



Côte d’Ivoire – Complex Emergency

Fact Sheet #4, Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

April 29, 2011

Note: The last fact sheet was dated April 22, 2011.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Insecurity in Yopougon and Abobo neighborhoods in Abidjan and in the area of Zouan Hounien, Toulepleu, and Bloléquin towns in western Côte d’Ivoire continues to hinder humanitarian agencies’ aid delivery efforts, according to the U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator in Côte d’Ivoire. However, Ivorians are returning to normal routines in the relatively more secure parts of Côte d’Ivoire, according to international media.
- Between 40,000 and 50,000 refugees returned from Liberia to the area near Danané town in western Côte d’Ivoire as of April 21, according to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports that returnees may need humanitarian aid, as heavy fighting in March had destroyed many villages and fields in the west.
- Banks in Côte d’Ivoire re-opened on April 28 following 10 weeks of inactivity, signaling a re-start of the Ivorian economy and allowing public sector employees to access the salary payments—equal to two months’ pay—pledged by President Ouattara. The lack of cash liquidity significantly limited Ivorians’ ability to purchase food and other essential items and services.
- As of April 29, donors have committed or contributed approximately \$32 million—or 20 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 currently 41 percent funded, with donors providing more than \$59 million out of the nearly \$147 million requested. Furthermore, donors have provided nearly \$26 million to Côte d’Ivoire and more than \$25 million to Liberia to support humanitarian activities outside of the EHAPs.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
IDPs¹ in Côte d’Ivoire	~150,000 to 850,000 ²	OCHA – April 22, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Liberia	165,778 ³	UNHCR – April 29, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Other Countries	17,675	UNHCR – April 21, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$5,480,425
USAID/FFP⁴ Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$16,400,000
State/PRM⁵ Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Neighboring Countries	\$12,600,000
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Neighboring Countries	\$34,480,425

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. The majority of displacement has occurred within and from Abidjan and in western Côte d’Ivoire.
- 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 disaster declaration for Côte d’Ivoire due to the humanitarian impact of the increasing violence and extensive displacement.

¹ Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

² Approximately 150,000 IDPs are in western Côte d’Ivoire and up to 700,000 IDPs may be in Abidjan, according to OCHA.

³ This figure from UNHCR may not reflect the number of recent 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)

Côte d'Ivoire: Food Security

- The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has expressed concern that IDPs and returnees who are unable to plant crops this season may be dependent on food aid until the following season's harvest in 2012. In response, FAO and partners plan to distribute emergency agricultural kits—comprising seeds, fertilizer, and tools—to approximately 120,000 people in western and northern Côte d'Ivoire during the first two weeks of May.
- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) plans to provide food to 80,000 IDPs and 200,000 host families from food stocks in its local and sub-regional depots in the coming weeks, according to OCHA. In addition, WFP is procuring food commodities from Mali and continues to organize airlifts to transport additional food and equipment into Côte d'Ivoire.
- USAID/WFP is currently providing 2,620 metric tons (MT) of food commodities, valued at approximately \$4.7 million, to WFP's emergency operation (EMOP) in Côte d'Ivoire to address the 6-month food needs of IDPs and other affected Ivorians.

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

- Humanitarian agencies have restored access to safe drinking water in Bouaké in northern Côte d'Ivoire, with a recent delivery of chemicals to the city's water treatment facilities. The fighting in Abidjan had disrupted the supply of water treatment chemicals to facilities throughout the country, putting Côte d'Ivoire's urban residents at risk of shortages of safe drinking water.
- Approximately 52 percent of health centers and 62 percent of hospitals in the Dix-Huit Montagnes and Moyen Cavally regions in western Côte d'Ivoire are inoperative due to a lack of personnel and medical supplies and damages to health infrastructure, according to the U.N. World Health Organization. Most health facilities in Abidjan are functional; however, access to the facilities—particularly by populations residing in the outskirts of the city—remains limited due to insecurity.
- On April 28, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) began a six-day measles vaccination campaign to immunize more than 185,000 children under the age of five in Duékoué, Guiglo, and Danané towns in western Côte d'Ivoire and Bouaflé town in northern Côte d'Ivoire, where the GoCI had confirmed 42 cases of measles as of April 22.
- USAID/OFDA has contributed \$1 million to UNICEF for health interventions and WASH programs to benefit approximately 277,000 IDPs and other conflict-affected Ivorians.

Côte d'Ivoire: Logistics

- In response to requests from humanitarian agency staff, WFP expanded capacities at telecommunications sites in Bouaké in the north and Man in the west during the past week to facilitate humanitarian communications.
- Since mid-April, WFP has operated twice weekly U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) flights to and from Bouaké, Man, Abidjan, and Accra, Ghana.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$500,000 to WFP in support of its various logistics efforts in Côte d'Ivoire.

Côte d'Ivoire: Other Humanitarian Assistance

- USAID/OFDA has committed \$500,000 to OCHA to support humanitarian coordination efforts in Côte d'Ivoire. State/PRM has provided \$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 contributed \$2.5 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

- On April 26, a Liberian newspaper reported allegations that aid workers are sexually exploiting female Ivorian refugees. Although unconfirmed, these claims compound concerns recently raised by an April 20 Human Rights Watch report on the vulnerabilities of Ivorian refugee women and girls in Liberia to sexual exploitation due to limited shelter and food availability and inadequate protection.
- USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$520,000 to EQUIP Liberia and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) for humanitarian protection programs to help prevent sexual exploitation—particularly among children and youth—and sexual and gender-based violence within refugee and host community populations.
- UNHCR has registered nearly 95,000 refugees in Nimba County, more than 63,000 in Grand Gedeh County, and approximately 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 more than \$2.6 million to relief agencies for health and nutrition activities to improve health conditions for refugees and host community

members, agriculture and food security interventions to improve livelihoods, WASH interventions to reduce the risk of waterborne illnesses, and logistics support to ensure the supply of relief items to Liberia.

- 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 Ivorian refugees and affected Liberians in eastern Liberia.
- State/PRM has provided \$7.8 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 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>			<i>\$2,000,000</i>
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
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia</i>			<i>\$3,480,425</i>
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>			<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			
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	\$2,500,000
<i>Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and non-Liberia neighboring countries</i>			<i>\$3,200,000</i>

UNHCR	Protection, Refugee Assistance	Liberia: Affected Areas	\$7,800,000
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>			\$9,400,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$12,600,000
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FY 2011			\$34,480,425

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of April 29, 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