

SAVING LIVES  
CHANGING LIVES



### Operational Context

With an estimated 26.4 million inhabitants, Côte d'Ivoire has maintained peace and experienced remarkable economic recovery since the end of the 2010-2011 post-electoral crisis. Despite its growth, almost half of the population (46 percent) continues to live under the poverty line and most of the population suffers from the triple burden of malnutrition, represented by micronutrient deficiencies, undernutrition and overnutrition, slowing down WFP's efforts towards Zero Hunger.

WFP's operations in Cote D'Ivoire focus on development interventions to improve food security, reduce malnutrition, enhance education achievements, and minimize gender inequalities. The northern and western rural parts of the country is known to have higher concentration of food insecure and vulnerable populations.

Côte d'Ivoire is experiencing an increase in active COVID-19 cases with 50,135 cases in July 2021 (49,261 recovered, 329 deaths, 545 active) compared to 48,305 an increase of about 1.7 percent in June 2021. The month of July 2021, experienced a 35 percent increase of people being vaccinated (a cumulative total of 1,019,897 persons were vaccinated compared to a cumulative total 757,123 in June 2021). There are currently two types of available vaccines in country: AstraZeneca and Pfizer.

Since 1969, WFP Côte d'Ivoire has been providing support in alignment with the national context.



2018 Food insecurity: **10.8 % of the population**

2019 Human Development Index ranking: **162 out of 189 countries**

2019 Gender Inequality Index: **153 out of 162 countries**

Chronic malnutrition: **21.6% of children between 24-59 months**

### In Numbers

**0 mt** of food assistance distributed

**USD 38,000 Cash**-based transfers made

**USD 13 m six months** (August 2021 – January 2022) net funding requirements

**5,016 people assisted** in July 2021



### Operational Updates

As of 31 July, Côte d'Ivoire's Ministry of Health vaccinated 1,019,897 of its population, compared to 757 123 vaccinated in June. During the reporting period, the Ministry recorded 50,135 confirmed covid cases; 49,261 recoveries, 329 deaths and 545 active cases.

As part of the rice fortification project initiated by both the Government and WFP since 2018, WFP, in collaboration with the CONNAPE (National Council on Food, Nutrition and Early Childhood) organized an information and sensitization workshop for stakeholders and private sector institutions involved in rice value chain. Besides the objective of sharing information, the workshop was also aimed at advocating for involvement of the stakeholders, in the rice fortification project. Thanks to WFP Côte d'Ivoire's experience in supporting smallholder farmers groups in Korhogo, CERFAM is advocating for China Centre of Excellence to orient the funds dedicated to this purpose to a project to be implemented by WFP Côte d'Ivoire.

During the reporting month, the Ministry of Education launched an evaluation of its education system in Côte d'Ivoire under the supervision and leadership of the Ministry and UNESCO. During the opening ceremony, the Ministry invited several stakeholders including WFP to participate in the evaluating process, aimed at identifying areas of weaknesses in the system and developing strategies for improving the overall education system in Côte d'Ivoire. This exercise is expected to take a period of next six months. All national education stakeholders, technical and financial partners, including UN agencies will be involved in the evaluation process.

WFP Côte d'Ivoire has already identified two local suppliers to supply rice and beans for implementation of the school feeding programme. Next step will be checking the quality of the identified food items (beans and rice) and to be finally concluded by signing of contracts and implementation of delivery and payments.

A post distribution monitoring of People Living with HIV was conducted in Abidjan district which revealed that 7 percent of the entire targeted PLHIV population in the district live in impoverished conditions which would require continued humanitarian support.

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**Main photo:** WFP Côte d'Ivoire

**Caption:** Women farmers using silos to store their harvest

## Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2021 Total Requirement (in USD)	2021 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Sixth Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
21.9 m	1.3 m	13 m

### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Primary-school-age children and their households in food-insecure areas have access to adequate nutritious food all year

**Focus area:** *Root causes*

**Activities:**

- Provide school meals, take-home rations complementary services to primary-school-age children during the school year and promote the purchase of locally produced food for school meals and initiative of rice fortification project.

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Populations affected by shocks have access to food to cover their basic food and nutritional needs during and in the aftermath of shocks

**Focus area:** *Crisis response*

**Activities:**

- Provide an integrated assistance package to affected populations, including food assistance, SBCC and specialized nutritious food to children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women and girls and people living with HIV, to improve access to food and prevent malnutrition.

### Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Vulnerable food-insecure populations in targeted areas – particularly children, women of child-bearing age and people living with HIV – have improved nutritional status by 2023

**Focus area:** *Root causes*

**Activities:**

Support the implementation of the national nutrition programme, with a focus on the development and implementation of a gender-responsive social behaviour change communication strategy; the implementation of the national strategy for the fortification of regularly consumed staples; enhancement of the primary education curriculum to include nutrition; and the generation of evidence on the activities in the national multisectoral nutrition plan.

### Strategic Result 4: Sustainable food systems

**Strategic Outcome 4:** Targeted populations and communities have stronger livelihoods, are more resilient to climate and other shocks and benefit from more efficient and equitable value chains and sustainable food systems by 2023

**Focus area:** *Resilience building*

**Activities:**

Provide an integrated and gender-transformative assistance package to smallholder farmers, especially women's farmer groups, comprising training on good agricultural practices, equipment and social behaviour change communication-related activities that place value on local agricultural potential, asset creation and targeted food assistance; and provide technical support for generating evidence to inform the scale-up of farmer groups' activities.

### Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

**Strategic Outcome 5:** National institutions have strengthened capacity to better target and manage food security, nutrition, and social protection programmes by 2023

**Focus area:** *Root causes*

**Activities**

Provide technical support to national partners in their efforts to address school feeding, food security, nutrition, social protection and emergency preparedness and response.

## Success story: Linking impact of resilience projects to impact on school feeding project.

President of Nabonkaha women agricultural group in Ferkessédougou village, north of the country, Mrs Ouattara Karidjatou quotes: **“we are grateful to WFP for assisting us in establishing our women group and funding of resilience project in 2018 in our village aimed at addressing food insecurity and contributing to school canteen”**. According to them the resilience project had started yielding positive effects. She further said that these two projects, school canteen and resilient projects are inseparable as the later support the former. The secretary of the group Mrs Silué Abi praised the results of the resilient project that “last year the crop yield and harvest was very good that yielded enough food for every household and the surplus fetched about 15 millions FCFA deposited into the group’s bank account. The President said they sooner noted serious congestion of the students in a class due to insufficient classrooms. The president stated that **“we as committee of the group decided to allocate 9 million FCFA for starting construction of more classrooms for decongesting the students in class to provide good learning environment which could contribute to improved students’ performance. The president argued that food alone is not the only factor for improving students’ performances.”** Besides the constructed dikes, the group decided to allocate CFA 5 million for constructing a dam reservoir for irrigating crops during erratic rainfalls or dry spell period. Unfortunately, most of dikes got washed away by heavy rainwater spilling water into the farms destroying most of crops. The president lamented that these upheavals would affect crop harvest; income and food supply to the school canteen this year, unless philanthropist extend their hands to help them in reconstructing the dikes, completing construction of the dam and the classrooms. The president urged donors to support the WFP led resilience projects whose linkage to school feeding is clearer for improving food security and school canteen.



**Photos:** *Women group supported classrooms, the broken dam, and dikes, that require urgent support.*

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