



# WFP Cote d'Ivoire Country Brief

## WFP Assistance

Protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) – Saving lives and livelihoods, promoting transition 200464 (Apr 2013 - Dec 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	70 m	41.1 m (59%)	0

\* December 2017–May 2018

Under the PRRO, WFP continues to provide immediate food assistance to returning Ivorian refugees and vulnerable host populations in western regions, in coordination with UNHCR and the Government. A three-month food package is provided to returnees at entry points. Life-saving assistance is also provided to vulnerable people affected by shocks and inter-communal conflicts, including internally displaced persons (IDPs). WFP supports returnees, IDPs and host populations through food assistance activities to restore or build productive assets so as to increase and diversify livelihoods, create alternative income-generating activities and strengthen resilience of vulnerable communities. Such activities also promote reintegration and social cohesion and are implemented together with local NGOs in the Montagnes district, in the departments of Zouan-Hounien, Bloléquin and Toulepleu.

Capacity development is provided to the Government and local communities to support the implementation of a multi-sectorial and holistic approach to nutrition and resilience. WFP seeks to enhance government capacities in the implementation of strategies, policies and plans, such as the 2016-2020 National Multi-Sectorial Strategic Plan for Nutrition, the National Agricultural Investment Programme and the Social Protection Strategy.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and UNICEF, WFP aims at preventing maternal and child undernutrition through community-based nutrition education and awareness – such as adequate breastfeeding and child-care practices – and through blanket feeding.

# Highlights

- Three of the ten targeted women production groups assisted with various agricultural equipment and training were able to showcase their first harvest of fresh products during the International Exhibition of Agriculture and Animal Resources (SARA 2017).
- Under the food assistance for assets (FFA) programme planned to assist 8,000 returnees and vulnerable host people through cash-based transfers from October to December 2017, 7,924 were actively engaged in asset creation and livelihood activities.
- WFP distributed 0.750 mt of food package comprised of beans and specialised nutritious foods to 250 displaced people because of inter-communal conflicts in the west.

Country Programme (CP) –200960 (Jan 2017–Dec 2020)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	17.7 m	32.1 m (181%)	0

\* December 2017–May 2018

Under the Country Programme, WFP has gradually shifted its focus from relief to recovery and development interventions, aiming to address the underlying causes of food and nutrition insecurity and promote the establishment of a sustainable social-protection system in support of the national school meals programme.

WFP interventions focus on three components: nutrition, resilience and school meals. This includes: (i) activities to support resilience and reduce vulnerability to shocks in northern communities affected by climate change – including asset creation interventions primarily targeting women – and enhance government capacities to mitigate the effects of natural disasters. Nutrition-sensitive programming are built into the design of livelihood interventions; (ii) activities for the prevention of undernutrition and nutrition-sensitization, in line with WFP’s shift to a preventive approach, and to enhance government capacities to implement integrated nutrition programmes; and (iii) school meals activities and support activities, such as to facilitate the setting up of women’s agricultural groups near schools, to improve literacy, as well as capacity-strengthening, technical and financial assistance to the Government to ensure a sustainable hand-over strategy.

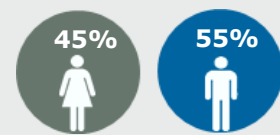
## In Numbers

**277,247** people in need of food assistance, Mar 2016

**258,472** people repatriated since 2011

**25,532** people displaced

**132,514** people assisted through the PRRO in 2017



## Operational Updates

- Three of the ten targeted women production groups assisted with various agricultural equipment and training were able to showcase their first harvest of fresh products during the International Exhibition of Agriculture and Animal Resources (SARA 2017), an event that brings together hundreds of actors in the agriculture sector, both public and private.
- Following participation at World Food Day (JMA 2017) in October, WFP's participation at SARA is the second this last semester to raise awareness of local authorities, the public and the media on WFP's development activities.
- Out of the 8,000 returnees and vulnerable host population planned to assist under the food assistance for assets (FFA) programme through cash modality from October to December 2017, 7,924 were actively engaged in asset creation and livelihood activities.
- WFP has initiated electronic cash-based transfers to 6,042 FFA participants, in collaboration with its local NGO partners and the mobile company MTN. Following registration and identification of participants, cash amount proportional to the number of working days was transferred to each one.
- The off-season campaign focused on vegetables started in October continues in nine localities in the north.
- Mediation is ongoing in the west to re-establish peace in inter-communal conflicts affected areas through radio broadcasting on social cohesion. As a relief assistance, WFP distributed 0.750 mt of food package comprised of beans and specialised nutritious foods to 250 displaced people.

## Challenges

- Challenges persist in the operationalization step of electronic cash-based transfers in the west, in coordinating actions to implement all activities on time. Measures have been taken to better coordinate actions between stakeholders as well as sensitize communities on the cash-based transfer process.
- Blanket supplementary feeding programme for prevention of acute malnutrition was not carried out in November because no vegetable oil was available. However, distribution without vegetable oil is planned in December for pregnant and lactating women.

## Partnership and Capacity-Strengthening

- In collaboration with the mobile company MTN, WFP implemented a hotline called "the green line", as a feedback mechanism available to all WFP beneficiaries.
- WFP reinforced the capacity of AVSI, its school meals programme partner responsible of the literacy component of the programme. New educational and literacy tools were reassessed.
- WFP distributed agricultural tools, equipment, seeds and fertilizers to its FFA implementing partners in the west as capacity strengthening in agricultural activities.
- In collaboration with orange-fleshed sweet potato suppliers, WFP provided training to its staff and local partners on the cultivation techniques of this high vitamin A food, currently cultivated by women farmers in the north.

## Country Background & Strategy



Côte d'Ivoire Government has set ambitious development goals for 2020. It is emerging from a decade of civil and political unrest that caused major displacements, internally and into neighbouring countries. The sustained political and economic stability of the last 5 years have encouraged investments, as well as the return of over 250,000 Ivorian refugees and internally displaced people to their areas of origin. However, social-cohesion is fragile in areas of return and displacement, and inter-communal conflicts are a risk.

Deep socio-economic inequalities linger, where one in two people live under the poverty line, one in three children suffer from chronic malnutrition, and food insecurity persists, especially in northern and western regions where WFP mostly operates. In the West, it is a consequence of the crisis and pressures exerted by high concentrations of returnees and displaced. In the north, of structural poverty, climate change and declining rainfall. High food prices exacerbate the already fragile situation. In addition, primary school enrolment, attendance rates and the quality of education are low.

WFP operations in Cote d'Ivoire started in 1969, focusing on development activities (e.g. promotion of land cultivation and school meals). Due to the socio-political crisis, WFP implemented humanitarian activities, but the regained stability has enabled a shift from relief to recovery and development.

Population: **23.2 million**

2016 Human Development Index: **172 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **31.8%**

United States, Canada, Japan, Multilateral, Saudi Arabia, Private donors and Switzerland.

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