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Côte d’Ivoire – Complex Emergency

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Access to food and physical security remain the immediate humanitarian needs in Côte d’Ivoire, according to the U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator. The U.N. reports that food shortages and market closures persist in western Côte d’Ivoire, although economic activities are slowly returning to normal in Abidjan. Cocoa exports from Côte d’Ivoire recommenced on May 8, with 150,000 metric tons (MT) of cocoa beans expected to leave the country by the end of June, according to international media.
- Humanitarian assistance is reaching an increasing number of people in Côte d’Ivoire, particularly internally displaced persons (IDPs) living with host families in the west, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). However, humanitarian access remains limited in certain areas due to insecurity, hindering aid delivery to additional affected populations.
- Although no confirmation on the number of returnees exists, some reports continue to indicate that refugees are returning to Côte d’Ivoire from Nimba County, Liberia, according to the U.N. Country Team in Liberia. The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Liberia is working to ensure more systematic information exchange with partners across the border in an effort to improve the assessment of return trends. UNHCR has noted that as many as 250 refugees per day are still entering Liberia from Côte d’Ivoire.
- To date, donors have pledged or contributed more than \$36 million to the Côte d’Ivoire Emergency Humanitarian Action Plan (EHAP), or 23 percent of the requested funds. The U.N. EHAP for Liberia is 43 percent funded, with donors providing more than \$63 million out of the nearly \$147 million requested. Additionally, donors have contributed more than \$36 million to Côte d’Ivoire and more than \$26 million to Liberia to support humanitarian activities outside of the EHAPs.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
IDPs in Côte d’Ivoire	~256,020 ¹	OCHA, UNICEF – May 5, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Liberia	175,857 ²	UNHCR – May 12, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Other Countries	21,562	UNHCR – May 5, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$5,480,425
USAID/FFP³ Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$16,400,000
State/PRM⁴ Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire, Liberia and other Neighboring Countries	\$21,100,000
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire, Liberia and other 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, 72,000 IDPs are in central Côte d’Ivoire, and 20,000 IDPs are in the Savanes Region in northern Côte d’Ivoire, according to OCHA and the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF). An estimated 14,000 IDPs are in IDP sites in and around Abidjan; however, the actual number of IDPs in the city remains unknown and may be as high as 700,000.

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. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and partners expect to provide agricultural input kits to approximately 130,000 Ivorians by mid-May, according to OCHA. FAO reportedly expanded its distribution plan to include recent returnees to the area of Duékoué and Guéheby towns in the Moyen-Cavally Region of western Côte d'Ivoire.
- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) plans to distribute food to nearly 139,000 IDPs and other conflict-affected Ivorians in western Côte d'Ivoire in May, according to OCHA. As of May 8, WFP had distributed 10-day rations to host communities in the area of Kouibly and Logoualé towns, as well as 15-day rations to the approximately 27,000 IDPs at the Catholic Mission in Duékoué town.
- USAID/FFP is providing 2,620 MT of food commodities, valued at approximately \$4.7 million, to WFP's current emergency operation (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)

- Demand for free health services is overwhelming health system capacity as service providers are offering free care countrywide during the month of May, according to international media. Supply of medicines remains limited and many medical professionals have not returned to work after being displaced. Injuries incurred during the violence compound the significant medical needs of people who delayed treatment due to lack of access to health facilities. Several non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the Ivorian Red Cross, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) are providing medical assistance in affected areas.
- 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 ICRC for health and WASH programs, as well as family reunification activities, in Côte d'Ivoire.

Côte d'Ivoire: Logistics

- On May 8, OCHA reported that the U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), which transports humanitarian personnel and supplies throughout Côte d'Ivoire, has sufficient funding to operate until June 30, but requires additional funding for operations beyond this date.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$500,000 to WFP to support various logistics efforts in Côte d'Ivoire, including \$200,000 to support UNHAS.

Côte d'Ivoire: Other Humanitarian Assistance

- USAID/OFDA has provided \$500,000 to OCHA in support of humanitarian coordination 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

- On May 12, WFP reported finalizing details for a forthcoming one-time distribution of 30-day rations to Liberian host communities in need. To date in May, WFP has provided 175 MT of food to more than 12,500 Ivorian refugees in Liberia.
- USAID/OFDA assistance continues to focus on providing assistance to host communities, including nearly \$1 million to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and EQUIP Liberia for health services for host communities in 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 approximately 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			
<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>
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
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			
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
<i>Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire and non-Liberia neighboring countries</i>			<i>\$7,000,000</i>
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
<i>Subtotal of State/PRM Assistance to Liberia</i>			<i>\$14,100,000</i>
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 13, 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