

Evaluation of Côte d'Ivoire WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019-2025

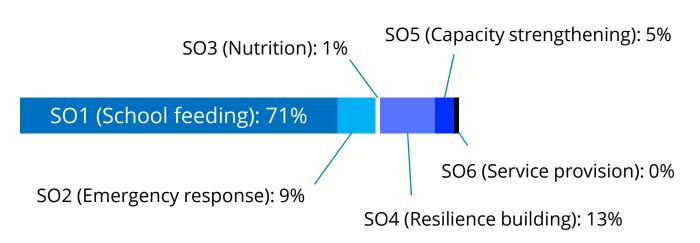
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Background

- Greater emphasis on strengthening national capacities.
- School feeding a major component.
- Funding asymmetry driven by the McGovern-Dole programme.
- Number of beneficiaries nearly quadrupled during the Country Strategic Plan (CSP).

Breakdown of expenditures across strategic outcomes



Source: WFP Annual Country Report 2023

WFP strategic positioning and alignment



A strong evidence base underpinned the relevance of all CSP components.



Funding availability shaped WFP's strategic focus – school feeding became the central pillar, while other activities suffered from chronic underfunding.



WFP has positioned itself as a **strong partner to national institutions** in school feeding, crisis response, rice fortification and food security monitoring.



CSP aligned well with national strategies and adapted to evolving needs, enabled by a contingency crisis response component.



Weaknesses in the intervention logic and insufficient integration hindered national capacity building efforts.

Key contributions to change



School feeding increased enrolment and retention among girls.



Emergency food assistance for refugees and vulnerable communities improved food consumption.



WFP supported initial steps towards **establishing national rice fortification capacities.**



Resilience activities **improved women's access to resources.**

Challenges



Underfunding hindered scale, continuity, and coherence in emergency response, nutrition, resilience, and capacity-strengthening efforts.



COVID-19 disruptions likely explaining limited outcomes of school feeding on students' reading skills and household food security.



Market challenges such as seasonal market saturation, low farmgate prices and limited value chain partnerships constrained resilience-building efforts.

Recommendations

Refocus WFP interventions on the most food-insecure areas; reinforce operational synergies across programme components.

Improve national capacity strengthening through targeted and participatory strategies, especially school feeding, nutrition and resilience.

Build multi-sectoral partnerships with national institutions and UN agencies to address systemic challenges including resilience and crisis management.

Redefine WFP's value addition and strategy for impact in resilience, including scaling up national capacity strengthening.

Strengthen resource mobilization analysis and set realistic, multi-year funding targets for the next CSP.

Improve monitoring and evaluation systems, especially for measuring capacity strengthening results.