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Côte d’Ivoire – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated June 3, 2011.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Due to improved overall security in Abidjan, where the situation remains calm but occasionally unpredictable, relief agencies are increasingly able to conduct assessments of humanitarian needs and implement response activities in heavily conflict-affected neighborhoods such as Yopougon, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports. In western Côte d’Ivoire, the security situation in Guiglo town has begun to improve, according to OCHA, and some spontaneous returns of displaced people to areas of origin in the west are now occurring, though the presence of armed groups and checkpoints continues to limited humanitarian access to some areas and deter larger-scale returns both in western Côte d’Ivoire and in some Abidjan neighborhoods, according to relief agency assessments.
- On June 9, a USAID team arrived in Côte d’Ivoire to assess ongoing humanitarian needs in Abidjan and areas of western and northern Côte d’Ivoire. The team plans to visit host communities and displacement camps and will meet with humanitarian organizations.
- USAID and the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) have provided more than \$44 million in humanitarian assistance to benefit affected populations in Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia to date.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
IDPs¹ in Côte d’Ivoire	314,662 ²	UNHCR – June 3, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Liberia	188,021 ³	UNHCR – June 10, 2011
People Displaced from Côte d’Ivoire to Other Countries	24,761	UNHCR – June 3, 2011

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$6,589,744
USAID/FFP⁴ Assistance to Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia	\$16,400,000
State/PRM⁵ 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.....	\$44,089,744

CONTEXT

- Following the disputed presidential election in November 2010 between Alassane Ouattara 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, longstanding ethnic tensions, and fear of potential retaliation by forces loyal to Gbagbo or President Ouattara continue to 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 Due to frequent population movements, estimates of IDP figures are subject to change. Approximately 186,000 IDPs are in western Côte d’Ivoire, while approximately 71,800 IDPs are in northern, central, and eastern areas, according to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). An estimated 56,800 IDPs are in Abidjan; however, earlier reports indicated that as many as 700,000 people may have been displaced in and around the city. Identification and registration of IDPs continue.

³ This figure remains fluid due to ongoing UNHCR verifications and may not reflect the number of returnees to Côte d’Ivoire. More than 100,000 refugees are in Nimba County, nearly 71,000 refugees are in Grand Gedeh County, and roughly 16,500 refugees are in Maryland County, with the remainder in River Gee and Montserrado counties.

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: Security and Returns

- In areas of western Côte d'Ivoire where the conflict began in late 2010, some spontaneous returns have recently occurred from IDP sites at Danané and Zouan-Hounien, according to OCHA. The returns followed visits to home villages organized by UNHCR. On the visits, IDP leaders, Government of Côte d'Ivoire (GoCI) authorities, and relief agency staff determined that minimum security needs for returns had been met in a number of localities in Tiapleu and Zouan-Hounien communes, Dix-Huit Montagnes Region. According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), which manages the 10 sites that host most IDPs in western Côte d'Ivoire, more than 90 percent of IDPs in the region have expressed interest in returning home.
- Security has improved in Guiglo town, western Côte d'Ivoire, with schools and markets resuming activities; however, banks remain closed and civilian police activity has not resumed, according to OCHA. In interviews with OCHA, IDPs from the nearby Duékoué Catholic mission camp reported harassment when outside the camp due to their assumed pro-Gbagbo affiliation and reported a fear of attack in the Duékoué central market. IDPs had established an alternate market close to the Catholic mission due to security concerns, but the alternate market burned in early June. Preparations continue for moving IDPs from the Catholic mission to a new site in Guiglo, including construction of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities.
- An IOM assessment in western Côte d'Ivoire in late May found that as many as 21,000 Ivorian refugees may have returned from Liberia to Bin Houye District near Toulépleu and Bloléquin.

Côte d'Ivoire: Food Security and Malnutrition

- Overall, cereal prices in Côte d'Ivoire are normalizing, while oil and sugar prices remain above-average, and displaced populations will remain largely dependent on emergency food assistance in months to come, according to market monitoring conducted by the U.N. World Food Program (WFP). Imported rice prices are likely to remain high in western Côte d'Ivoire during the coming four months due to fuel costs and roadblocks, WFP reported. Maize prices will likely remain steady in the north, and sugar and oil prices will likely remain above-average during the coming months. Access to food for some residents in Abidjan will remain challenging due to conflict-induced disruptions to livelihoods and labor markets.
- In response to recent reports of increased incidence of acute malnutrition among children in western Côte d'Ivoire, relief agencies continue to scale up malnutrition treatment, screening, and awareness programs. Current relief agency and GoCI malnutrition response activities include treatment at therapeutic units of children suffering from severe acute malnutrition; supplementary feeding to children suffering from moderate acute malnutrition and to pregnant or lactating women; blanket supplementary feeding to children less than five years of age; and distribution of prepared food at IDP sites as a preventive measure.
- A national nutritional survey using the Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transitions (SMART) methodology is scheduled to begin during the week of June 13, according to the Nutrition Cluster.

Côte d'Ivoire: Health

- Relief agencies have reported a small number of cholera cases in Abidjan during the past five months. Health organizations recently confirmed four cases of cholera, out of 10 suspected cases, and one death in the Koumassi neighborhood of Abidjan. In Abidjan's Abobo East neighborhood, health authorities have confirmed 10 cases of cholera and two deaths. Non-governmental organizations and U.N. agencies are providing treatment and medical supplies for affected persons. To date, health officials have not reported any cholera cases in western Côte d'Ivoire, according to the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF). Occurrences of cholera are endemic to the region, particularly during the rainy season, which traditionally lasts from May to October.

Liberia: Assistance to Host Communities and Refugees

- To date in June, WFP has delivered emergency food assistance benefiting a total of 10,265 refugees in Liberia, while WFP food distributions to communities hosting refugees have reached nearly 4,100 households in Nimba County this month. WFP's food distribution in June complements WFP's distribution of 30-day rations benefiting a total of 53,339 people in Nimba, Grand Gedeh, and Maryland counties in May—including more than 38,000 Ivorian refugees and nearly 15,000 Liberian host community members. WFP has also begun food-for-work activities for host community members in Maryland County.
- To help host communities and displaced populations sow crops during the current planting season, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) continues to distribute agricultural inputs; as of June 9, FAO had completed 60 percent of planned rice seed distributions, which will benefit a total of 21,300 households in Nimba and Grand Gedeh counties. In addition to rice seeds, FAO plans to distribute tuber and vegetable inputs. Other organizations, including USAID/OFDA partners, are also distributing seeds; the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) recently completed its seed distribution.

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
Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US)	Health, Nutrition	Western Côte d'Ivoire: Moyen-Cavally Region	\$1,025,077
UNICEF	Health, WASH	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
WFP	Logistics	Côte d'Ivoire: Affected Areas	\$500,000
	Administrative Support and Travel	Côte d'Ivoire: Countrywide	\$84,242
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire</i>			\$3,109,319
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
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Protection	Nimba County, Liberia	\$394,687
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$800,000
USAID/Liberia ²	Health, Protection, WASH	Nimba County, Liberia	\$100,000
WFP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$250,000
<i>Subtotal of USAID/OFDA Assistance to Liberia</i>			\$3,480,425
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$6,589,744
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			
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>			\$4,700,000
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>			\$11,700,000
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>			\$7,000,000

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			\$44,089,744

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of June 10, 2011.

² USAID/Liberia used this funding to support humanitarian response activities implemented by Equip Liberia and IRC.

³ Estimated value of food assistance.

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