



WFP Guinea Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Country Programme CP 200326 (2013-2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	5-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	55.5 m	49 m (88%)	2.3 m

* August - December 2017

The five-year Country Programme 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. It has 3 components.

The **school meals programme** aim to (i) increase attendance rates in primary school children; (ii) reduce drop-out rates amongst primary school children, particularly girls; and (iii) enhance government capacity to monitor and manage school meals activities. School meals are part of broader school health and nutrition programmes that have proven to provide a vital safety net for children in terms of nutrition, education and health.

The **health and nutrition programmes** aim to improve the nutritional situation of targeted categories of vulnerable people, including children aged 6 to 59 months, and pregnant and nursing women. Activities implemented under this component involve the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition and the prevention of acute malnutrition, micronutrient deficiencies and chronic malnutrition. Assistance for anti-retroviral treatment or tuberculosis (TB) clients aims to improve adherence to treatment.

The **programmes supporting agriculture production** target rural communities to boost agricultural production and reduce their vulnerability. This activity mainly support women farmers groups to increase their production and supply school canteens with fresh vegetables (including spinach, green pepper, okra and onions).

Highlights

- A contact with the technical services of agriculture and unions of the bean producers of the prefecture of Mali was carried out and is still in process, in order to explore the potential local purchases existing in the region.

WFP is also supporting local rice producers by purchasing locally produced parboiled rice from them for the school meals.



Credit: WFP/Anais Dresse.
Caption: The woman set the table ready before the meal at the Kissidougou school.

In Numbers

1.9 m food insecure people

230,000 children with moderate acute malnutrition

413,915 people targeted by WFP in 2017

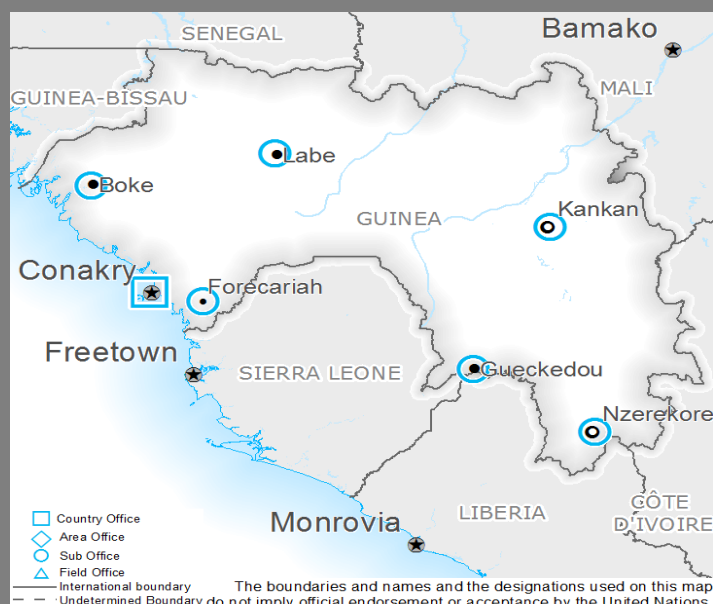
11,791
People Assisted
July 2017



Operational Updates

- Assistance to children in 58 CRENAMs followed its normal courses reaching 1,518 children under MAM treatment, and 11,791 children aged 6-59 months receiving Plumpy'Doz in Kouroussa, with 49.861 mt of food. Also, 145.634 mt were distributed to 9,685 people of the households of the anti-retroviral treatment clients in Conakry through the NGO partners (DREAM and AFA).
- WFP continues to provide market access to smallholder farmers by linking local purchases with school canteens supply. The purchase of 227 mt of parboiled rice from women parboilers unions started in June 2017, and so far 216 mt (95 percent) have been delivered.
- A new initiative to support farmer groups producing fresh vegetables through cash-based transfers started in the framework of the implementation of food assistance for assets activities in Forest Guinea. After conducting assessments, partners (NGOs, retailers and a mobile company) were selected to implement the first distribution in August 2017.
- The After Action Review (AAR) was carried out for local purchase of parboiled rice in the framework of Home Grown School Meals (HGSM) implemented from February 2016 to April 2017. This project aimed to strengthen capacities of farmers' organizations, notably unions of women parboilers in the Forest Guinea, with funds from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Strategic Resource Allocation Committee (SRAC). To capitalize the achievements of the project, two workshops were organized in N'zerekore and Conakry with the participation of different actors including local governments, Ministries, partner NGOs and financial institutions.
- **VAM:** The market prices have been collected on a bi-monthly basis and uploaded on the VAM food price portal at the end of the month.

Country Background & Strategy



Located in West Africa, the Republic of Guinea is home to around 12 million people. Despite an abundance of natural resources – including iron, bauxite, diamonds, and gold – Guinea faces major socio-economic and political challenges. Poverty and malnutrition rates are alarming, especially in rural areas. The 2014 Ebola outbreak further affected already vulnerable communities and continues to have an adverse economic impact. In 2016, Guinea was ranked 182 out of 188 countries in the UNDP Human Development Index.

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. In Guinea, 17.5 percent of the population is food insecure, around 1.9 million people. Malnutrition is a serious problem in the country, where nearly 230,000 children aged between 6-59 months suffer from moderate acute malnutrition and 99,000 children aged from 6 to 59 months suffer from severe 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 hosts around 4,800 Ivorian refugees in the Forest region.

WFP has been present in Guinea since 1964.

Population: **12 million**

2016 Human Development Index:
183 out of 188

Income Level: **Least developed**

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

Donors

Top five donors: Japan, USAID, Canada, Government of Guinea and France.