



Weekly Report

Côte d'Ivoire

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Chronic malnutrition in Côte d'Ivoire's northern region

- 40 percent of Ivorian children in Côte d'Ivoire's north are chronically malnourished. The effects of a drawn-out conflict, desertion by aid groups and inadequate medical staff have contributed to the situation. Food scarcity here is often due to harsh weather and high food costs.
- Lack of qualified medical personnel in the north has stoked chronic malnutrition. Côte d'Ivoire has 0.14 physicians per 10,000 people, according to the World Health Organization. Countries with fewer than 23 physicians, nurses and midwives per 10,000 people generally fail to achieve adequate coverage for selected primary health care interventions.
- Lean season to start in a few weeks.
- Source: IRIN

<http://www.irinnews.org/report/99907/chronic-malnutrition-dogs-côte-d-ivoire-s-north>

Children rescued from trafficking and exploitation in Côte d'Ivoire

- An operation by law enforcement authorities in Côte d'Ivoire supported by INTERPOL rescued 76 children believed to be trafficked across West Africa for illegal child labour.
- The operation led to the arrest and sentencing of 8 traffickers.
- The rescued children were taken into care following the operation.
- Source: Interpol

<http://www.interpol.int/News-and-media/News/2014/N2014-058>

"NGOs and development partners are willing to help fight malnutrition through rapid diagnosis and donating equipment, but sometime down the line we find ourselves abandoned with no further support."

- NGO official in northern Côte d'Ivoire who preferred anonymity
