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## ***Côte d’Ivoire – Complex Emergency***

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*Note: The last fact sheet was dated June 27, 2011.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- Preliminary results from an International Organization for Migration (IOM) assessment conducted in mid-June indicate that approximately 52,000 people are spending the night in internally displaced person (IDP) camps and other sites throughout the country. The figure includes 29,434 IDPs who are currently residing in 10 IOM-managed camps in western Côte d’Ivoire. IOM and humanitarian partners plan to use the assessment findings to design food, transport, medical, and health assistance programs for returnees. As of June 29, U.N. agencies reported that between 42,000 and 48,000 IDPs remained in camps and sites throughout the country.
- The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), U.N. World Food Program (WFP), U.N. Development Program, and Government of Côte d’Ivoire (GoCI) conducted a national food security and agricultural needs assessment between June 3 and 17. Initial results indicated a high degree of vulnerability, especially among populations in western areas, due to weak purchasing power, limited food stocks, and lack of access to seeds and other agricultural inputs.
- While spontaneous returns of Ivorian refugees from Liberia to Côte d’Ivoire are occurring, the situation remains highly fluid. As of June 25, U.N. agencies reported an additional 1,960 refugees in Liberia since June 17. According to U.N. agencies, refugees likely continue to enter Liberia due to ongoing insecurity, including reprisals, in southern Côte d’Ivoire.
- As of June 30, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$500,000 to the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) to meet ongoing humanitarian needs of host communities in Maryland County, Liberia, including strengthening food security through agriculture, prevention of and response to gender-based violence, and improving access to water, sanitation, and hygiene services (WASH). To date, USAID and the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) have provided more than \$52.1 million in humanitarian assistance to benefit populations affected by the complex emergency in Côte d’Ivoire.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	
<b>IDPs in Côte d’Ivoire</b>	322,277 <sup>1</sup>	UNHCR <sup>2</sup> – June 15, 2011
<b>People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Liberia</b>	144,291 <sup>3</sup>	UNHCR and U.N. agencies – June 25, 2011
<b>People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Other Countries</b>	27,257	UNHCR – June 16, 2011

### **FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

**USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia ..... \$7,110,588**  
**USAID/FFP Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia ..... \$16,400,000**  
**State/PRM 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..... \$52,110,588**

### **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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

<sup>3</sup> The total includes more than 73,638 refugees in Grand Gedeh County, an estimated 45,000 refugees in Nimba County, more than 22,473 refugees in Maryland County, and 3,180 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.

- 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***

- On June 29, the U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution to extend the deployment of the additional 2,000 troops and air assets that were sent to the country to provide support for peacekeeping forces with the U.N. Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI). The additional troops will remain in the country until July 31. The air assets—deployed from the U.N. Mission in Liberia—will remain in country until September 30.

***Côte d'Ivoire: Humanitarian Activities***

- The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) provided medical supplies to local authorities after the confirmation of 10 cholera cases in the Koumassi district of Abidjan as of June 16. In addition, UNICEF worked with GoCI officials and humanitarian partners to provide access to safe drinking water for approximately 250,000 people throughout the country.
- Large IDP numbers in the west continue to strain available water resources. Humanitarian partners have mobilized to increase access to water sources. Humanitarian partner are providing safe drinking water daily to 2,000 IDPs in the Danané II site and for 5,000 IDPs in Duékoué.

***Liberia: Refugee Arrivals and Protection***

- The Norwegian Refugee Council discovered several hundred unregistered refugees, both old and new arrivals, in surrounding areas of Nimba County during border protection monitoring activities during June.
- As of June 25, the Office of the U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator for Liberia reported that new Ivorian refugees continue to arrive in Maryland and Grand Gedeh counties, citing ongoing violence and insecurity as the main reasons for their flight.
- Humanitarian partners remain concerned with protection issues for IDPs and refugees. Non-governmental organizations working in Côte d'Ivoire-Liberia border areas continue to conduct trainings to raise awareness on human rights, domestic violence, and the consequences of sexual exploitation and abuse. Due to past allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse in Dougee Camp in Liberia, humanitarian partners have conducted, and plan to continue to hold, GBV and sexual exploitation and abuse trainings for staff.

***Liberia: Assistance to Host Communities and Refugees***

- According to U.N. agencies, WFP and partners have distributed 1,406 metric tons (MT) of food rations to 84,443 refugees in Nimba, Grand Gedeh, and Maryland counties. WFP and partners continue to distribute food for host communities. As of June 27, WFP and partners had reached 49,495 host community members in Nimba and Grand Gedeh counties through general food distributions. During June, WFP provided food commodities to 6,350 host community members through the FAO and European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office Seed Protection Projects. WFP and partners are finalizing plans to commence food distributions in River Gee County within the next two weeks.
- Between June 19 and 25, humanitarian partners working in affected areas in Liberia screened 1,148 children, including 574 refugees, for malnutrition at 21 outpatient therapeutic program sites. Of the children screened, 19 percent were malnourished, of which 7 percent had severe acute malnutrition. Humanitarian partners continue to provide nutritional support for the malnourished children.
- Due to a rising malaria caseload in refugee affected counties, UNHCR has provided 10,000 insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) for distribution in Nimba County. In addition, UNHCR is providing 40,000 ITNs to assist refugees residing in Grand Gedeh and Maryland counties.
- Humanitarian partners have constructed 919 shelters at Bahn Camp, of which 856 are currently occupied. In addition, partners have also constructed shelters in refugee relocation communities in affected areas.

<b>USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND LIBERIA</b>			
<b>FY 2011</b>			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
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
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>			<b>\$3,130,222</b>
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
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
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Protection	Nimba County, Liberia	\$394,687
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$800,000
USAID/Liberia <sup>2</sup>	Health, Protection, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$100,000
WFP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$250,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia</i>			<b>\$3,980,366</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$7,110,588</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
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>			<b>\$4,700,000</b>
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>			<b>\$11,700,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$16,400,000</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Health, WASH, Family Reunification	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$2,050,000
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>			<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>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$28,600,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FY 2011</b>			<b>\$52,110,588</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of July 1, 2011.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914  
Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)