



Côte d'Ivoire

An integrated approach to local development, the promotion of peace and human security in the region of Gbêké

Background information

While Côte d'Ivoire has experienced strong economic growth over the last decade, the benefits have not been realized equitably, contributing to weakening social dynamics and post-electoral crises in certain regions, including the Gbêké region. This programme aims to accelerate the SDGs at the local level and promote stability through a community-driven approach to expand equitable access to basic social services and employment opportunities for the most vulnerable groups, as well as to improve the social and community environment for stability and inclusive development.

The programme builds upon an initiative supported by the UNTFHS in 2019 to strengthen the application of human security towards accelerating the achievement of the SDGs at the local level in West Africa.

Goals and objectives

The key objectives of the programme are to: (i) establish an inclusive, community-driven and intersectoral mechanism based on the human security approach for exchange, learning, monitoring and community dialogue for peace and reconciliation; and (ii) improve access to basic social services for the most vulnerable populations to contribute effectively to the achievement of SDGs and human security at the local level.



DURATION
October 2021 — September 2024



UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES
UNDP, UNWOMEN, UNRCO



OTHER KEY PARTNERS
Ministry of Planning and Development; Ministry of Women, Family and Children; Regional Council of Gbêké

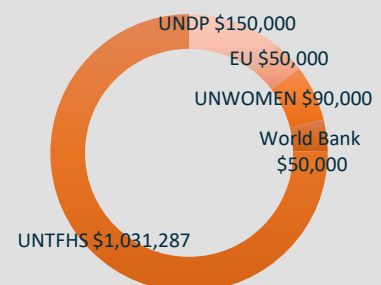


BENEFICIARIES
Women, youth, people with disabilities



TOTAL BUDGET
US\$ 1,371,278

POOLING OF RESOURCES



Beneficiaries

The programme primarily focuses on the most vulnerable groups of the population, including women, youth, and persons with disabilities, while also benefitting the broader community, health and social workers, civil society organizations, religious and community leaders, and local public authorities.

Applying the Human Security approach

This programme addresses the human security needs of the Gbêkê region, and particularly its four localities of Béoumi, Bottro, Bouaké and Sakassou, with interventions based on real problems identified at the local level and taking into account community priorities. The programme utilizes the protection and empowerment approach of human security by improving access to basic social services for those most vulnerable, while strengthening participation of and consultation with these groups in decision-making at different levels. The participation of local authorities will also allow for a more inclusive framework to discuss and find solutions to the daily challenges and the difficult realities of the local communities.

In line with the human security approach, the programme strongly relies on existing capacities, structures and plans of the target localities. The programme builds on the regional development plan (RDP) of the Gbêkê region, concurrently aiming to utilize and further strengthen local committees responsible for the monitoring of the national development plan and ensuring strengthened involvement and participation of women in these local coordinating bodies. To further advance social cohesion and address the multidimensional challenges faced by the local communities, the programme aims to use the human security approach to guide operational and financial reform of social centres, which can serve as a gateway for the most vulnerable youth, women and men to access essential services and new opportunities.

The programme activities also follow a prevention-oriented approach through the strengthening of mechanisms for negotiating and resolving social, land and political conflicts, especially in a post-election context. This includes outreach activities on community policing, strengthening of inter-community dialogue and social cohesion activities, support to civil-military cooperation, and early warning activities at the local level in support of the electoral process. Advocacy activities and communication strategies to raise awareness and encourage women to run for election will also further the inclusion of women in decision making.



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