



WFP Guinea Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Country Programme CP200326 (2013-2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	52.9 m	39.3 m (74%)	-

*April– September 2016

The five-year Country Programme (CP) was launched in 2013 targeting vulnerable groups in 13 districts of six regions affected by structural food insecurity, high chronic malnutrition and low school enrolment.

Under this CP, WFP provides assistance to promote: (i) education through its school feeding programme, (ii) nutrition for malnourished children aged 6–59 months, pregnant and nursing women, people living with HIV and TB, (iii) agricultural development with the purchase of locally-grown food used in school feeding activities. Since the beginning of January 2016, a fourth component has been included to support severely food insecure households, people discharged from health facilities after being treated from Ebola, Ebola contact cases and orphans.

Special Operation SO 200923 (Jan 16-Jun 16)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	7 m	2.5 m (36%)	n/a

*April– September 2016

WFP is also implementing a logistics special operation to provide logistics services and air transport (UNHAS) to the Government of Guinea and the humanitarian community. This operation ensures capacity of rapid response to actual and future Ebola outbreaks in the country.

In Guinea, humanitarian access to populations in need of assistance is hazardous and time-consuming due to poor road conditions. Travel by road is

Highlights

- Eight new Ebola cases were confirmed in March in Forest Guinea. WFP provided food and logistics response.
- Demand for UNHAS services increased by 44 percent following the latest flare up of Ebola. More medical evacuations than planned were conducted and the demand for cargo transport grew by 175 percent. WFP needs additional USD 3.8 million for the SO to ensure continued logistics support.

adversely affected by seasonal weather with numerous roads being closed during the rainy season. There are currently no commercial air service providers in the country. UNHAS remains the only option to access remote areas promptly.

In Numbers

1.9 million food insecure people;

230,000 children < 5 moderately malnourished

401,490 people targeted by WFP in 2016

308,952
People Assisted
March 2016



March 2016

Main Photo

Credit: WFP/Djaounsede Pardon Madjiangar
Caption: Kadiatou Silla receives food for 3 Ebola-orphaned children living with her.

Operational Updates

In March, WFP provided food assistance to 308,952 people under the Country Programme. This includes 11,561 Ebola affected families in Forest Guinea, 277,807 students and 19,584 malnourished people throughout the country.

Under its logistics Special Operation, WFP transported 1,080 cubic meters of cargo to locations across the country on behalf of seven partners including NGOs, UN agencies and government services. Storage was also provided for another 1,040 cubic meter of non-food items. Logistics management training was provided to 20 government staff.

UNHAS transported 725 passengers from 30 organisations to different locations. Another 5.4 mt of light cargo including Ebola vaccines was transported for humanitarian partners.

Challenges

With the resurgence of Ebola in Nzerekore (Forest Guinea), demand for UNHAS increased by 44 percent. Daily helicopter flights were requested by the humanitarian community to transport aid workers and deliver vaccines and blood samples for testing. More medical evacuations than planned were conducted in March and the demand for cargo transport grew by 175 percent. All this has increased operational costs. WFP needs additional USD 3.8 million for the SO to help combat the resurgence of EVD.

At the request of the government, the CO plans to provide emergency food assistance to 4,000 Ebola affected-households including 1,000 Ivorian refugee families in Forest Guinea for three months.

The school feeding component is resourced for the current school year. However, first shortfalls will occur by January 2017. If no additional funding is received, the CO will not be able to continue assisting 1,605 targeted schools at the start of the new school year (2016/2017) in October 2016. This will negatively affect children's school performance and may even reverse the gains made in previous years.

Towards Home Grown School Feeding

WFP and the Government of Guinea have started working on a pilot school feeding project targeting 30 primary schools. Through this partnership, WFP supports local communities, particularly women to locally produce vegetables for school meals.



Despite an abundance of natural resources, Guinea faces major socio-economic and political challenges. Poverty and malnutrition rates are alarming. The 2014 Ebola outbreak has made already vulnerable communities more exposed and continues to have an adverse economic impact.

On average, 55 percent of the Guinean population lives below the poverty line. Unemployment rates amongst youth and women are high, especially in the Forest Region. Curfews and trading restrictions created in response to the Ebola outbreak continue to impact people's lives and economic activities. In Guinea, 17.5 percent of the population is food insecure, around 1.9 million people. Malnutrition is a serious problem: nearly 230,000 children under the age of five suffer from moderate acute malnutrition. A comprehensive nutrition survey, conducted by WFP in July 2015, indicated that the chronic malnutrition rate in Guinea is around 25.9 percent.

Guinea continues to grapple with deeply embedded social and ethnic tensions, as well as the huge additional pressures created by the Ebola outbreak. Given Guinea's unstable political history, with frequent coups d'état, the relationship between the military and the civilian government is a matter of considerable political sensitivity. Socio-political instability in neighbouring countries has also had an impact on Guinea, which still hosts around 4,800 Ivorian refugees in the Forest region.

WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964.

Population: **12 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **182 out of 188**

Income Level: **Least developed**

Chronic malnutrition: **25.9% of children between 6-59 months**

Donors

Top five donors for CP 200326: Japan, USAID, Canada, Government of Guinea and France. SO 200923 Top Donors: USAID, ECHO, Japan, Switzerland