



CÔTE D'IVOIRE – COMPLEX EMERGENCY

This is the final Côte d'Ivoire fact sheet for FY 2012.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Due to improved political and security conditions in Côte d'Ivoire throughout 2012, populations uprooted by insecurity resulting from the disputed November 2010 presidential election continued to return home from camps and areas of displacement within the country and from neighboring nations.
- Incidents of insecurity persist in some areas, including in Abidjan—the commercial capital of Côte d'Ivoire—and in western regions, where attacks against civilians and security forces have occurred with increasing frequency since June. Although violence earlier in the year was likely motivated by longstanding ethnic tensions, recent attacks have targeted army and police installations.
- As of late August, approximately 165,000 Ivoirians remained displaced, including an estimated 81,500 internally displaced persons (IDPs) within Côte d'Ivoire and nearly 58,000 refugees in Liberia, according to the U.N.
- In FY 2012, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provided more than \$5.5 million to address humanitarian needs in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia, focusing on strengthening livelihoods, improving food security, and building resilience among vulnerable returnee households. USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) provided more than \$26.6 million to address the emergency food needs of conflict-affected communities in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) provided \$8.6 million for refugee and IDP assistance and camp coordination in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		Source
IDPs in Côte d'Ivoire	81,518	OCHA ¹ – August 24, 2012
People Displaced from Côte d'Ivoire to Neighboring Countries	83,853	OCHA – August 24, 2012

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED IN FY 2012 ²	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$5,501,983
USAID/FFP Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$26,649,200
State/PRM Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$8,600,000
Total USAID and State Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$40,751,183

Context

- Following the November 2010 election between President Alassane Ouattara and then-incumbent Laurent Gbagbo, fighting between forces loyal to the two sides resulted in extensive displacement throughout Côte d'Ivoire and into neighboring countries, primarily Liberia. Since the general cessation of conflict in April 2011 and the resulting improvements in overall security conditions in Côte d'Ivoire, many displaced families have returned home.
- Despite subsiding political tensions, the humanitarian consequences of the post-election crisis linger. Facing poor access to basic social services, some vulnerable populations lack affordable food, safe drinking water, health care, and sanitation facilities, particularly in western Côte d'Ivoire. Furthermore, persistent insecurity in some areas has resulted in delayed returns and the temporary displacement of new households in recent months.
- On October 11, 2011, U.S. Ambassador Phillip Carter III reissued a disaster declaration for FY 2012 due to the ongoing complex emergency in Côte d'Ivoire.
- On December 29, 2011, U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield reissued a disaster declaration for Liberia due to the ongoing humanitarian needs of communities hosting Ivorian refugees.

¹ U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

² Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

Security, Population Movements, and Protection

- At the peak of post-election violence in April 2011, an estimated 500,000 IDPs resided in 35 camps across Côte d'Ivoire. Approximately 81,500 people remain internally displaced as of August, the majority of whom are living with family members.
- According to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), approximately 58,200 Ivorian refugees remained in Liberia as of May 2012, representing a 58 percent decline from the estimated 138,000 refugees that resided there in mid-November 2011. Since the height of the crisis, more than 165,800 Ivorian refugees have returned to Côte d'Ivoire.
- Although Ivorian refugees continue to return home, armed attacks against civilians and military personnel have resulted in protection concerns, including an increase in the reported cases of sexual violence, according to OCHA. In June, an armed group attacked members of the U.N. Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) in the southwestern region, resulting in the deaths of seven U.N. peacekeepers and more than ten civilians. On July 24, inter-communal violence prompted an attack on the Nahibly camp in western Côte d'Ivoire, the last remaining IDP camp in the country, causing six deaths and the destruction of IDP tents and the medical center. As a result, UNHCR transported hundreds of IDPs to their areas of origin or nearby locations, including the Duékoué Catholic mission, which had been in the process of closing as an IDP shelter only one week prior.
- With \$250,000 to OCHA in FY 2012, USAID/OFDA strengthened communications between field and national level responders and sought to establish a countrywide humanitarian monitoring system to inform ongoing relief efforts in Côte d'Ivoire. In addition, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$470,000 through Equip Liberia to increase access to health and protection services, including gender-based violence (GBV) reduction activities, in eastern Liberian host communities.
- In FY 2012, State/PRM provided approximately \$8.6 million to UNHCR, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for assistance to refugees and other conflict-affected populations in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia. These protection activities included GBV awareness and prevention trainings and provision of access to basic health and psychosocial services.

Agriculture, Food Security, and Livelihoods

- In mid-July, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other relief agencies reported a shortage of seeds for upland rice, a staple crop in Côte d'Ivoire. Suppliers delivered only one-third of the rice seed required for distributions due to a shortage triggered by post-election violence, which displaced farmers at the beginning of the rice-planting period and reduced the quantity of crops and seeds produced during the previous agricultural season. As a result of the supply constraints, members of the Food Security Cluster—the coordinating body for food security response activities—reported plans to provide lowland rice and corn seed to more than 52,000 vulnerable households.
- USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$4.3 million to FAO, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Première Urgence, and Solidarités for agriculture and livelihoods programs in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia to enhance food security conditions for beneficiaries in FY 2012. Through these partners, USAID/OFDA supported activities to improve agricultural production, including the distribution of seeds and tools for conflict-affected farmers. To help farmers restore livelihoods and provide food for their families, USAID/OFDA also supported cash grants that allowed conflict-affected households to purchase essential goods in local markets, stimulating the local economy while bolstering self-sufficiency among returnee families.
- In FY 2012, USAID/FFP provided more than 18,000 metric tons (MT) in Title II emergency food assistance—valued at nearly \$27 million—to conflict-affected communities in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia through the U.N. World Food Program (WFP). WFP emergency food assistance has benefited approximately 50,820 IDPs and 439,330 vulnerable host community members in Côte d'Ivoire, as well as 44,020 refugees and more than 51,720 host community members in Liberia.

Health

- In western Côte d'Ivoire, many health facilities closed as a result of post-election violence and the subsequent displacement of health care staff. While some facilities have re-opened, populations in affected areas remain in need of medical supplies and health care staff to treat illnesses endemic to West Africa, such as cholera and meningitis.
- In partnership with Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US), USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$500,000 for health activities in western Côte d'Ivoire, such as distributing medical supplies to 27 health care clinics, training local health care staff,

and establishing three mobile clinics in hardest-hit areas to ensure sustained access to critical health care services for 30,000 Ivoirians, including 4,800 IDPs.

Other Humanitarian Assistance

- As of late September, international donors had provided more than \$90 million toward the Consolidated Appeal (CAP) for Côte d'Ivoire and an additional \$37 million toward the CAP for Liberia. Combined with funding for projects not listed in the CAP, donors have provided more than \$110 million in humanitarian assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and more than \$50 million in humanitarian assistance to Liberia in 2012.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND LIBERIA PROVIDED IN FY 2012¹

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE²			
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$700,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$250,000
Première Urgence	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS)	Moyen-Cavally Region	\$1,300,000
SC/US	Health	Moyen-Cavally Region	\$499,658
Solidarités	ERMS	Moyen-Cavally Region	\$1,228,329
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE IN FY 2012			\$3,977,987
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE³			
WFP	11,900 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$17,302,300
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE IN FY 2012			\$17,302,300
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE			
UNHCR	Protection and Assistance for Ivorian IDPs, Ivorian Returnees, and Liberian Refugees	Countrywide	\$2,000,000
ICRC	Assistance and Protection for Conflict-Affected Individuals	Countrywide	\$3,100,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE IN FY 2012			\$5,100,000
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE IN FY 2012			\$26,380,287

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA			
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security	Maryland County	\$654,875
Equip Liberia	Protection	Nimba County	\$469,121
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$400,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA IN FY 2012			\$1,523,996
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA			
WFP	6,280 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance for Refugees	Affected Areas	\$9,346,900
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA IN FY 2012			\$9,346,900

STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA			
UNHCR	Protection, Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$3,500,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA IN FY 2012			\$3,500,000
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA IN FY 2012			\$14,370,896

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³ 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 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