



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

Fact Sheet #3, Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

April 22, 2011

*Note: The last fact sheet was dated April 15, 2011.*

**KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- Fighting resumed between the Republican Forces of Côte d’Ivoire (FRCI)—the national army loyal to President Alassane Ouattara—and armed militants in two neighborhoods of Abidjan on April 19, according to international media sources. In efforts to improve security, FRCI are attempting to curb activities by armed combatants loyal to former president Laurent Gbagbo in Yopougon neighborhood in western Abidjan and pro-Ouattara militants suspected of causing insecurity in Abobo neighborhood in northern Abidjan.
- In other areas of Abidjan, international media report that residents are beginning to return to normal routines. To ensure security, U.N. Operation in Côte d’Ivoire (UNOCI) peacekeepers have conducted nearly 1,000 land, aerial, and mixed patrols since April 17. On April 21, UNOCI announced plans to double the number of peacekeepers in Yopougon neighborhood from 50 to 100.
- Despite the challenging operating environment, aid organizations are working to deliver humanitarian assistance to Abidjan residents. On April 16, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) conducted an airlift of relief commodities—including emergency health kits and water bladders—into Abidjan. In addition, several humanitarian agencies have re-opened offices in Abidjan this week following a brief evacuation to northern Côte d’Ivoire due to security concerns.
- The situation in western Côte d’Ivoire remains tense due to fears of violence and ongoing land tenure conflicts, according to humanitarian organizations operating in the region. Many of the estimated 30,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) at the Catholic mission in Duékoué town belong to the Guéré ethnic group—considered Gbagbo supporters—and have expressed unwillingness to return home, citing fears of retaliatory violence from supporters of President Ouattara.
- As of April 22, donors have committed or contributed nearly \$31 million—or 19 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 36 percent funded, with donors providing approximately \$53 million out of the nearly \$147 million requested.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	
<b>IDPs in Côte d’Ivoire</b>	~900,000	OCHA <sup>1</sup> – April 15, 2011
<b>People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Liberia</b>	157,978	UNHCR <sup>2</sup> – April 22, 2011
<b>People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Other Countries</b>	15,479	UNHCR – April 14, 2011

**FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

**USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia ..... \$5,230,425**  
**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 and neighboring countries..... \$12,600,000**  
**Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and neighboring countries ..... \$34,230,425**

**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.

<sup>1</sup> U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

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

<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)

- Despite a resolution to the political impasse with former president Gbagbo's capture on April 11, some supporters loyal to former president Gbagbo may refuse to accept an end to the conflict, according to U.N. reports. As a result, retaliation by forces loyal to either side may still occur in Abidjan and elsewhere 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.

#### ***Côte d'Ivoire: Food Security***

- Commercial banks in Côte d'Ivoire are expected to re-open on May 2, according to international media sources. The inoperative banking system has severely limited cash liquidity for many Ivorian citizens and businesses, preventing purchases of food and other essential items and services, as well as other commercial transactions.
- As of April 15, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) had delivered approximately 85 metric tons (MT) of food to more than 27,000 people in Duékoué and reported plans to provide food to approximately 35,000 people in the area of Danané town, both in western Côte d'Ivoire. In addition, WFP is providing one-month food rations to approximately 20,000 IDPs in the vicinities of Bouaké, Bouna, Tiebissou, and Korhogo towns in northern Côte d'Ivoire. WFP food distributions in Abidjan remain suspended due to insecurity.
- USAID/FFP is currently providing 2,620 MT of food commodities, valued at approximately \$4.7 million, to WFP's emergency operation (EMOP) in Côte d'Ivoire to address the 180-day food needs of 125,000 IDPs and other affected Ivorians.

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

- Hundreds of thousands of urban residents in Côte d'Ivoire may experience shortages of safe drinking water in the coming weeks due to a lack of chemicals at water treatment plants, according to international media. Weeks of violence in Abidjan have disrupted the supply of water treatment chemicals, and humanitarian agencies are working to transport treatment supplies to plants throughout the country before the end of the month, when current supplies will likely be exhausted.
- The U.N. World Health Organization had confirmed polio cases among three children in southwestern Côte d'Ivoire as of April 21. Violence throughout the country had disrupted polio vaccinations planned for March.
- The Government of Côte d'Ivoire authorized free access to health care for Abidjan residents from April 16 to May 31 in efforts to improve health conditions for people who had been unable to reach health care during weeks of fighting in the city. Insecurity has undermined the operational capacity of Côte d'Ivoire's health sector, discouraging medical personnel from returning to work and causing shortages of medical supplies at many clinics and hospitals. Humanitarian organizations, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, are currently working to replenish medical supply stocks throughout the country.
- In response to health and WASH concerns, USAID/OFDA has contributed \$1 million to UNICEF for health interventions and WASH programs for approximately 277,000 IDPs and other conflict-affected Ivorians.

#### ***Côte d'Ivoire: Other Humanitarian Assistance***

- USAID/OFDA has committed \$500,000 to OCHA to support humanitarian coordination and \$500,000 to WFP for logistics 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***

- According to UNHCR, more than 94,000 refugees are currently in Nimba County, nearly 56,000 are in Grand Gedeh County, and approximately 7,000 are in Maryland County. An estimated 88 percent of refugees are residing with host communities in border villages in eastern Liberia.
- USAID/OFDA continues to focus on providing support to communities that are hosting refugees. To date, USAID/OFDA has contributed nearly \$1 million to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for agriculture and food security interventions to assist people in as many as 25 Liberian host villages to improve livelihoods. USAID/OFDA has also provided more than \$2.2 million to relief agencies for shelter support to ease overcrowded living conditions in host communities, WASH interventions to reduce the risk of waterborne illnesses, humanitarian protection programs to help prevent sexual and gender-based violence, and health and nutrition activities to improve health conditions for refugees and host community members.

- 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>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
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>
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 <sup>3</sup>	Health, Protection, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$100,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia</i>			<i>\$3,230,425</i>
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$5,230,425</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>2</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>			<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>
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$16,400,000</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
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>			<i>\$9,400,000</i>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$12,600,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FY 2011</b>			<b>\$34,230,425</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of April 22, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

<sup>3</sup> 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](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)