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Operational Context

The Guinean economy is largely dependent on mining and agriculture. However, low productivity, poor farming techniques and significant post-harvest losses undermine the agricultural sector, while poor road infrastructure hinders access to markets. Moreover, Guinea faces major socio-economic and political challenges. Poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition rates are alarming, especially in rural areas. On average, 55 percent of the population live below the poverty line and more than 21 percent of households are food insecure. Children nutritional situation remains precarious with 6.1 percent of children aged 6-59 months suffering from global acute malnutrition (of whom 1.7 percent are severely affected).

WFP targets vulnerable groups of people in the four regions of Guinea particularly in rural areas, in order to improve food security, reduce malnutrition, enhance resilience and contribute to improve education achievements, all while contributing towards the achievement of SDG 2 and 17 and aligning with national priorities (*Plan national de développement économique et social 2016-2020*) with a special focus on women and youth. The approach also aims to increase national ownership through institutional capacity strengthening.

The COVID-19 pandemic, beyond its immediate effect on public health, combined with the resurgence of Ebola, is affecting the food security, nutrition and livelihoods of the most vulnerable people, particularly the poorest households, casual labourers and petty traders. The December 2020 *Cadre Harmonisé* projects 645,105 people to be food insecure in June- August 2021. WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964.



Population: **13.1 million**

2019 Human Development Index: **178 out of 189**

Income Level: **Low income**

Chronic malnutrition: **24.4 % of children aged 6-59 months**

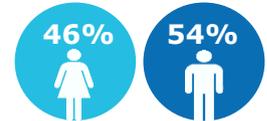
In Numbers

235 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 38,817 cash-based transfers made

US\$ 3.9 m six months (April- September 2021) net funding requirements

137,279 people assisted in March 2021



WFP Ebola Response

- In response to the new Ebola outbreak, since February, WFP is supporting the Government through three main pillars, namely (i) UNHAS operation (ii) Logistics support and (iii) Food and nutrition assistance.
- WFP launched the UNHAS (United Nations Humanitarian Air Service) in Guinea to assure the rapid transportation of Ebola vaccines and equipment as well as humanitarian personnel in affected regions. WFP also provided four wickhalls to the *Agence Nationale de la Sécurité Sanitaire* (ANSS) to strengthen the government's response and logistics capacity faced with the double burden of COVID-19 and Ebola.
- Following the government's request for support, WFP undertook a general food distribution, assisting 5,626 households in the sub-prefecture of Gouécké, where the first Ebola case was detected and confirmed. Each household received a food basket of 50kg of rice, 10kg of peas, 4.55kg (5L) of vegetable oil and 1kg of salt, thus distributing a total of 369 mt of food. This assistance aimed to provide the population an immediate access to food in view of weekly markets closed to prevent the spread of the disease. The assistance has also supported affected populations to cope with the additional burden of stigmatization and reduce community stress and tension caused by the outbreak. This facilitate response in terms of prevention and control of the disease, risk and community engagement communications and surveillance of contacts.

Other Operational Updates

- Unconditional cash transfers and resilience activities** (rehabilitation of agricultural lands) are ongoing as part of the **RESIGUI project**. As of 31 March, **2,175 people** (435 households) received cash transfers in the regions of Kankan and Boké.
- WFP provided nutrition assistance** to 418 children aged 6-59 months and 200 pregnant and lactating women and girls through the moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) treatment across the country.
- Food assistance** was provided to 2,205 family members of 441 supported HIV patients in Kankan, Boké, Labé and Conakry.
- To support children education and girl's empowerment** in Guinea, **WFP launched the "share the meal" campaign**, an online funding application to enable private and individual donation, contributing to provide take-home rations to schoolgirls.

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Caption: Wickhall donation to the Government to support its Ebola response.

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)

| 2021 Total Requirement (in US\$) | 2021 Allocated Contributions (in US\$) | Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 21 m | 4.6 m | 3.9 m* |

*Six-month net funding requirements as of 6 April 2021.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food-insecure populations, including pre- and primary school-aged children, in targeted areas have access to adequate and nutritious food all year round.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide nutritious school feeding to pre- and primary school children including take home rations for girls prioritizing local purchase and strengthening partners' capacities, including through social and behaviour change communication and nutrition-sensitive activities within the framework of HGSF approaches.

Strategic Outcome 2: Crisis-affected populations in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of a crisis.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Provide an integrated package of emergency food and nutrition assistance that includes gender-responsive and gender/transformational social and behaviour change communication and livelihood support, for crisis-affected populations.

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Nutritionally vulnerable populations including children, pregnant and lactating women and girls, people living with HIV or TB and receiving treatment, persons with disabilities and orphans in Guinea, have improved nutritional status by 2030.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Support beneficiaries equitably - women, men, girls and boys - through the provision of specialized nutritious food and integrated programmes including social and behaviour change communication and strengthen partner's capacities to prevent and treat malnutrition.

Strategic Result 4: Sustainable food systems

Strategic Outcome 4: Food insecure and climate-affected populations including smallholder farmers, youth and women in targeted areas have improved livelihood sources, more efficient and inclusive value chains by 2030.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide targeted groups with climate-resilient livelihood support that enables them to sustainably increase and diversify their role along the food value chain, strengthens their access to markets including school feeding and HGSF interventions and improves food handling and processing.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 5: National institutions have enhanced capacities in the design and use of management systems for food security and nutrition, social protection and disaster risk by 2030.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Deliver capacity-strengthening support to national institutions and other partners including through South-South Cooperation in the design and use of systems for the management of social protection, emergency preparedness and response, disaster risk, post-harvest losses and supply chain for food security and nutrition objectives.

- To improve transparency, performance management and strengthen national ownership of WFP's home-grown school feeding programme, a project, called **SONASOL (Solutions Nationales pour l'Alimentation Scolaire et l'Agriculture Locale)** has been developed in collaboration with **TULIP, a local IT company**. Through this project, interactive digital kiosks and bracelets will be developed and provided to WFP supported schools, health centres and smallholder farmers across the country through which WFP will be able to monitor activities and beneficiaries will gain access to key information as well as make complaints and/or suggestions on WFP's assistance they receive. The project launch is scheduled in April 2021.

Partnerships

- WFP participated in the national conference on social protection organised by the Ministry of Social Affairs on 10 and 11 March 2021, actively contributing to the framework development and discussions held with UNICEF, ILO (**International Labour Organisation**) and national social protection representatives in Côte d'Ivoire. This conference aims to evaluate the **Plan Nationale de Protection Sociale (PNPS)** since its adoption in 2016, particularly in terms of programme/project implementation by key stakeholder's to reduce poverty, strengthen resilience and prevent vulnerabilities etc.

Funding Gaps

- The **December 2020 Cadre Harmonisé projects** 645,105 people to be food insecure by June- August 2021 (lean season). Thus, WFP needs USD 10.4 million to provide food and nutrition assistance to 200,000 vulnerable people including 20,000 children aged 6-23 months and cash transfers to 100,000 people through resilience building activities. For the next 6 months, WFP needs 3.9 million to assure the smooth running of its activities.

Monitoring

- A baseline survey was carried out** in the framework of the peace building fund (PBF) funded project. The result indicated that most communities reported social cohesion as efficient, though according to quantitative results, only 1 out of 9 smallholder farmer organizations surveyed were composed of more than one ethnic group.
- WFP participated in the first 2021 Cadre Harmonisé session** organised in Guinea in collaboration with **CONACILSS (Comité National du comité permanent inter états de Lutte contre la Sécheresse au Sahel)**, providing national and stakeholder partner's access to survey results on food security through the WFP mobile vulnerability analysis and mapping (mVAM).

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