



CÔTE D'IVOIRE – COMPLEX EMERGENCY

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- During a visit to western Côte d'Ivoire from July 6 to 11, the USAID humanitarian assessment team observed that security conditions continue to improve overall, allowing for increased spontaneous returns of displaced populations and greater humanitarian access, although some security concerns persist. Following observation of food and relief commodity distributions and visits to health centers and sites hosting internally displaced persons (IDPs), the USAID team reported that relief agencies are generally meeting immediate humanitarian needs. Improved security recently permitted a relief agency partner of USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) to access Bloléquin and Toulépleu towns, and the relief agency plans to begin supporting health centers in both locations during the week of July 18.
- In recent weeks, local authorities and relief agencies have observed large-scale spontaneous returns from Liberia and from within Côte d'Ivoire. As of July 14, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimate that between 40,000 and 64,000 displaced people have returned to areas of origin. As of July 13, approximately 30,000 IDPs remain at organized displacement sites throughout Côte d'Ivoire, according to the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster—a decrease of approximately 37,000 people since the figure reported on June 17.
- On July 5, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) provided an additional \$2.9 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for ongoing relief activities in both Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia. To date, USAID and State/PRM have provided more than \$57 million in humanitarian assistance to benefit populations affected by the complex emergency in Côte d'Ivoire.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		Source
IDPs in Côte d'Ivoire	322,277 ¹	UNHCR – June 15, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d'Ivoire to Liberia	149,453 ²	UNHCR – July 8, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d'Ivoire to Other Countries	27,257	UNHCR – June 16, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$9,197,934
USAID/FFP ³ Assistance to Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia	\$16,400,000
State/PRM Assistance to Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, and Neighboring Countries	\$31,500,000
Total USAID and State Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, and Neighboring Countries	\$57,097,934

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 parts of Côte d'Ivoire, particularly in the west.
- 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

¹ Due to frequent population movements, estimates of IDP figures are subject to change. The total current figure includes 132,188 IDPs in western Côte d'Ivoire, 62,676 IDPs in northern Côte d'Ivoire, and 55,912 IDPs in Abidjan. Identification and registration of IDPs continue.

² The total includes more than 74,000 refugees in Grand Gedeh County, an estimated 43,500 refugees in Nimba County, nearly 28,000 refugees in Maryland County, and approximately 3,700 refugees in River Gee County. The total figure remains fluid due to ongoing UNHCR verifications and may not reflect the number of returnees to Côte d'Ivoire.

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

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.

Security and Returns

- While security conditions continue to improve generally in western Côte d'Ivoire, some security concerns persist. On July 14, OCHA reported the recent removal of many Republican Forces of Côte d'Ivoire (FRCI) checkpoints along several main roads in the west. However, during a recent assessment of conditions in Moyen-Cavally Region conducted by a USAID/OFDA partner, residents along several smaller roads in the region reported that FRCI forces continue to man checkpoints and demand payment to pass checkpoints, with higher rates for displaced people travelling home, potentially inhibiting their return. In addition, the U.N. Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) reported to the USAID team that tensions between FRCI forces and militias continue.
- In meetings with the USAID team, local officials stressed the need to provide disarmed combatants with alternative livelihoods opportunities, noting that the Government of Côte d'Ivoire plans to begin a disarmament program in the region this month. In addition, officials reported that many law enforcement staff in the area lack arms or uniforms, creating difficulties in enforcing security in some areas.
- In Abidjan, improved security conditions in many neighborhoods have allowed for increased returns of displaced people and reopening of markets, OCHA reported on July 14, though insecurity and tensions persist in some areas.

Camp Conditions

- As of July 5, the first 721 IDPs, mainly women and children, had relocated from the Duékoué Catholic mission—the largest displacement site in western Côte d'Ivoire—to the recently completed Nahibly camp. The new site can accommodate up to 8,000 IDPs, easing pressure on the overcrowded Catholic mission. UNOCI peacekeeping forces control entry and maintain a presence within the camp, which is located 4 km from the Catholic mission. Relief agency staff expect displaced populations from other towns to relocate to the camp in the coming weeks. While the Catholic mission remains crowded, with up to 11,000 IDPs sleeping in the site each night, the site manager reported no immediate unmet humanitarian needs to the USAID team.

Food Security

- According to recent relief agency assessments, Ivorians residing in some parts of Moyen-Cavally Region will likely continue to require emergency food assistance and seeds for planting. Looting by armed forces and the presence of many IDPs contributed to the depletion of the region's seed stocks. In addition, relief agencies report that some IDPs have deferred returning home as they await the harvests from small quantities of seeds planted during their displacement.
- As of July 14, OCHA reported that in June, relief agencies had provided emergency food assistance to benefit more than 180,000 IDPs and members of host communities 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, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Western 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	Western Côte d'Ivoire: Moyen-Cavally Region	\$1,025,077

U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Health, WASH	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
U.N. World Food Program (WFP)	Logistics	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
	Administrative Support and Travel	Côte d'Ivoire: Countrywide	\$133,775
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire</i>			\$5,217,568
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	\$100,000
WFP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$250,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia</i>			\$3,980,366
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$9,197,934
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			
WFP	2,620 Metric Tons (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			
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>			<i>\$19,750,000</i>
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$31,500,000
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE, LIBERIA, AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FY 2011			\$57,097,934

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of July 15, 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 +1.703.276.1914
Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.