health, Protection	Nimba County, Liberia	\$599,990
IRC	Health, Protection	Nimba County, Liberia	\$394,687
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$800,000
USAID/Liberia ²	Health, Protection, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$99,722
WFP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$250,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia</i>			\$3,980,088
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$11,940,965
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	2,620 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$4,700,000
WFP	Cash Transfers and Regional Food Procurement	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$5,673,734
SC/US	Cash Transfers	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$2,930,806
<i>Subtotal of USAID/FFP Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire</i>			\$13,304,540
WFP	7,590 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$11,700,000
WFP	Regional Food Procurement	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$1,776,416
<i>Subtotal of USAID/FFP Assistance to Liberia</i>			\$13,476,416
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			\$26,780,956

STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
ICRC	Food Security, Health, WASH, Family Reunification	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$3,550,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	IDP Camp Coordination and Emergency Transport	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$700,000
UNHCR	Protection, IDP Camp Coordination, Contingency Planning	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas, Neighboring Countries	\$7,500,000
<i>Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and non-Liberia neighboring countries</i>			<i>\$11,750,000</i>
ICRC	Livelihoods, WASH, Family Reunification	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$2,350,000
UNHCR	Protection, Refugee Assistance	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$15,800,000
WFP	Logistics	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$600,000
Various	Refugee Assistance	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
<i>Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Liberia</i>			<i>\$19,750,000</i>
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$31,500,000
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE, LIBERIA, AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FY 2011			\$70,221,921

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 29, 2011.

² Estimated value of food assistance.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for response efforts in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821.1999.
Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID website at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/