



Côte d’Ivoire – Complex Emergency

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

April 15, 2011

Note: The last fact sheet was dated April 8, 2011.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On April 11, the Republican Forces of Côte d’Ivoire—the national army loyal to internationally recognized President Alassane Ouattara—arrested former president Laurent Gbagbo at his residence in Abidjan, following days of intense fighting. Peacekeeping troops from the U.N. Operation in Côte d’Ivoire (UNOCI) had taken military measures to obstruct use of heavy weapons by forces loyal to Gbagbo in accordance with a March 30 U.N. Security Council resolution that mandated UNOCI to protect civilians by all necessary means.
- Despite Gbagbo’s arrest, the security situation in Côte d’Ivoire remains precarious, with reports of ongoing looting and armed violence in Abidjan and western Côte d’Ivoire. President Ouattara is working to re-establish law and order by increasing patrols in Abidjan and consolidating support from military leaders previously loyal to former president Gbagbo, according to international media.
- Primary humanitarian needs in Côte d’Ivoire remain physical security, access to food, water, and medical services, and psychosocial support. On April 12, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) deployed an eight-member U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination team to facilitate humanitarian coordination and assess humanitarian conditions in Côte d’Ivoire.
- Humanitarian agencies are expanding relief operations in western Côte d’Ivoire, where heavy fighting from the end of February to early April had displaced nearly 100,000 people and resulted in more than 500 deaths, according to OCHA and the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
- The U.N. also reports that some humanitarian aid is reaching Abidjan; however, insecurity continues to impede humanitarian access within the city—Côte d’Ivoire’s economic center with a pre-conflict population of 5 million people. At the height of the violence, fighting had displaced approximately 800,000 people within and from Abidjan and resulted in hundreds of deaths, according to OCHA.
- Continued refugee flows from Côte d’Ivoire are increasing food security pressures in eastern Liberia, according to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP). The USAID-funded Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) reported that communities hosting refugees in Nimba County had depleted nearly all cassava stocks and 60 percent of rice stocks—food stocks that normally last until August or September—by February. Recent increases in food prices as a result of disrupted supply chains aggravate the situation.
- The U.N. issued a revised Regional Emergency Humanitarian Action Plan (EHAP) for Côte d’Ivoire and neighboring countries on April 8, modifying funding requirements from \$32.7 million to \$160.4 million. On April 12, the Government of France and the European Commission pledged financial assistance of \$577 million and \$260 million, respectively, to support Côte d’Ivoire’s post-conflict recovery and reconstruction process.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Côte d’Ivoire	~1 million	OCHA – April 15, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Liberia	147,620	UNHCR – April 15, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Other Countries	11,900	UNHCR – April 8, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$4,730,425
USAID/FFP¹ Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$16,400,000
State/PRM² Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and neighboring countries.....	\$12,600,000
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and neighboring countries	\$33,730,425

CONTEXT

- Following the November 2010 disputed presidential election between Alassane Ouattara—recognized by the U.N. as the winner—and then-incumbent Laurent Gbagbo, increasingly intense fighting between forces loyal to the two sides had 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.

¹ USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

² U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

- Despite a resolution to the political impasse, the U.N. reports that some supporters loyal to former president Gbagbo may refuse to accept an end to the conflict. 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.

Abidjan: Humanitarian Needs

- Heavy fighting in early April had prohibited many Abidjan residents from leaving their homes to procure essential commodities, resulting in many households exhausting food and water supplies. OCHA reports that health also remains a major concern in the city, where medical supplies have dwindled and insecurity continues to hinder people's access to the few operational medical facilities.
- Relief agencies are able to deliver some humanitarian assistance in Abidjan, although humanitarian access continues to be extremely limited. On April 12, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), a USAID partner, reported delivering medical supplies, hygiene items, and blankets to affected populations in Abidjan. USAID, U.N. agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) plan to conduct needs assessments and resume delivery of additional humanitarian assistance as soon as security conditions allow.

Côte d'Ivoire: Food Security

- As of April 12, WFP had delivered food to more than 27,000 people in the western town of Duékoué and reported plans to provide food to approximately 30,000 people in the area of Danané town in western Côte d'Ivoire. In addition, WFP had begun airlifting food and relief items from Niger and Mali to Man town, western Côte d'Ivoire, and Monrovia, Liberia, as part of a plan to transport 15,000 metric tons (MT) of assistance to the two affected countries. WFP food distributions in Abidjan remain suspended due to insecurity.
- USAID/WFP 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)

- In recent days, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Ivorian Red Cross have constructed platforms for two 10,000 liter water reservoirs and installed 20 latrines and showers at the mission hospital in Duékoué. In Guiglo town in western Côte d'Ivoire, the Ivorian Red Cross has chlorinated 10 wells and installed 20 showers and 25 latrines for IDPs.
- According to UNICEF, affected populations throughout Côte d'Ivoire are in need of safe drinking water, essential medical supplies, and immunizations against communicable diseases. As of April 12, UNICEF reported working to deliver water treatment supplies to cities with depleted stores of safe drinking water, measles vaccinations to areas with high concentrations of IDPs, and medical items to the north, where current stocks may meet only two weeks' worth of needs.
- 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 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 provided \$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, approximately 93,000 refugees are currently in Nimba County, 43,000 are in Grand Gedeh County, and 5,000 are 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 that are hosting refugees. To date, USAID/OFDA has contributed more than \$1 million to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and EQUIP Liberia for health and nutrition activities to benefit more than 200,000 people in Liberian host villages, as well as humanitarian protection programs to assist approximately 130,000 conflict-affected people. USAID/OFDA has also provided more than \$1.7 million to relief agencies for shelter support to ease overcrowded living conditions

in host communities, WASH interventions to reduce the risk of waterborne illnesses, and agriculture and food security activities that assist affected populations in restoring livelihoods.

- 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
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire</i>			<i>\$1,500,000</i>
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
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
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia</i>			<i>\$3,230,425</i>
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$4,730,425
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>			<i>\$9,400,000</i>
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$12,600,000
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND LIBERIA IN FY 2011			\$33,730,425

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of April 15, 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