ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RESIDENT/HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR ON THE USE OF CERF GRANTS

Country	Côte d'Ivoire
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I. Summary of Funding and Beneficiaries

	Total amount required_for the humanitarian response:		\$37, 224,513			
	Total amount received for the humanitarian response:		\$14, 137,727			
	Breakdown of total country funding	CERF \$2,412,316				
	received by source:	CHF/HRF COUNTRY LEVEL FUND	os			
		OTHER (Bilateral/Multilateral)	\$11,725,411			
(\$9	Total amount of CERF funding received from the Rapid Response window:		\$2,000,003			
Funding (US\$)	Total amount of CERF funding received from the Underfunded window:		\$412,313			
Func	Please provide the breakdown of CERF funds by type of partner:	a. Direct UN agencies/IOM implementation:	\$1,425,349			
		b. Funds forwarded to NGOs for implementation (in Annex, please provide a list of each NGO and amount of CERF funding forwarded):	\$570,579			
		c. Funds for Government implementation:	\$416,388			
		d. TOTAL:	\$2,412,316			
	Total number of individuals affected by the crisis:	Around 8 percent of children 6	le are severely food insecure)			
	Total number of individuals reached with CERF funding:	60,000 (protection) + 27,600 (FS&	(N) + 221 816 (vaccination) = 309, 416 individuals			
Beneficiaries		4,800 severely malnourished child	ren under 5 + 5,677 under 12 months vaccinated			
±50 percent females for all three UFE grants to response including of						

Geographical areas of implementation:	West: Kouibly, Dueoué, Bagohouo, guehiebli, Logoualé, Diéouzon, Zou, Bangolo, Guiglo, Bloléquin, Zéaglo, Béoué,
	Tiobly and Péhé North: Savanes and Déngélé regions

II. Analysis

1. Humanitarian Context

In late 2008, recognizing the transitional context and reassessing needs, members of the humanitarian community in Cote d'Ivoire (IAHCC) unanimously agreed not to embark in a conventional CAP for 2009 but rather update the humanitarian strategy (CHAP) and elaborate a gap filling resource mobilization in two areas: 1) resettlement and protection of IDPs in the west, and 2) nutrition and food security in the north. The strategic document was called Côte d'Ivoire 2009: Critical Humanitarian Needs.

Return of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the west has been ongoing but not without constraints and obstacles. There were continued concerns about human rights violations against displaced and returning populations and the non functional judiciary system allows for widespread impunity. In what is considered a fragile environment, it remained critical for the humanitarian partners in Côte d'Ivoire to ensure that the most affected populations receive appropriate assistance in order to consolidate the gains made in the peace process and to avoid a potential violent relapse. In this respect, protection activities in support of a safe return and reintegration process in the west are an immediate priority. However, low levels of funding had dramatically slowed down protection operations since the end of 2008, and as a result tensions were very tangible and could potentially lead to more inter-community violence.

In the north, high malnutrition rates were revealed in July 2008 by the Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transitions (SMART) survey, conducted jointly by the National Nutrition Programme (PNN), World Food Programme (WFP) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The survey concluded that the global acute malnutrition (GAM) rate was 17.5 percent in the north, well above the emergency threshold of 10 percent, and a marked deterioration from the 2006 multiple indicator cluster survey (MICS) which concluded a GAM of 12.5 percent in that region. A number of initiatives have been put in place in late 2008 to respond to the needs but lack of resources and response infrastructure as well as poor crops will unfortunately allow for severe malnutrition to persist if not worsen. Humanitarian partners and national counterparts have stressed the need to reinforce screening capacities coupled with acute malnutrition interventions in most severely hit areas in order to avoid the worse, but also noted that the situation will keep degrading further if not more seriously considered by all stakeholders, and more specifically by donors.

At the time of the underfunded emergency (UFE) first round allocation in 2009, none of the critical humanitarian needs (CHN) priority projects supporting the two areas had received funding. The lack of funding was threatening the continuation of already limited life-saving programmes.

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¹ Source: FAO, WFP 2008.

2. CERF allocations

CERF requests to support to peaceful reintegration and protection of IDPs in the west (09-HCR-004; 09-IOM-005).

Protection monitoring highlighted that the dynamics in return areas were such that if not assisted by humanitarian partners through reintegration, social cohesion and protection activities, there was a high risk of violent relapse. Conflicts between host community members and returnees had regularly occurred and lead to violent deaths. Areas where durable solutions and social cohesion assistance had been provided proved to be much safer and some communities had already embarked in an early recovery mode. Indeed, the stabilisation of return areas in the west was critical to the implementation of the peace process in Cote d'Ivoire. Further violence and death could only create more division amongst all parties involved.

Within the Protection Cluster, it was considered crucial that the following under-funded activities receive CERF support in order to avoid further loss of life and a potential return to conflict in the most affected parts of western Cote d'Ivoire:

- 1. Coordination of the protection cluster
- 2. Reintegration support to returnees and host communities to achieve durable solutions
- 3. Social cohesion activities aiming at reducing inter-community tensions

Results and CERF added value:

The CERF contribution to this collaborative response, protection and durable reintegration of IDPs, has ensured the continuation of programmes that were on the brink of closing because of lack of funding. With the injection of new funding in the protection monitoring programme, and the protection cluster coordination that it informs, UNHCR and its partners were able to identify the most urgent assistance priorities in affected areas and mitigate, in a timely manner, the risks of violence due to inter-community tensions.

This assistance reached more than 49,000 returnees and triggered the return of 19,500 IDPs to their areas of origin. Sixty five peace committees received enough support to carry out their work - conflict resolution mechanisms in highly volatile areas. The provision of 150 NFI kits and the rehabilitation of 11 water pumps contributed greatly to stabilising affected areas and fostered inter-community reconciliation. Except for localised issues, no major incidence of violence or waves of internal displacement were reported during 2009.







Source: IOM CI

CERF request to respond to acute malnutrition in the north (09-WFP-016; 09-FAO-007; 09-CEF-001).

Limited rapid response (RR) CERF funding was provided for malnutrition to humanitarian partners in Cote d'Ivoire in late 2008 to kick start assistance to most vulnerable groups. For many of those organisations, this funding allowed for putting in place response mechanisms but the real operations had yet to be financed and national screening capacity was still very weak. Most humanitarian donors had, by the beginning of 2009, withdrawn from Cote d'Ivoire, leaving a critical transition gap. By February, the northern part of the country was entering its bridging period between crops when the most vulnerable have usually depleted their reserves and relapse into severe malnutrition again if nothing is done to prevent it. Food security and crops assessments had all indicated increasing vulnerability which could lead to a situation much worse than in 2008 if not urgently addressed. To avoid an increasing number of malnourished and ultimately save lives in worse hit areas, the cluster prioritised a rapid "complex response" package comprising of:

- 1. Nutrition treatment of malnourished children under 5 and lactating women
- 2. Food assistance for severely food insecure communities
- 3. Agricultural inputs to critically affected communities

Results and CERF added value:

The CERF allocation to Food security and Nutrition needs in Côte d'Ivoire was key in covering part of the funding gap often characterising a transition period. It was impossible to get the necessary funding to provide for the foreseeable caseload of severely and moderately malnourished children and mothers in affected areas of the north presented in the CHN 2009 (of which 17,000 suffering from acute malnutrition).

The CERF allocation ensured that 1,500 severely malnourished with complication (inpatient) and 3,300 severely (outpatient) malnourished children under 5 years old receive the necessary therapeutic treatment to survive through the combined efforts of UNICEF and WFP. Four hundred additional malnourished children received WFP nutritional supplements. Five hundred community nutrition activities centres for child survival in 500 villages centres have also screened 104,000 children, as part of the CMAM (Community Management of Acute Malnutrition), referring all cases of malnourished children to appropriate GoT/UNICEF/WFP services.



Source FAO CI

The causes of malnutrition in the north of Côte d'Ivoire are diverse, but access to food is critical to curb the under-5 mortality rates.

With CERF funding, 23,400 people received agricultural kits, 8 tons of rice, maize and vegetable seeds and 82.5 tons of fertilizer and 5,550 tools were distributed by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and its implementing partners. This allowed for beneficiaries to produce 105 tons of lowland rice, 712 tons of maize and at least 814 tons of niebe, okra, hot pepper, eggplants, tomatoes, onions, carrots and cabbages. These productions have ultimately allowed the households to feed themselves during 5 months and to decrease the period of weld.

This integrated response has proven to be effective. A new SMART survey conducted in August 2009 revealed that the level of acute malnutrition had gone down in areas covered by the CERF funded projects.

CERF request for response to Yellow Fever outbreak in Denguélé and Savanes regions (09-WHO-072).

The Denguele region has a total population of 344,000 people. In November 2009, ten suspected cases of yellow fever where reported, by two of its three health districts: Madinani (6 cases) and Odienne (4 cases); among the ten cases, six deaths were reported. Five of these cases were laboratory confirmed by *Institut Pasteur* of Dakar. Increasing of cases became a serious concern for population and national health authorities, because of immediate unavailability of resources to respond to this outbreak. Immunization of targeted population in the two health districts affected in the region by this yellow fever outbreak was imperative for the following reasons:

- Total population in this part of northern area is continuously moving across the borders, from Côte d'Ivoire to neighbouring countries, Mali and Guinea, with important interactions between people, mainly due to Côte d'Ivoire crisis.
- The region has been considered in the national preparedness plan to be the potential hosting area for refugees from the neighbouring unstable Guinea.
- Relatively low yellow fever immunization coverage rate among the general population, particularly children under one year (less than 10 percent).
- Due to consequences of the socio-political conflict, the vector control activities as well as epidemiological surveillance are very weak and the reporting system has suffered dramatically.

For the control of the yellow fever outbreak occurred in Odienne region, the Ministry of Health lunched an appeal to health sector partners for assistance. Due to unavailability of funds at Ministry and WHO Country Office level, it was urgent to mobilize resources from outside. In this context, a project for rapid response to the outbreak was submitted to the CERF, which allocated USD 412,313 for control activities.

Support provided by CERF funding enabled immunization of 221,816 persons, representing about 87 percent of the targeted population. This coverage rate was obtained through mass



Source: OMS CI

campaigning in the affected area (higher than 80 percent), and contributed to saving lives and reducing the population's vulnerability.

The allocation was granted within five days of the request and allowed for the roll out of the vaccination campaign within 15 days. No additional funds were provided by other sources. However, the implementation and the contribution of the national health sector stakeholders, especially of local authorities and communities, facilitated the achievement of the set goals. The epidemic is now considered over as no new cases have been reported since the immunization campaign.

3. Coordination and prioritisation process

Côte d'Ivoire received a \$2,000,000 UFE allocation in February 2009. Under the leadership of the Humanitarian Coordinator, the Humanitarian Country Team (IAHCC) requested the clusters to prioritize projects responding to life-saving needs and supporting the two priority areas of their 2009 CHAP: 1) Protection and return of IDPs; and 2) Malnutrition. The situation prevailing in these areas were equally worrying. The IAHCC promoted the idea of working around an equal share of funding for both responses.

OCHA Côte d'Ivoire provided support to the prioritization process by participating in cluster meetings and providing guidance to cluster leads.

As protection cluster lead, UNHCR ensured that the overall CERF prioritisation process for reintegration and protection activities was ultimately responding to the most urgent needs and addressing them in a coherent and balanced way for achieving maximal impact. To that effect, UNHCR presented an umbrella proposal to cover its most critical activities (including cluster coordination) and activities to be implemented by NGOs working complementarily, alongside a proposal from International Organization for Migration (IOM) which has a long experience in supporting vulnerable host communities in highly sensitive areas of the west. The cluster members ensured that there was no overlapping of projects and insisted for maximum geographical coverage.

The food security and nutrition cluster prioritisation process was lead by FAO and WFP. The coordination group met as agreed in the IAHCC and asked partners to identify critically underfunded and life-saving activities responding to the malnutrition situation in the north. It was decided to pursue an integrated approach whereby therapeutic treatment is accompanied by food security programmes.

As funding for CDI was scarce and because of the requirement to identify life-saving activities through a prioritisation process, the CERF allocation somehow worked as an incentive for more in-depth sectoral analysis and coordinated response planning.

III. Results:

Sector/ Cluster	CERF project number and title (If applicable, please provide CAP/Flash Project Code)	Amount disbursed from CERF (US\$)	Total Project Budget (US\$)	Number of Beneficiaries targeted with CERF funding	Expected Results/ Outcomes	Results and improvements for the target beneficiaries	CERF's added value to the project	Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms	Gender Equity
Food Security	09-WFP-016 CIV- 09/F/22012/561 Assistance to populations affected by the Côte d'Ivoire protracted crisis	\$400,000	\$19,202,983 is the total project budget, but \$2,461,360 is projected for malnutrition treatments \$6,636,873 was received, including CERF	5,200 malnourished children under five years (2,579 boys and 2,621 girls), 10,000 vulnerable pregnant and lactating women	The prevalence of acute malnutrition is reduced among children under five in targeted area. Cure rates of children in supplementary feeding programmes is within the Sphere standards. Prevalence of low birth weight amongst infants born to women receiving supplementary food assistance is less than 9 %.	Prevalence of global acute malnutrition was reduced from 16.6 % in July 2008 to 8.2 % in July 2009 in the five northern regions as per SMART nutrition survey conducted by National Nutrition Programme, WFP, UNICEF, FAO, OCHA (WHO reference, weight-forheight <-2). Cure rates of children in WFP supplementary feeding programmes was 84.1%, which is above the Sphere standard of 70 %. Prevalence of low birth weight babies born to women receiving supplementary food assistance was 7 %.	The inputs from WFP in therapeutic feeding treatments are vital. Allowing for 5,200 children to be saved from severe malnutrition.	WFP food aid monitors regularly visited project sites to report on the progress of the nutrition projects, and partners submitted monthly reports on the use of food and on entry and exits into the programme.	2,579 boys, 2,621 girls, and 10,000 vulnerable pregnant and lactating women reached.

Food security	09-FAO-007 CIV09/A/22008/1 23 Provision of agricultural inputs to assist vulnerable rural households affected by the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire. people in food insecurity and affected by malnutrition in the Northern Region des Savanes	\$200,000	\$2,461,360 (total project budget) \$665,000 received (CERF included)	2,600 malnutrition affected and food insecure households (23,400 persons) in the north of Cote d'Ivoire	400 households will receive an agricultural kit for the realization of 0.25 ha of low land rice. 400 households (3,600 persons) will receive an agricultural kit for the realization of 0.5 ha of maize. 1,800 households (16,200 persons) will receive an agricultural kit for the realization of 600 m² of market garden production. 10.234 tons of rice, maize and vegetable seeds and 70 tons of fertilizer and 2,200 tools are distributed. The production of the beneficiaries will be 800 tons of lowland rice, 600 tons of maize and 1,350 tons of vegetables. 2,600 households will be trained technically on agriculture and sensitized on nutrition and importance on diversity of diet.	150 households (1,350 persons) received an agricultural kit for the realization of 0.25 ha of low land rice. 650 households (5,850 persons) received an agricultural kit for the realization of 0.5 ha of maize. 1,800 households (16,200 persons) received an agricultural kit for the realization of 600 m² of market garden production. 8 tons of rice, maize and vegetable seeds and 82,5 tons of fertilizer and 5,550 tools were distributed. 2,600 households beneficiaries attended technical training courses. The productions of the beneficiaries are 105 tons of lowland rice, 712 tons of maize and at least 814 tons of niebe, okra, hot pepper, eggplants, tomatoes, onions, carrots and cabbages. These productions have allowed the households to feed themselves during 5 months and to decrease the period of weld. 2,600 recipients are sensitized to a good use of vegetable products to improve the diet of the household. The nutritional status among malnourished affected households was improved.	These gardening productions have ultimately allowed the households to feed themselves for 5 months and to decrease the period of weld. Acute malnutrition rates have substantially dropped in affected areas.	Memoranda of Understanding were signed with technical partners for the implementation of activities of CERF project. In addition to the distribution of agricultural kits and training of beneficiary households, the technical partners have a mandate to regularly monitor the activities of the beneficiaries. They are also supported in this task by FAO through its head of office in Korhogo. At the end of the harvest, there will be a project evaluation, including measurement of yields and the organization of a study of impact of project activities.	50% of beneficiaries were women.
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Nutrition	09-CEF-011 CIV- 9/H22028/124 Emergency nutrition for child survival in Northern Côte d'Ivoire (Région des Savanes)	\$400,000	\$1,551,000	1,500 severely malnourished with complication (inpatient) 3,300 severely (outpatient) malnourished children under 5 years old 104.000 children from 500 villages as part of the CMAM (community management of acute malnutrition)	8 nutritional rehabilitation centres provided with medical, weighing and therapeutic supplies. 100 community therapeutic centres are provided with RUTF and medication (deworming tablets and vitamin A). 500 community nutrition activities centres for child survival in 500 villages centres screen up to 104,000 children, as part of the CMAM, referring all cases of malnourished children to appropriate GoT/UNICEF/WFP services. Breastfeeding is promoted. The consumption/production of food rich in micro-nutrient (vitamin A, iodine, iron, etc) is promoted.	CERF funds provided an opportunity to respond to the negative effect of the financial crisis and the rising food prices on nutritional status of the population. The funds have been used to buy 30 mt of plumpynut, 15 mt of therapeutic milk (F100&F75), 12 mt of BP 5, 700 adult MUAC and some medicine (folic acid, amoxicillin) to ensure treatment of 3,453 severe acute malnourished children through routine activities and 7, 338 children severe acute malnourished children identified through the two community screening campaign. Among these, 77% were successfully rehabilitated.	The CERF funds have contributed to continuing life- saving activities of acute malnutrition management, acting as a catalyst for further funding from other donors.	Statistical reports from nutrition centres are regularly collected and analyzed and the analysis is shared with members of Food Security and Nutrition Thematic Group.	The primary target population for this project was children under 5 years suffering from severe malnutrition.	
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НЕАLTН	09-WHO-072 Emergency response to yellow fever outbreak in Odienne and Minignan districts, Côte d'Ivoire	\$412,313	\$560,000 total budget Only CERF contribution received	221,816 persons vaccinated among 254,960 Persons at risk in the whole Odienne region	Contribute to yellow fever outbreak control in districts of Denguele region, in Côte d'Ivoire.	Project supported Côte d'Ivoire through procurement and delivery of 172,000 doses of vaccines and administrative supplies. 254,000 persons in affected districts sensitized on prevention of yellow fever disease. A rapid refreshment training of about 250 health workers and volunteers has been conducted on yellow fever disease for a rapid response to an outbreak. Surveillance activities enhanced in the affected districts (Minignan and Madinani) in Denguele region 221,816 persons have been vaccinated during mass immunization campaign in Denguele region.		For the emergency response yellow fever project in Odienne and Minignan, a team of 6 staff of WHO-Country Office conducted a mission in Odienne region for the monitoring of activities, from 25 to 28 December 2009. The coverage survey planned for evaluation of the campaign was conducted under WHO country office control.	The entire population in the affected zone was targeted for vaccination. The turnout was 87%.	
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Annex 1: NGOS and CERF Funds Forwarded to Each Implementing Partner

NGO Partner	Sector	Project Number	Amount Forwarded (US\$)	Date Funds Forwarded
IRC	Protection	09-HCR-004	\$197,741	2009-07-20
				2009-12-17
				2010-02-08
CARE	Protection	09-HCR-004	\$122,310	2009-08-31
		_		2009-12-17
DRC	Protection	09-HCR-004	\$161,017	2009-07-20
				2009-11-06
				2010-02-24
MSVG	Protection	09-HCR-004	\$16,919	2009-07-20
				2010-01-06
CARITAS	Protection	09-HCR-004	\$34,752	2009-10-02
				2009-12-16
Animation	Nutrition	09-CEF-011	\$16,666	2009-11-12
Rurale de				
Khorogo (ARK)				
ANADER	Food Security	09-FAO-007	\$9,174	See list attached
(Khorogo,				(many small
Tengréla, Ferké,				payments)
Odiénné,				
Touba)				
CARITAS	Food Security	09-WFP-016	\$12,000	2009-04-28
				2009-06-08
				2009-10-06
		TOTAL	\$570,579	

Annex 2: Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACF Action Contre la Faim

AKR Animation Rurale de Khorogo

ANADER National Agency for Rural Development
CMAM Community Management of Acute Malnutrition

CERF Central Emergency Response Fund
CHAP Common Humanitarian Action Plan

DRCDanish Refugee CouncilERCEmergency Relief CoordinatorFAOFood and Agriculture OrganizationFSMSFood Security Monitoring System

GAM Global Acute Malnutrition

Inter Agency Humanitarian Coordination Committee

IASC Inter Agency Standing Committee IDPS Internally Displaced People

IOM International Organization for Migration

IRC International Rescue Committee

MoH Ministry of Health

MSVG Ministère de la Solidarité et des Victimes de Guerre

MT Metric Tons
NFI Non Food Items

NGOs Non Governmental Organizations

OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

OPA Ouagadougou Political Agreement
PNN National Nutrition Programme
PPCs Peace and Protection Committees

SAM Severe Acute Malnutrition
SFCs Supplementary feeding Centers
SGBV Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

SMART Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and

Transitions

TFC Therapeutic Feeding Centers

UNHCR United Nations High Commission for Refugees

UNICEF United Nations Children's Funds

WFP World Food Programme