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Côte d'Ivoire – Complex Emergency

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Security in Côte d'Ivoire is gradually improving, resulting in increased humanitarian access, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). On May 4, fighting between the Republican Forces of Côte d'Ivoire and militants loyal to former President Laurent Gbagbo in the neighborhood of Yopougon in western Abidjan stopped, ending more than 20 days of clashes that resulted in at least 70 deaths, according to international media.
- Despite the stabilizing security situation, OCHA and UNHCR have expressed concern that the high number of armed checkpoints within Abidjan and along major roads throughout Côte d'Ivoire may deter internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees from returning to the country. In addition, armed combatants in parts of Abidjan and the Dix-Huit Montagnes and Moyen-Cavally regions in the west continue to cause insecurity. Refugees and IDPs cite security as a major factor in deciding whether to return to areas of origin in Côte d'Ivoire.
- Simultaneous displacement and returns are occurring in western Côte d'Ivoire and eastern Liberia, inhibiting efforts to determine the actual number of refugees and returnees, according to OCHA. Humanitarian agencies have reported that many returnees to western Côte d'Ivoire lack food and other essential items due to looting of their houses and grain stores during their absence.
- To date, donors have committed or contributed nearly $36 million—or 22 percent—of the approximately $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 41 percent funded, with donors providing more than $59 million out of the nearly $147 million requested. Additionally, donors have contributed more than $32 million to Côte d'Ivoire and more than $58 million to Liberia to support humanitarian activities outside of the EHAPs.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
IDPs in Côte d'Ivoire	~238,000[1]	OCHA – May 3, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d'Ivoire to Liberia	165,921[2]	UNHCR – May 6, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d'Ivoire to Other Countries	19,551	UNHCR – April 29, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia $5,480,425
USAID/FFP[3] Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia $16,400,000
State/PRM[4] Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and Neighboring Countries..... $21,100,000
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and 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.
- 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

[1] Approximately 150,000 IDPs are in western Côte d'Ivoire, 54,000 IDPs are in the Vallée du Bandama Region in central Côte d'Ivoire, and 20,000 IDPs are in the Savanes Region in northern Côte d'Ivoire, according to OCHA. In addition, approximately 14,000 displaced persons were in IDP sites throughout Abidjan as of the end of April, although an unknown number of IDPs remain with host families.
[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)

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) has resumed food distributions in Abidjan, following a hiatus of several weeks due to insecurity. WFP is providing one-month rations to displaced persons at IDP sites and hospitals throughout the city. WFP also distributed rations to the approximately 27,000 IDPs at the Catholic Mission in Duékoué town, western Côte d'Ivoire, during the week of May 2. In April, WFP provided food rations to approximately 46,400 people in western Côte d'Ivoire and 16,200 people in central and northern Côte d'Ivoire.
- On May 5, WFP reported plans to expand its Côte d'Ivoire emergency operation (EMOP) to benefit approximately 628,000 people through food assistance to IDPs, host family members, and returnees; nutrition activities for pregnant and lactating women and children under the age of five; and emergency school feeding programs to support students' return to schools.
- USAID/FFP is providing 2,620 metric tons (MT) of food commodities, valued at approximately $4.7 million, to WFP's current EMOP in Côte d'Ivoire to address the six-month food needs of 100,000 IDPs and other affected Ivorians.

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

- On May 2, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) deployed a team of health specialists from Abidjan to Man to strengthen the epidemiological surveillance system in the Moyen-Cavally and Dix-Huit Montagnes regions in western Côte d'Ivoire, according to OCHA. A number of U.N. agencies and humanitarian organizations are also collaborating to provide health services to populations in the west—mainly in the Moyen-Cavally Region—that currently lack access to health care.
- On May 6, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and WHO postponed a three-day polio vaccination campaign to immunize more than 700,000 children under the age of five in Bas-Sassandra Region in southwestern Côte d'Ivoire due to the presence of armed militants near the area. WHO had confirmed three cases of polio in Soubré town in the region at the end of April.
- As of May 3, UNICEF had delivered 3,000 rapid water-testing kits to three non-governmental organization (NGO) partners to help ensure the quality of drinking water in Côte d'Ivoire.
- 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: Humanitarian Coordination

- OCHA has implemented a series of mechanisms to facilitate humanitarian coordination in Côte d'Ivoire. The Inter-Cluster Coordination Meeting is expected to occur weekly, permitting cluster coordinators to collaborate on responses to humanitarian needs. The Humanitarian Country Team and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire plan to meet every 10 days to address challenges for humanitarian organizations.
- USAID/OFDA has provided $500,000 to OCHA to support humanitarian coordination efforts in Côte d'Ivoire.

Côte d'Ivoire: Other Humanitarian Assistance

- USAID/OFDA has provided $500,000 to WFP in support of its various logistics 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 onset of the rainy season has prompted concerns that the poor condition of roads and bridges in southeastern Liberia will hamper food distributions in the coming months, according to WFP.
- USAID/OFDA recently provided $250,000 to WFP's Special Operation that aims to improve humanitarian access to Harper, Maryland County, and to support road rehabilitation in advance of the strengthening rainy season.
- UNHCR has registered approximately 95,000 refugees in Nimba County, 63,000 in Grand Gedeh County, and 7,000 in Maryland County. Nearly 90 percent of refugees are residing with host communities in border villages in eastern Liberia.
- USAID/OFDA continues to focus on providing support to communities hosting refugees. To date, USAID/OFDA has provided approximately $340,000 to the American Refugee Committee (ARC) for shelter support to ease

overcrowded living conditions in host communities. USAID/OFDA has also provided nearly $3 million to relief agencies for agriculture and food security interventions to improve livelihoods, health and nutrition activities to improve health conditions for refugees and host community members, WASH interventions to reduce the risk of waterborne illnesses, and humanitarian protection programs to help prevent sexual and gender-based violence.

- 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 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 to support humanitarian activities in Liberia, including $700,000 to ICRC for livelihoods, WASH, and family reunification interventions, $11.8 million to UNHCR for 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			
Implementing Partner	***Activity***	***Location***	***Amount***
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE[1]			
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
Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire			*$2,000,000*
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[3]	Health, Protection, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	$100,000
WFP	Logistics	Countrywide	$250,000
Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia			*$3,480,425*
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			**$5,480,425**
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE[2]			
WFP	2,620 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	$4,700,000
Subtotal of USAID/FFP Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire			*$4,700,000*
WFP	7,590 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Liberia: Affected Areas	$11,700,000
Subtotal of USAID/FFP Assistance to Liberia			*$11,700,000*
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
Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and non-Liberia neighboring countries			*$7,000,000*
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
Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Liberia			*$14,100,000*
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 6, 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