



Côte d’Ivoire – Complex Emergency

Fact Sheet #14, Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated July 1, 2011.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- During a government seminar on July 5 and 6, President Alassane Ouattara outlined the Ivorian government’s priorities for reconstruction, which include consolidating peace through reconciliation efforts, improving the country’s economic prospects, and restoring security and essential services such as water and electricity.
- U.N. agencies continue to report simultaneous displacement and returns in western Côte d’Ivoire and eastern Liberia. While noting that more than 65,000 people may have returned to Côte d’Ivoire from Liberia in recent months, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) continues to register new arrivals in Maryland and Grand Gedeh counties, Liberia, as of early July. UNHCR and partners are working to verify additional details regarding the population movements.
- A June U.N. World Food Program (WFP) market survey report indicates that populations in northern and western Côte d’Ivoire are entering the lean season with below-average food stocks, although the food situation will likely improve with the main grain and cash crop harvests in October. In Abidjan, access to food will depend on trends in food prices and the degree to which economic activities resume in the city. Displaced populations will continue to rely on food assistance in the near term, according to WFP.
- As of July 8, USAID/OFDA is addressing the livelihoods, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs of approximately 88,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host community members in Côte d’Ivoire by providing more than \$1.4 million to International Rescue Committee (IRC). USAID/OFDA is also contributing nearly \$580,000 for a Première Urgence emergency job-creation program in the conflict-affected neighborhood of Yopougon in Abidjan. To date, USAID and the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) have provided nearly \$54.2 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 ² – June 15, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Liberia	149,453 ³	UNHCR – July 8, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Other Countries	27,257	UNHCR – June 16, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$9,169,304
USAID/FFP⁴ Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$16,400,000
State/PRM⁵ Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire, Liberia, and Other Neighboring Countries	\$28,600,000
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire, Liberia, and Other Neighboring Countries.....	\$54,169,304

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 President Ouattara continue to contribute to an uncertain security situation in parts of Côte d’Ivoire.

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 Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

³ 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.

⁴ USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁵ U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

- 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: Security

- In addition to establishing eight new military camps in the western part of the country, the U.N. Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) is currently working to rehabilitate and equip a number of municipal offices, police stations, and *gendarmeries* throughout the country that were damaged during the post-election crisis. UNOCI has emphasized that deploying law enforcement staff while withdrawing army personnel is the key to restoring law and order in Côte d'Ivoire.

Côte d'Ivoire: Humanitarian Assistance

- WFP, in coordination with non-governmental organization Action Contre la Faim, plans to begin a cash transfer program using Short Message Service (SMS) via local mobile phones in August. The program is expected to benefit approximately 54,000 people in Abidjan.
- On July 4, WFP reported preliminary figures indicating the distribution of more than 2,180 metric tons (MT) of food commodities to nearly 168,900 people throughout Côte d'Ivoire in June. WFP noted that pipeline and resource constraints continue to hinder its food assistance activities in the country, reducing the number of planned beneficiaries to 260,000 people from an estimated 540,000 people who may require food assistance.

Liberia: Refugee Arrivals and Protection

- Humanitarian agencies in eastern Liberia are actively relocating Ivorian refugees from transit centers and border villages to refugee camps to increase the refugees' access to humanitarian assistance. Between June 26 and July 2, more than 1,000 refugees relocated to the Bahn camp in Nimba County and the Little Wlebo camp in Maryland County.
- A recent WFP protection rapid assessment found that Ivorian refugees in Liberia had used transactional sex—the exchange of sex for food or cash—as a coping mechanism, partially due to a lack of food assistance during the first months following the disputed election in Côte d'Ivoire. WFP is working to mitigate such actions by distributing food rations to Ivorian refugees, as well as to Liberian host communities.

Liberia: Food Security

- In June, WFP provided approximately 2,700 MT of food assistance to more than 98,000 refugees and 81,000 host community members in Nimba, Grand Gedeh, and Maryland counties, according to the U.N. Country Team in Liberia. WFP plans to provide food assistance to more than 282,000 people in Nimba, Grand Gedeh, Maryland, and River Gee counties in July.
- On June 29, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and the Government of Liberia launched a \$500,000 emergency agriculture project to assist Ivorian refugees and Liberian host community members in Nimba and Grand Gedeh counties in eastern Liberia to grow rice, tubers, and vegetables. The project aims to improve food security and provide income-generating opportunities for approximately 13,000 people.

Liberia: Health, Nutrition, and WASH

- As of July 1, UNHCR, the U.N. World Health Organization, and other health partners had distributed more than 10,000 mosquito nets in response to increasing incidence of malaria in refugee-settled areas in eastern Liberia. In addition, more than 8,000 houses and shelters, including in the Bahn refugee camp in Nimba County, have received indoor spraying to repel mosquitoes.
- Mobile health clinics supported by the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) continue to reach communities without health facilities in Grand Gedeh County, Liberia. Between June 25 and July 1, the clinics conducted more than 500 consultations throughout the county, including at Ziah camp and in the area of Tempo town.
- The percentage of malnutrition cases among Ivorian refugee children has gradually declined since December, from approximately 10 percent in December to 2.8 percent in June, according to preliminary nutritional assessment results relayed by UNICEF, which attributes the decrease to the improved coverage of food assistance for refugees, as well as the increasing number of children identified and treated for malnutrition.
- As of June 30, members of the WASH Cluster—the coordinating body for humanitarian agencies conducting WASH activities—in Liberia had provided safe drinking water to nearly 150,000 people residing in way stations, transit and refugee camps, and border villages. WASH Cluster members also provided sanitation services to more than 70,000 people in these areas.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND LIBERIA			
FY 2011			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
IRC	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Protection, 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
UNICEF	Health, WASH	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
WFP	Logistics	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
	Administrative Support and Travel	Côte d'Ivoire: Countrywide	\$105,145
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire</i>			<i>\$5,188,938</i>
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>			<i>\$3,980,366</i>
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$9,169,304
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>			<i>\$4,700,000</i>
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>			<i>\$11,700,000</i>
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			\$16,400,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Health, WASH, Family Reunification	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$2,050,000
International Organization for Migration	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>			<i>\$10,250,000</i>
ICRC	Livelihoods, WASH, Family Reunification	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$950,000
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>\$18,350,000</i>
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$28,600,000
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FY 2011			\$54,169,304

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of July 8, 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 (703) 276-1914
Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int