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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 Guinean population live below the poverty line and more than 21 percent of households are food insecure. The nutritional situation of children remains precarious; 6.1 percent of children aged 6-59 months suffer from global acute malnutrition (of whom 1.7 percent are severely affected) and 24.4 percent of children aged 6-59 months suffer from stunting.

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

In Guinea, the first COVID-19 case was detected on 12 March 2020, and the outbreak has affected more than 13,119 people with 76 hospital deaths as of end November 2020. Beyond the immediate effect on public health, the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on food security, nutrition and livelihoods are already visible among the most vulnerable people, particularly the poorest households, casual labourers and petty traders. Loss of income and comparatively restricted market access are among the principal causes of food insecurity. According to the 2020 March *Cadre Harmonisé*, 267,170 people are currently food insecure and WFP estimates an additional 613,571 people to be food insecure by the end of 2020 due to the socio-economic effects of COVID-19.

WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964.



Population: **13.1 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **174 out of 189**

Income Level: **Low**

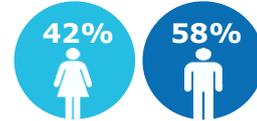
Chronic malnutrition: **24% of children aged 6-59 months**

In Numbers

379 mt of food assistance distributed

USD 3.4 m six months (December 2020- May 2021) net funding requirements

9,621 people assisted in November 2020



Operational Updates

Crisis response activities

- The project to assist vulnerable households affected by the socio-economic effects of COVID-19 in collaboration with the *Agence nationale d'inclusion économique et sociale* (ANIES) resumed at the end of November. It was suspended because of the presidential elections. The second round of distribution was planned for 15,120 households with 894 mt of rice and oil. The distribution to beneficiaries began in Conakry at the end of November. A total of 700 mt of rice and oil was distributed.
- In November, under the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) project, the planification of distribution to beneficiaries in Boké and Kankan was finalized for 736 households. However, the distribution was suspended because of the socio-economic effects of the presidential elections. A total of 12,563 beneficiaries exposed to the COVID-19 pandemic receive assistance under this project.

School feeding

- According to the updates from the Ministry of Education, the students were supposed to go back to school on 1 December. 600 mt of food was distributed to targeted schools as the preparation of the beginning of new semester.

Food assistance for assets

- In November, 1,405 beneficiaries (281 households) in N'zérékoré received GNF 581,670,000 (USD 59,857.68) as cash-based transfers (CBT) under the project RESIGUI through which WFP supports food insecure people in crisis response, recovery and resilience strengthening.

Nutrition

- In November, WFP provided nutrition assistance to 3,055 children aged 6-59 months and 2,105 pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/G) in Conakry, Boké, Labé, Kankan and N'zérékoré, in order to treat and prevent chronic malnutrition. To respond to a deficit in specialised nutritious food for children aged 6-23 months in the 1,000 days project, sensitization and culinary demonstrations were reinforced.
- In November, food and nutrition assistance was provided to 8,835 people living with HIV (PLHIV) and their households in Conakry, Kankan, Boké, Labé, N'zérékoré and Faranah. WFP also participated in the National Nutrition Cluster and implementation of nutritional activities regarding people living with HIV.

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Main photo

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Caption: Rice threshing in the district of Kandaida, Koundara using the rice threshing machine provided to smallholder farmers and communities supported through the WFP SAMS and FFA programme.

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)

2020 Total Requirement (in USD)	2020 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
22.4 m	17 m	3.4 m

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 meals to pre- and primary school children, including take home rations for girls prioritizing local purchase and strengthening partners' capacities

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 emergency food and nutrition assistance including SBCC and livelihood support to 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 tuberculosis and receiving treatment, persons with disabilities and orphans, in Guinea have improved nutrition status by 2030.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Support beneficiaries through the provision of specialized nutritious food and integrated programmes including SBCC and strengthen partner's capacities to prevent and treat all forms of 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 their livelihood sources, have more efficient and inclusive value chains and resilient food systems by 2030.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide climate-resilient livelihood support to targeted groups to sustainably increase and diversify their role along the food value chain, strengthen access to markets including in relation to school meals/HGSF and improve food handling and processing.

Strategic Result 5: Countries Strengthening

Strategic Outcome 5: National institutions have enhanced capacities to manage food security and nutrition, social protection and disaster risk management systems by 2030.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Deliver capacity strengthening support to national institutions and other partners including through South-South Cooperation on the design and implementation of social protection, emergency preparedness and response, disaster risk management and supply chain systems.

- In November, WFP Guinea participated in the planification of the 2021 UBRAF fund jointly with AIDS Control Team in Guinea and with WFP Regional Bureau of Dakar (RBD).

Partnerships

- The newly appointed Mission director of the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (Guinea and Sierra Leone) visited the WFP office in Guinea on the 12 November to discuss potential synergies with WFP.

Monitoring

- In November, WFP Guinea launched the Reference Group activities for the thematic decentralised evaluation (DE) on country capacity strengthening, to be conducted in 2021.
- In November, WFP collected data from 2,461 households as the baseline of RESIGUI project. All the beneficiaries fully participated and provided valid information in accordance of WFP's methodological approach.
- In November, WFP cleared mVAM data which will support the analysis of the Cadre Harmonisé exceptionally postponed for Guinea from 14 to 18 December 2020 following the violence recorded before, during and after the presidential elections.

Donors

Donors to WFP Guinea in 2020 include China, European Commission, the Government of Guinea, Japan and the Republic of Korea. Additional support has been provided by the COVID-19 Multi Partner Trust Fund.