



## MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **USAID/Côte d'Ivoire: Program History**

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In response to your request for information about USAID's program in Côte d'Ivoire, please find below a summary of USAID/Côte d'Ivoire's projects since 1965 and the regional and non-presence activities benefiting Côte d'Ivoire since the Mission close-out in 1994.

### ***Projects: 1965-1994***

USAID's bilateral program in Côte d'Ivoire **closed in FY1994**. Historically, USAID had been a relatively minor donor in the country, at roughly **\$6-7 million per year in DFA funding**. Other major donors were France, the World Bank, the AfDB, the IMF, and the EEC.

Prior to the 1980s, nearly all U.S. bilateral assistance was limited to **housing investment guarantee (HIG) loans** and **long-term training** for hundreds of Ivorians in the U.S. under AFGRAD, the African Manpower Training Project, and the Human Resources Development for Africa Project.

Through the 1980s and 1990s, the Mission strategy was to focus on priority development problems where it could make a difference with relatively small amounts of resources. This strategy included a focus on **complementing the activities of other donors** whenever possible.

USAID's database summarizes the following Côte d'Ivoire projects from **1965-1994**:

- Program Development and Support 1992-1993
- Enabling of Economic Policy Reform 1992-1996
- Health and Family Planning 1991-1993
- Economic Support Program 1990-1993
- Municipal Development Support 1990-1993
- Prevention and Control of HIV Transmission 1989-1990
- Onchocerciasis Control Phase III 1986-1991
- Family Health Initiatives II 1986-1992
- Support to Regional Organizations II 1985-1987
- Ivory Coast Shelter and Urban Development 1983-?
- Energy Initiatives for Africa 1982-1987
- Niger River Basin Development I 1982-1985

Special Self-Help Development 1981-1984  
Secondary Cities Shelter 1980-1987  
Human Rights Fund - Ivory Coast 1980-1984  
Family Health Initiatives 1980-1986  
African Child Survival Initiative 1978-1993  
Social Science Research 1978-1978  
REGIONAL ONCHOCERCIASIS-FREE AREA PLANNG 1978-1980  
ENTENTE LIVESTOCK II 1976-1984  
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IVORY COAST INSTR TELEVISION EVAL SYSTEM 1970-1970  
SUPPORT TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS 1968-1979  
Special Self-Help Development 1965-1979  
Low-Income Urban Shelter Program 1965-1992

### ***Program Activities***

Prior to the Mission close-out in FY1994, the Côte d'Ivoire program had made significant progress towards its two Strategic Objectives:

#### ***Increased Use of Modern Contraceptives and Essential Health Services Improved Governance at Local and Central Levels***

As at FY1993, active projects included:

681-0003 Rural Development Skills and Training (\$2,600,000 obligation)

A \$2.6 million grant to Opportunities Industrialization Centers International (OICI) to provide **vocational training** in important agricultural areas of the country.

681-0004 Municipal Development Support Project (MDSP) (\$5,282,000 obligation)

The initial \$5 million MDSP, approved in 1990 and amended in 1993, supported the government's **decentralization program** by helping to increase the autonomy, effectiveness, and responsiveness of municipal governments. Training was provided in municipal management, tax collection, and local resource mobilization.

681-0005 Health and Family Planning Project (\$8,900,000 obligation)

USAID health and family planning programs began in the mid-1980s as regional activities and informed 1991 \$20 million Health and Family Planning Project. It had three components: improving delivery of **family planning services** by enhancing their cost-effectiveness; improving **maternal and child health** through public sector clinics; and preventing the transmission of **HIV/AIDS** in partnership with the private sector and PVOs.

681-0510 Program Development and Support (\$661,000 obligation)

Project to finance **program and project development activities** in Côte d'Ivoire, including feasibility studies; pre-project operational research and pilot testing; program and project impact assessments; country development strategy studies and sector assessments; development conferences; and project termination or post-termination costs.

Another principal activity was the \$30.9 million project to assist the African Development Bank (AfDB), headquartered in Abidjan. The first phase (1968-1989) included **training of Bank staff** in project design, monitoring, and evaluation; the second phase (1989-1993) covered training, computerization, and assistance in developing policies and procedures.

In addition, a small regional Municipal Management Training Program (MMTP) provided technical assistance to Missions and host governments in the region with the goal of **strengthening local government units**, supporting decentralization, and **promoting good governance**.

During FY1993, USAID concluded its \$15 million ESF program in support of Côte d'Ivoire's **structural adjustment** program that included balance of payments support.

### ***Close-Out***

As the regional economic center and epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in central and west Africa, the Côte d'Ivoire program had **important regional implications**. For example, in governance, a USAID-funded study done in FY1993 indicated that the **decentralization movement** in Côte d'Ivoire was among the most advanced, and therefore a model, in the region. In addition, USAID assistance in the institutional development of the **African Development Bank** strengthened the AfDB's capacity to conduct environmental assessments and expand lending in the region. Finally, in population, the **family planning program** developed a model relevant to other West African countries.

It was planned at the Mission's closing to continue the HIV/AIDS and Family Planning activities in order to **integrate them into the West Africa regional program** (REDSO/WCA, now WARP). Since FY1994, USAID has provided assistance with several staff based in Côte d'Ivoire under the regional Family Health and AIDS Project through cooperative agreements with several U.S. institutions. The program has been integrated into the West Africa Regional Program (WARP)'s new 2003-2008 strategy, now based in Accra, Ghana.

### ***Recent & Current Activities***

During the past several years, regional and worldwide programs that benefit Côte d'Ivoire have been monitored from Washington (Africa Bureau and Global/Pillar Bureaus), Mali, and now Ghana. USAID assistance in FY2001 totaled \$150,000 and in FY2002 was estimated to be \$166,000. Activities have included:

Economic Support Fund (ESF): ESF supports technical assistance to support an active, informed civil society, including political parties, which is needed to help mitigate tensions in Côte d'Ivoire, support national reconciliation, and promote a peaceful return to democracy. ESF supports Ivorian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working toward **conflict resolution and improved governance** through activities such as technical assistance and training to a coalition of Ivorian NGOs to conduct local meetings on conflict resolution and good governance, including town meetings and roundtables for women's and youth organizations.

ESF also supports the Abidjan-based Global Technology Network (GTN) which is linked by Internet to USAID/Washington's Center for Trade and Investment. The **GTN links Ivorian business entrepreneurs with U.S. entrepreneurs** interested in business expansion through trade with West African partners.

Democracy and Human Rights Fund (DHRF): In Côte d'Ivoire, DHRF supports observers for elections, disseminates voter information to heighten voter's awareness, funds educational activities that promote women's rights and application of the rule of law, funds the purchase of office equipment for non-governmental law groups, supports workshops for reconciliation between traditional and modern political power bases, and supports anti-corruption campaigns.

Special Self-Help (SSH) Fund: In Côte d'Ivoire, SSH activities include construction of an artisan center, reforestation/agro-forestry and gardening activities, HIV/AIDS test kits and educational materials, and the purchase of agricultural machinery, sewing machines and grinding mills.

Peace Corps Small Project Assistance (SPA) Program: In Côte d'Ivoire, approximately 130 volunteers work in urban environmental management, vegetable gardening; women's literacy; water sanitation, pump repair, and rehabilitation, rural health education, HIV/AIDS awareness and general education activities.

Collaborative Research Networks: As a member of the West and Central African Collaborative **Maize Research Network**, Côte d'Ivoire shares maize research results with the other scientists to increase sustainable maize production and food security in West and Central Africa. As a member of the West and Central African Collaborative **Sorghum Research Networks**, Côte d'Ivoire shares sorghum research results with other scientists to increase sorghum production and improve food security.

Education: The Education For Development and Democracy Initiative (**EDDI**) activity supports **girls' mentoring** activities and awards **educational scholarships** implemented by a local non-governmental organization. Winrock International administers the activity and coordinates with Peace Corps and local community leaders to select mentoring and scholarship candidates.

Leland Initiative: Côte d'Ivoire signed a Memorandum of Understanding with USAID's Leland Initiative in 1997. The Initiative has enhanced the country's access to Internet systems through improved application of enabling Internet policies. Equipment, training, and support were provided to the national telephone company, and Y2k remediation support was provided. Leland Initiative support was completed by 2000.

Grants Program: A FY 2003-FY 2008 matching grant was approved for a **Freedom from Hunger (FFH)** proposal entitled "Breaking Through Barriers to Growth." Côte d'Ivoire is one of five countries in which the FFH activity will develop a regional economic impact model to identify interventions that expand services needed by poor, rural households vulnerable to chronic hunger and food insecurity.

Tree Crop Program: The Sustainable Tree Crop Program promotes sustainable tree crop systems, including coffee, cocoa, gum arabic and cashews. The tree crop program engages public and private sector entities to enter into partnerships, as well as to focus on resolution of **child trafficking concerns** and development issues related to **production and marketing of tree crops**, such as cocoa.

Strategies and Analyses for Growth and Access Project (SAGA): SAGA provides technical assistance and research grants that strengthen the capacities of national African economic research institutions. SAGA works through the Secretariat for Institutional Strengthening of Economic Research in Africa (SISERA) which is made up of 18 national economic research institutes.

West African Regional Program (WARP): WARP funds a number of public and private sector regional organizations on region-wide issues of economic integration, health, nutrition, food security, environment, natural resources management, and conflict prevention.

The WARP **Ambassador's Fund** supports local non-governmental organizations active in HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention activities. WARP's **Family Health and AIDS Project (FHA)** supports several of the HIV/AIDS prevention and control activities, such as the FHI/IMPACT program with World Doctors (Médecins du Monde). FHA also supports capacity building of several local NGOs active in the prevention of HIV transmission and the mitigation of the impact of HIV/AIDS in West Africa.

Concerning **regional economic integration**, Côte d'Ivoire is a member of **ECOWAS** and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (**WAEMU or UEMOA**), and participates in WARP-funded studies and analyses that provide data to be used in the formulation of policy, the development and promulgation of legislation and regulations, and the design and implementation of region-wide program activities. Currently, Côte d'Ivoire is a recipient of funding for the **modernization of customs** administration in ECOWAS countries.

To promote regional integration, Côte d'Ivoire is also a beneficiary of USAID's **training and technical assistance** related to the **West Africa electricity power pool grid** that is being developed to share electricity amongst ECOWAS member states.

The **West African International Business Linkages** activity facilitates business linkages between United States and African entrepreneurs, including Ivorian entrepreneurs. The **West African Business Women's Network** promotes women's income generating enterprises while building their advocacy skills and business management savvy. The **West African Farmers Network** promotes participation in decision-making involving development and new technology application to improve food security of West African citizens.

Additional WARP activities currently include support to the **OECD/Sahel and West Africa Club** and the Committee for Drought Control (**CILSS**), of which Côte d'Ivoire is a member country. In addition, Côte d'Ivoire has been benefiting from regional projects for **Trafficking in Persons, Building Trade Capacity** (& the West Africa Global Competitiveness Hub), **Reducing Barriers to Trade for Women**, and **Strengthening Technology Transfer**.

## **2002/2003 Complex Emergency**

In September 2002, opposition forces launched an uprising in Abidjan marking the beginning of nearly four months of intermittent fighting between several opposition groups and the Government of the Côte d'Ivoire (GoCI). Despite ongoing peace efforts, opposition groups continued to engage in violent clashes with GoCI, French troops, and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) peacekeeping. **USAID assistance during FY2003 totaled \$433,133.**

USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through the U.S. Embassy to ICRC for the provision of **emergency non-food items** (NFIs) to vulnerable communities. USAID/OFDA also provided \$383,113 to MERLIN in support of **emergency health care** to rural communities surrounding Daloa, Yamoussoukro, and Bouake through mobile health clinics.

USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) had contributed 10,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II **emergency food assistance** valued at \$5.6 million to the U.N. World Food Program – a portion of which was dedicated to feeding Liberian refugees in Côte d'Ivoire, and Ivorian refugees in Liberia and Guinea.

USAID/OFDA's Emergency Disaster Relief Coordinator for West Africa continues to monitor the situation from the region.

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