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Côte d’Ivoire – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated May 13, 2011.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Insecurity persists in western Côte d’Ivoire, where humanitarian agency staff have indicated concern regarding the presence of unidentified armed men in the area of Guiglo and Duékoué towns, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). On May 13, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that the variable security environment in many areas of Côte d’Ivoire was not conducive to returns, although some temporary returns had been occurring within western Côte d’Ivoire and from eastern Liberia.
- While security is improving in Abidjan, with commercial activities gradually returning to normal, UNHCR estimates that nearly 52,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the city remain at spontaneous sites in public buildings or with host families. UNHCR assumes that the actual IDP figure is significantly higher, as interviewed IDPs report that many Abidjan residents continue to seek refuge with families in different neighborhoods throughout the city or elsewhere in Côte d’Ivoire.
- Approximately 200 refugees per day continue to arrive in Grand Gedeh County, Liberia, from Côte d’Ivoire via the Jazon border crossing, according to UNHCR; the number of refugees entering Nimba and Maryland counties has diminished significantly in recent weeks. UNHCR and partner Norwegian Refugee Council are currently revising border monitoring processes to better assess population movements in the event of more substantial returns.
- To date, donors have committed or contributed more than \$40 million—or 25 percent—of the \$160 million requested by the U.N. Regional Emergency Humanitarian Action Plan (EHAP) for Côte d’Ivoire and neighboring countries. The U.N. EHAP for Liberia is 44 percent funded, with donors providing approximately \$64 million out of the nearly \$146 million requested. Additionally, donors have provided more than \$34 million to Côte d’Ivoire and nearly \$30 million to Liberia to support humanitarian activities outside of the EHAPs.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
IDPs in Côte d’Ivoire	~322,035 ¹	U.N. agencies ¹ – May 13, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Liberia	182,551 ²	UNHCR – May 19, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Other Countries	22,034	UNHCR – May 13, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$5,480,425
USAID/FFP³ Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$16,400,000
State/PRM⁴ 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.....	\$42,980,425

CONTEXT

- Following the November 2010 disputed presidential election between Alassane Ouattara—recognized as the winner by the international community—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, long-standing ethnic tensions, and fear of potential retaliation by forces loyal to either former president Gbagbo or President Ouattara all contribute to an uncertain security situation in Côte d’Ivoire.

¹ Due to frequent population movements, the estimate of IDP numbers is preliminary and subject to change. Approximately 150,000 IDPs are in western Côte d’Ivoire, 107,000 IDPs are in northern Côte d’Ivoire, and 12,000 IDPs are in central Côte d’Ivoire, according to U.N. agencies, including OCHA, UNHCR, and the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF). While an estimated 52,000 IDPs are in IDP sites in and around Abidjan, the actual number of IDPs in the city remains unknown and may be as high as 700,000.

² This figure may not reflect the number of recent 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)

- 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: Food Security

- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and partner Action Contre la Faim (ACF) are distributing additional rations to children under the age of five in Duékoué town in western Côte d'Ivoire and plans to extend operations to Danané town, also in the west. Three ACF nutritional assessments conducted among children in western Côte d'Ivoire in April had found an average severe malnutrition (SAM) rate of 4 percent, according to OCHA. U.N. World Health Organization standards define the nutritional emergency threshold for SAM at 2 percent.
- As of May 13, WFP had distributed food rations to approximately 77,000 people in western Côte d'Ivoire since the beginning of the month, according to OCHA. WFP plans to provide food to 150,000 conflict-affected Ivorians living in camps and among host communities in the west in May. In addition, WFP is distributing food rations to IDPs in hospitals in Abidjan, based on UNHCR-supplied IDP figures.
- USAID/FFP is providing 2,620 MT of food commodities, valued at approximately \$4.7 million, to WFP's current emergency operation (EMOP) in Côte d'Ivoire to address the food needs of 125,000 IDPs, returnees, and host families in western, central, and northern Côte d'Ivoire, as well as Abidjan.

Côte d'Ivoire: Health and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- The approximately 27,000 IDPs in the Catholic mission in Duékoué require access to additional health services and improved WASH infrastructure, according to UNHCR. Overcrowding and the onset of the rainy season are exacerbating the transmission of diseases among residents at the site.
- UNICEF and partners are working to address health and WASH concerns in western Côte d'Ivoire. On May 13, UNICEF reported supporting the provision of safe drinking water at the Catholic mission in Duékoué, as well as the construction of 50 latrines and the establishment of two 1,300 gallon water tanks at an IDP camp in Danané.
- USAID/OFDA has contributed \$1 million to UNICEF for health and WASH interventions to benefit approximately 277,000 IDPs and other conflict-affected Ivorians.
- State/PRM has provided \$1.3 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for health and WASH programs, as well as family reunification activities, in Côte d'Ivoire.

Côte d'Ivoire: Logistics

- On May 16, the WFP-operated U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)—which transports humanitarian personnel and supplies throughout Côte d'Ivoire—relocated its base from Accra, Ghana, to Abidjan, according to OCHA. UNHAS plans to maintain a regular schedule of flights from Abidjan to Man town in the west and Bouaké city in the north.
- On May 13, OCHA reported that WFP is making available to the humanitarian community three warehouses in Abidjan, Man, and Bouaké, each with a capacity of 1,000 cubic meters, and four trucks, each capable of transporting 10 metric tons.
- USAID/OFDA has contributed \$500,000 to WFP to support logistics efforts in Côte d'Ivoire, including \$200,000 for UNHAS.

Côte d'Ivoire: Other Humanitarian Assistance

- USAID/OFDA has provided \$500,000 to OCHA for humanitarian coordination efforts in Côte d'Ivoire.
- State/PRM has contributed \$700,000 to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to support IDP camp coordination programs and emergency transport for people at risk. State/PRM has also provided \$5 million to UNHCR for protection and IDP camp coordination programs in Côte d'Ivoire, as well as for contingency planning in neighboring countries hosting Ivorian refugees.

Liberia: Assistance to Host Communities and Refugees

- The rainy season—compounding poor road infrastructure and damaged bridges—is hindering humanitarian access and aid delivery to many refugee locations in Liberia, according to OCHA. Nonetheless, various U.N. agencies, including the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, WFP, UNHCR, and UNICEF, have reported preparing to distribute food and seeds in the 76 border villages hosting refugees in the coming weeks to support agricultural activities during the May–June planting season.

- To date, approximately 97,000 refugees are in Nimba County, 69,000 refugees are in Grand Gedeh County, and 16,000 refugees are in Maryland County. Nearly 90 percent of the refugees in Liberia are living with host families in border villages, according to UNHCR.
- USAID/OFDA focuses on supporting communities hosting refugees. For example, USAID/OFDA assistance to Liberia includes nearly \$1 million for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to help improve food security by providing agricultural inputs for as many as 45,000 host community members. USAID/OFDA has also provided nearly \$2.5 million to other relief agencies for health and nutrition activities to improve health conditions for refugees and host communities, WASH interventions to reduce the risk of waterborne illnesses, humanitarian protection programs to prevent sexual and gender-based violence, shelter support to alleviate overcrowded living conditions within host communities, and logistics efforts to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance.
- USAID/FFP is providing 7,590 MT of food, valued at approximately \$11.7 million, to WFP's Liberia EMOP to address the food needs of approximately 150,000 Ivorian refugees and 36,000 Liberian host community members in affected areas of Liberia.
- State/PRM has provided a total of \$14.1 million for humanitarian assistance to Liberia, including \$700,000 to ICRC to support livelihoods, WASH, and family reunification interventions, \$11.8 million to UNHCR to implement a multi-sector response for Ivorian refugees, \$600,000 to WFP to augment logistical capacity of humanitarian agencies working in Liberia, and \$1 million to various NGOs to conduct additional emergency relief activities.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND LIBERIA

FY 2011			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
UNICEF	Health, 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>			\$2,000,000
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Shelter and Settlements	Nimba County, Liberia	\$339,956
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 ³	Health, Protection, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$100,000
WFP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$250,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia</i>			\$3,480,425
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$5,480,425
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
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>			<i>\$11,700,000</i>
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			\$16,400,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
ICRC	Health, WASH, Family Reunification	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$1,300,000
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	\$5,000,000
<i>Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and non-Liberia neighboring countries</i>			<i>\$7,000,000</i>
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>
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$21,100,000
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FY 2011			\$42,980,425

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of May 20, 2011.

² Estimated value of food assistance.

³ USAID/Liberia used this funding to support the humanitarian activities of EQUIP Liberia and IRC.

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

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