



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	48 m (87%)	0.5 m

* August - December 2017

The five-year Country Programme was launched in 2013, targeting the most vulnerable groups in 13 districts of six regions affected by structural food insecurity, high chronic malnutrition and low school enrolment. It has three components:

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

Health and nutrition programmes aim to improve the nutritional situation of targeted vulnerable people, including children 6 to 59 months and pregnant and lactating 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 and tuberculosis treatments provided to the affected people aims to improve adherence to treatment.

Programmes supporting agricultural production target rural communities with the aim to increase their resilience against food crises. Activities are particularly intended for women farmer groups who receive, inter alia, training and equipment. They supply school canteens in turn with fresh vegetables (spinach, green pepper, okra

Highlights

- WFP is seeking resources for its April 2018 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis whose total cost is estimated at USD 500,000.

and onions). WFP Guinea also supports local rice producers by purchasing locally produced parboiled rice for its school meals.



Credit: WFP/Fatoumata Diallo.

Caption: Female pupils of Labé's primary school receive their quarterly take-home food rations

In Numbers

1.9 m food insecure people

230,000 children with moderate acute malnutrition

413,915 people targeted by WFP in 2017

7,975
People Assisted
September 2017

49%



51%



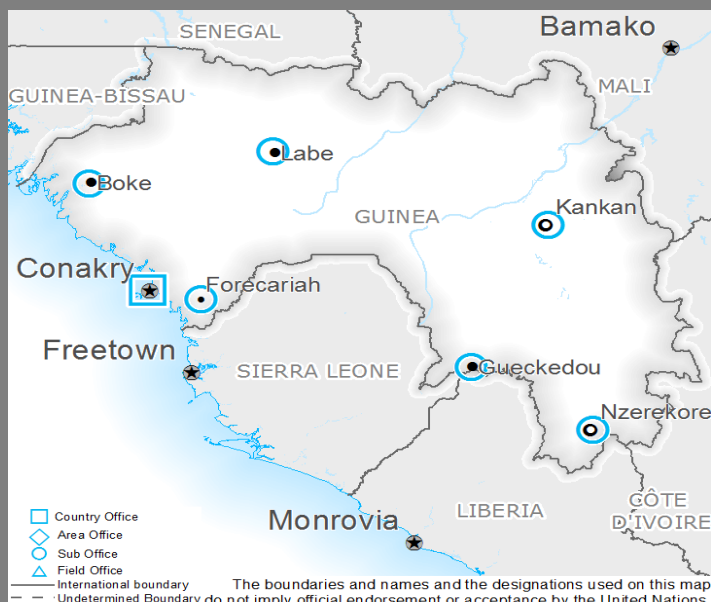
Operational Updates

- In Boké, WFP Guinea participated in the first Regional Technical Committee for Health (CTRS) meeting this year. Stakeholders presented their results and assessed the performance of health operations in the region.
- The World Food Programme continues to provide market access to smallholder farmers by linking local purchases with school canteens. In November 2017, the purchase of 662 mt of locally produced and processed parboiled rice will commence in the region of Forest Guinea and should be completed at the end of December 2017.
- A new initiative to support farmer groups producing fresh vegetables through cash-based transfers has begun. The project takes place within the framework of the Food Assistance for Assets activities in Forest Guinea. The contract with a mobile company was finalised and signed to start the distribution of e-vouchers in October 2017.
- **VAM:** Over five years after the last national Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA), WFP Guinea is planning a CFSVA+nutrition early 2018, together with its national and institutional partners. The proposed methodology and timeline were presented to the main actors of food security and nutrition last September in Conakry. WFP is seeking resources for this activity, the total cost of which is estimated at USD 500.000.



Credit: WFP/Fatoumata Diallo.
Caption: mothers of the schoolchildren preparing meals for the school canteen at Labé

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 6 to 59 months suffer from moderate acute malnutrition and 99,000 children 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 6-59 months**

Donors

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