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

Fact Sheet #8, Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

May 31, 2011

*Note: The last fact sheet was dated May 20, 2011.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- The overall security situation in Côte d’Ivoire continues to improve, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), though insecurity persists in some western areas, hindering returns of displaced populations. OCHA reported recent security incidents in the Abidjan neighborhoods of Yopougon and Abobo, and humanitarian access to parts of Yopougon, a neighborhood heavily affected by the conflict, remains limited.
- In recent weeks, tensions in the southwestern districts of Soubré, Sassandra, and San Pedro have resulted in the displacement of at least 4,000 to 6,000 people, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) reported on May 24. The displaced people, mostly women and children, are sheltering at spontaneous sites in Soubré, according to UNICEF; relief agencies conducted an assessment of conditions on May 23 and will share findings in the coming days. Recent insecurity in the southwest has also disrupted plans for a polio immunization campaign in the area.
- Following his attendance at President Alassane Ouattara’s official inauguration in Yamoussoukro on May 21, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visited an internally displaced person (IDP) camp in Abidjan’s Cocody neighborhood on May 22 and reaffirmed the U.N.’s commitment to voluntary returns. The Secretary-General also emphasized that U.N. agencies would continue to provide humanitarian assistance to affected populations.
- Refugee influxes from Côte d’Ivoire into Liberia’s Grand Gedeh County continue to decrease. Between May 15 and 21, an average of 130 people crossed into the county daily, according to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); the figure represents a decline from daily arrivals of several hundred people during the previous week. Refugee arrivals in other Liberian counties also continue to drop; UNHCR reported only 12 to 15 daily arrivals in Nimba County as of May 19.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	
<b>IDPs in Côte d’Ivoire</b>	~332,556 <sup>1</sup>	U.N. agencies <sup>1</sup> – May 26, 2011
<b>People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Liberia</b>	187,266 <sup>2</sup>	UNHCR – May 31, 2011
<b>People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Other Countries</b>	24,093	UNHCR – May 26, 2011

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

**USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia ..... \$6,505,502**  
**USAID/FFP<sup>3</sup> Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia ..... \$16,400,000**  
**State/PRM<sup>4</sup> Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire, Liberia, and Other Neighboring Countries ..... \$21,100,000**  
**Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire, Liberia, and Other Neighboring Countries..... \$44,005,502**

### **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. Despite former president Gbagbo’s capture on April 11, unresolved land tenure conflicts, longstanding ethnic tensions, and fear of potential retaliation by forces loyal to Gbagbo or Ouattara continue to contribute to an uncertain security situation in Côte d’Ivoire. President Ouattara was formally inaugurated on May 21.

<sup>1</sup> Due to frequent population movements, estimates of IDP figures are subject to change. Approximately 154,600 IDPs are in western Côte d’Ivoire, approximately 108,500 IDPs are in northern Côte d’Ivoire, and more than 12,600 IDPs are in central Côte d’Ivoire, according to tabulation of figures from OCHA, UNHCR, and UNICEF. An estimated 56,800 IDPs are in Abidjan; however, earlier reports indicated that as many as 700,000 people may have been displaced in and around the city. Identification and registration of IDPs continue.

<sup>2</sup> This figure remains fluid due to ongoing UNHCR verifications and may not reflect the number of returnees to Côte d’Ivoire. Nearly 99,000 refugees are in Nimba County, more than 71,000 refugees are in Grand Gedeh County, and more than 16,000 refugees are in Maryland County, with the remainder in River Gee and Montserrado counties.

<sup>3</sup> USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>4</sup> 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 extensive displacement.

***Côte d'Ivoire: Nutrition and Food Security***

- In recent weeks, relief agencies have provided anecdotal reports of increased incidence of acute malnutrition among children in western Côte d'Ivoire. According to OCHA, relief agencies are scaling up malnutrition treatment, screening, and awareness programs. On May 27, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$500,000 to Save the Children/USA (SC/US) for a nutrition intervention to treat nearly 11,000 people in western Côte d'Ivoire, including children suffering from severe or moderate acute malnutrition and pregnant or lactating women.
- To help host communities and displaced populations sow crops during the current planting season, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is distributing seeds and agricultural inputs in Côte d'Ivoire; during the week of May 27, FAO planned to distribute agricultural kits to 7,600 households in western areas, benefiting more than 45,000 people. FAO plans to distribute kits to 2,000 households in northern areas, benefiting 12,000 people.
- With support from USAID/FFP and others, WFP and partners continue to distribute emergency food assistance throughout the country; by May 15, WFP had distributed food to more than 103,000 people, including nearly 67,000 people in the west, more than 22,000 people in central and northern regions, and more than 12,000 people in hospitals and at IDP sites in and around Abidjan. WFP planned to distribute food to an additional 103,000 beneficiaries during the second half of May.

***Côte d'Ivoire: Health***

- The disease surveillance system in western Côte d'Ivoire is once again functional, OCHA reports, and systems in Bouaké and Abidjan are expected to resume operation this week. The U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) and other relief agencies are providing technical support to supplement Government of Côte d'Ivoire (GoCI) disease surveillance systems disrupted by the conflict; for instance, early-warning measures implemented by WHO in western Côte d'Ivoire detected a suspected case of polio in Man district.
- From May 13 to 23, the GoCI Ministry of Health, WHO, and UNICEF conducted a yellow fever vaccination campaign targeting more than 5.3 million people in the Bouaké area.
- On May 27, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$500,000 to SC/US for provision of primary healthcare in western Côte d'Ivoire, benefiting 20,000 IDPs and 20,000 members of host communities. In total, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$900,000 for health interventions in Côte d'Ivoire to date.

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

- During the week of May 16, WFP began distribution of a one-time, 30-day ration to Liberian families hosting refugees, starting in Nimba County. Distribution will benefit approximately 20,000 people and complements ongoing distribution of emergency food assistance by WFP and others.
- The distribution also complements current efforts by U.N. agencies to distribute seeds to Liberian families for planting in May and June. Without food assistance and provision of agricultural inputs, Liberian host families may become increasingly vulnerable to food insecurity in coming months, as host families were forced to consume some of their seeds due to the strain placed by refugees on household food resources. On May 20, OCHA reported that an assessment carried out by U.N. agencies in April indicated that farmers in Grand Gedeh County who had once produced their own seeds now needed to travel elsewhere to acquire seeds. FAO and others plan to distribute seeds to benefit 21,300 households in Nimba and Grand Gedeh counties.
- UNHCR reports that health authorities and relief agencies recently completed a yellow fever vaccination campaign benefiting more than 133,000 Ivorian refugees in Grand Gedeh, Maryland, Nimba, and River Gee counties.

<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>			
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
SC/US	Health, Nutrition	Western Côte d'Ivoire: Moyen-Cavally District	\$1,025,077
UNICEF	Health, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
WFP	Logistics	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire</i>			<b>\$3,025,077</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
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>\$3,480,425</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$6,505,502</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
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>			<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	\$1,300,000
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	\$5,000,000
<i>Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and non-Liberia neighboring countries</i>			<b>\$7,000,000</b>
ICRC	Livelihoods, WASH, Family Reunification	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$700,000

UNHCR	Protection, Refugee Assistance	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$11,800,000
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>\$14,100,000</i>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$21,100,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FY 2011</b>			<b>\$44,005,502</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of May 31, 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)