



CÔTE D'IVOIRE – COMPLEX EMERGENCY

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- During a recent visit to western Côte d'Ivoire, staff from USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) observed that road security in the region is generally improving, as ambushes that occurred in July have ceased, and improvised checkpoints have not reappeared on main roads. In Abidjan, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that most internally displaced persons (IDPs) had returned to the heavily affected neighborhoods of Yopougon and Abobo as of late July. Commercial activities have resumed in both neighborhoods, and many local institutions and civil services are now functional.
- USAID/OFDA staff note that although the humanitarian situation in western Côte d'Ivoire has not changed significantly in recent weeks, security incidents, food shortages, financial constraints, and the destruction of homes are among the primary factors continuing to prevent some refugees and IDPs from returning. In early August, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reported a significant increase in the number of returnees along the Côte d'Ivoire-Liberia border. Population movement in western Côte d'Ivoire remains fluid, as ongoing insecurity and uncertainty regarding the availability of assistance cause many refugees to return only temporarily to assess security, inhibiting more permanent returns, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- To meet ongoing needs, USAID/OFDA recently provided an additional \$800,000 to the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) for protection activities benefiting conflict-affected children and women in Moyon-Cavally and Dix-Huit Montagnes regions, western Côte d'Ivoire. UNICEF will help strengthen family reunification efforts, provide psychosocial assistance for children, and establish protection action networks to prevent sexual and gender-based violence. In addition, USAID/OFDA recently provided more than \$325,000 to WFP for continued operation of the U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) between Abidjan and Man, western Côte d'Ivoire. UNHAS service enables relief agency staff to better access affected areas in the west.
- To date in FY 2011, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$10 million to reduce the impact of conflict and displacement on populations in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia through distribution of emergency relief commodities and interventions in agriculture and food security, economic recovery, health, livelihoods, nutrition, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). In total, the U.S. Government has provided more than \$58 million in humanitarian assistance to date.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		Source
IDPs in Côte d'Ivoire	204,417 ¹	UNHCR – July 22, 2011
Ivorian Refugees in Liberia	171,362 ²	UNHCR – August 11, 2011
Ivorian Refugees in Other Countries	24,910	UNHCR – July 28, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$10,323,400
USAID/FFP ³ Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$16,400,000
State/PRM ⁴ Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, and Neighboring Countries	\$31,500,000
Total USAID and State Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, and Neighboring Countries	\$58,223,400

¹ Due to frequent population movements, estimates of IDP figures are subject to change. As of August 4, 2011, approximately 30,079 IDPs remained at 48 organized displacement sites throughout Côte d'Ivoire, according to the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster, the coordinating body for organized displacement sites.

² The total includes more than 74,000 refugees in Grand Gedeh County, more than 52,000 refugees in Nimba County, nearly 33,000 refugees in Maryland County, and more than 11,000 refugees in River Gee County. The total figure remains fluid due to ongoing UNHCR verification and may not reflect the number of returnees to Côte d'Ivoire.

³ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁴ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

Context

- Following the disputed presidential election in November 2010 between Alassane Ouattara and then-incumbent Laurent Gbagbo, increasingly intense fighting between forces loyal to the two sides resulted in extensive displacement throughout Côte d'Ivoire and into neighboring countries, primarily Liberia. Unresolved land tenure disputes, longstanding ethnic tensions, and fear of potential retaliation by forces loyal to Gbagbo or Ouattara—now president—continue to contribute to an uncertain security situation in western Côte d'Ivoire.
- On January 4, 2011, U.S. Ambassador to Liberia Linda Thomas-Greenfield issued a disaster declaration for Liberia due to the increasing humanitarian needs of communities hosting Ivorian refugees and citizens of other countries also fleeing Côte d'Ivoire. On March 13, U.S. Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire Phillip Carter III issued a disaster declaration for Côte d'Ivoire due to the humanitarian impact of the increasing violence and displacement.

Côte d'Ivoire: WASH and Food Security

- IDPs, returnees, and host communities in western Côte d'Ivoire continue to require emergency food assistance and WASH support, OCHA and the CCCM Cluster report. According to OCHA, 157,000 conflict-affected people remain in need of WASH services in the west.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$1.1 million for WASH services in Côte d'Ivoire, supporting up to 140,000 displaced and conflict-affected people in western Côte d'Ivoire. USAID/FFP has provided 2,620 metric tons (MT) of emergency food assistance, valued at approximately \$4.7 million, to conflict-affected Ivorians in the country.

Liberia: Arrivals and Returns of Displaced Peoples

- As of mid-July, refugee camps in Bahn, Dougee, and Solo Town, Liberia, had reached maximum capacity, and UNHCR is working to expand the sites. In addition, approximately 890 refugees hosted in Toe Town transit camp are expected to voluntarily relocate to Dougee camp when the transit site closes in the coming weeks. PTP camp, which is in Grand Gedeh County and is currently under expansion, will likely begin receiving refugees in September.
- On August 1, OCHA highlighted the need for a coordinated approach that accounts for the concerns of all relief agencies involved on both sides of the Côte d'Ivoire–Liberia border. On July 21, the Government of Liberia and UNHCR published a strategy and an implementation plan for gradual voluntary relocation of Ivorian refugees from border communities to camps and designated relocation villages in Nimba, Grand Gedeh, and Maryland counties through the end of the year. OCHA noted that though the plan may improve security conditions for refugees and reduce logistical challenges for humanitarian organizations delivering assistance, the strategy might inadvertently deter the future return of Ivorians.
- A significant number of Ivorian refugees wish to remain close to the Côte d'Ivoire–Liberia border to periodically check on property and security in Côte d'Ivoire, according to a recent State/PRM assessment. In addition, many refugees have ethnic ties to the area and have planted crops or constructed shelters nearby. UNHCR reported that more refugees in Nimba County are now willing to be relocated away from the border, primarily due to unconfirmed reports of increasing violence in southwestern Côte d'Ivoire.

Other Humanitarian Assistance

- On August 1, the Central Emergency Response Fund—a humanitarian fund established by the U.N. and funded by governments, private businesses, foundations and individuals—announced the release of \$6 million to address health, food, and WASH needs in Côte d'Ivoire.

**FY 2011 USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO
CÔTE D'IVOIRE, LIBERIA, AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Protection, WASH	Côte d'Ivoire: Moyen-Cavally and Dix-Huit Montagnes Regions	\$1,479,001
Première Urgence	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, WASH	Côte d'Ivoire: Abidjan	\$579,715
Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US)	Health, Nutrition	Côte d'Ivoire: Moyen-Cavally Region	\$1,025,077
UNICEF	Health, WASH, Protection	Côte d'Ivoire: Moyen-Cavally and Dix-Huit Montagnes Regions and Affected Areas	\$1,800,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
WFP	UNHAS	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$325,744
	Administrative Support and Travel	Côte d'Ivoire: Countrywide	\$133,775
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire</i>			\$6,343,312
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Shelter and Settlements	Nimba County, Liberia	\$339,956
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems	Nimba County, Liberia	\$995,792
Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Protection, WASH	Maryland County, Liberia	\$499,941
Equip Liberia	Health, Protection	Nimba County, Liberia	\$599,990
IRC	Health, Protection	Nimba County, Liberia	\$394,687
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$800,000
USAID/Liberia ²	Health, Protection, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$99,722
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$250,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia</i>			\$3,980,088
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$10,323,400

USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			
WFP	2,620 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$4,700,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/FFP Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire</i>			\$4,700,000
WFP	7,590 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$11,700,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/FFP Assistance to Liberia</i>			\$11,700,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			\$16,400,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Food Security, Health, WASH, Family Reunification	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$3,550,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	IDP Camp Coordination and Emergency Transport	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$700,000
UNHCR	Protection, IDP Camp Coordination, Contingency Planning	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas, Neighboring Countries	\$7,500,000
<i>Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and non-Liberia neighboring countries</i>			\$11,750,000
ICRC	Livelihoods, WASH, Family Reunification	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$2,350,000
UNHCR	Protection, Refugee Assistance	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$15,800,000
WFP	Logistics	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$600,000
Various	Refugee Assistance	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
<i>Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Liberia</i>			\$19,750,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$31,500,000
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE, LIBERIA, AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FY 2011			\$58,223,400

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of August 12, 2011.

² USAID/Liberia used this funding to support humanitarian response activities implemented by Equip Liberia and IRC.

³ Estimated value of food assistance.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for response efforts in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821-1999.
Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID website at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/