



WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Brief September 2021

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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.

As of 30 September, Côte d'Ivoire registered 60,253 COVID-19 cases compared to 55,669 registered at end of August. Active COVID-19 cases continued to rise to 1,634 at end of September compared to 1,415 as of August. The total number of patients cured of COVID-19 as of 30 September was 57,995 compared to 53,813 August.

Since 1969, WFP Côte d'Ivoire has been providing support in alignment with the national context. WFP's operations are currently focused on developing interventions to improve food security, reduce malnutrition, enhance education achievements, and minimize gender inequalities. Activities are concentrated in northern and western rural areas, which are known to have a higher concentration of food insecure and vulnerable populations.



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**

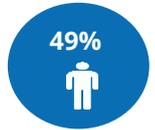
In Numbers

0 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 242,175 cash-based transfers made

USD 4.6 m six months (October 2021 – March 2022) net funding requirements

15,768 people assisted in September 2021



Operational Updates

- In September, WFP reached a total of 15,768 flood-affected and internally displaced persons (IDPs) persons. This included 4,656 of flood-affected beneficiaries (48 percent women and 52 percent men) and 11,112 IDPs (54 percent women and 46 percent men). The flood and IDP beneficiaries received cash-based transfers in USD 68,790 and USD 173,385 respectively.
- The Government administered 2,200,871 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in September representing a 61-percent increase compared to 1,370,123 doses in August.
- As part of the UN Food Systems Summit, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire organized a national consultation workshop involving various stakeholders to agree on the way forward to improve food systems in the country.
- The influx of refugees from Burkina Faso into northern Côte d'Ivoire continued over the month. The number of registered refugees rose from 500 in June to 2,441 in September. Refugees received assistance from the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, UNHCR, and UNICEF with WFP assistance due to resource constraints.
- WFP met with the steering committee that comprised of WFP HQ, WFP Côte d'Ivoire CO and Louis Dreyfus Foundation (LDF). In that meeting key achievements, challenges, and recommendations related to WFP's resilience project funded by LDF were presented. The outcomes of the meeting will allow WFP to enhance progress during the next phase of the project.
- WFP has started the implementation of the second cycle of the McGovern-Dole Food for Education Programme by organizing a series of workshops to develop monitoring tools and strengthen the capacity of cooperating partners to monitor the implementation of school feeding activities.
- WFP met relevant ministries of employment and social protection, UNDP, and ILO to prepare a project proposal for scaling up WFP's pilot project on youth employment.
- The security situation in Côte d'Ivoire remained calm but continues to be unpredictable with the persistent threat of potential armed attacks by non-state armed groups. The Government of Côte d'Ivoire has intensified its efforts to protect the population by introducing stronger security measures along the north and northwest borders with Burkina Faso.

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Main photo : WFP Côte d'Ivoire/Souleymane Berthe

Caption: Woman working in her home garden.

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2021 Total Requirement (in USD)	2021 Available Contributions (in USD)	Sixth Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
22 m	28.6 m	4.6 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 their capacity to better target and manage food security, nutrition, and social protection programmes by 2023

Focus area: *Root causes*

Activities Outcome 5

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

Challenges

- Recurrent attacks and kidnapping by unknown gunmen creates challenges for WFP's monitoring activities in the northern region of the country.
- The current trend of COVID-19 infections will most likely affect WFP operations across the country, especially in Abidjan where infection rates are the highest.

Donors

Top donors to WFP Côte d'Ivoire Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023 include the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, ECOWAS, private donors and the United States. Additional support has been provided by the UN.