

The United States in Cote d'Ivoire



The United States and Côte d'Ivoire have enjoyed a close partnership since establishing diplomatic relations in 1960. Today, the two countries collaborate on efforts to promote Côte d'Ivoire's emergence as a regional leader with a stable and prosperous democracy and a healthy population.

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

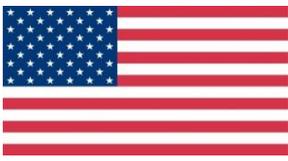
Through diplomatic engagement and bilateral assistance, the United States promotes good governance, transparency, and human rights in order to strengthen democratic systems in Côte d'Ivoire. The **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** focuses on the inclusion of citizens in government decision-making, organizing elections, and on reinforcing the role of civil society and the media in a democracy. The two countries collaborate to promote peace and international security, and the United States welcomed Côte d'Ivoire's election to a non-permanent seat in the UN Security Council for 2018-2019.

ECONOMIC GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TRADE

The United States supports Côte d'Ivoire's efforts to create conditions for sustainable economic growth. The **Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)** Compact aims to rehabilitate four major highways, connecting 8.8 million users to the main port and airport in Abidjan. The secondary education project will train and provide a skilled workforce capable of meeting human resource demands for business. **USAID's Trade Africa Initiative** attracts investment and boosts exports while **Power Africa** increases the number of people with access to power and expand energy production. The United States is the second-largest shareholder of the **African Development Bank (AfDB)** and is represented by the **U.S. Treasury Department** on the AfDB Board of Directors. In 2016, the AfDB approved more than \$400 million in project financing for Côte d'Ivoire for rural agricultural development, urban transport infrastructure, and power distribution. The **U.S. Department of Commerce's** Liaison Office to the AfDB helps U.S. companies invest across Africa through AfDB-financed projects.

HEALTH

The United States is proud to support Côte d'Ivoire's HIV/AIDS response via the **President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)**. This effort brings together the **U.S. Department of State**, the **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, **USAID**, and the **Department of Defense** to provide service delivery and technical assistance to maximize the quality, coverage, and impact of the national HIV/AIDS response. The United States is responsible for funding more than half of the HIV treatment-related services in the country and nearly 90% of all HIV testing. Through the **Global Health Security Agenda**, the United States promotes infectious disease control in Côte d'Ivoire by strengthening systems for the prevention, detection and response to emerging pandemic disease threats. The **President's Malaria Initiative (PMI)**, led by **USAID** and implemented jointly with **CDC**, is focused on the prevention and control of malaria. The **U.S. Department of Agriculture's McGovern-Dole** program works through the World Food Program to provide daily meals for 125,000 schoolchildren, helping to keep vulnerable children, especially girls, in school.



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SECURITY COOPERATION

The U.S. government is assisting Côte d'Ivoire to professionalize its security forces, meet the security needs of the population, and serve as a stable regional partner. U.S. government assistance focuses on **maritime security, anti-terrorism training, community policing, specialized investigations, and professional leadership training.**

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The U.S. government engages Ivoirians throughout the country with 19 different educational and professional exchange programs. These include the **Fulbright Foreign Scholar Program** for academics, the **YALI Mandela Washington Fellowship** for young professionals, and the **Community College Initiative Program** for university students. It supports 50 local radio stations with the **Radio Synergie** digital sharing platform. It also operates five **American Spaces**, which host book, film, and panel discussions, offer English language courses, provide free access to the Internet, and include extensive book collections. The **Andrew Young Center for Entrepreneurship** offers a working space for aspiring entrepreneurs to learn business concepts, develop their ideas, and collaborate. Those seeking to study in the United States can visit the **Education USA** office. Special grants through the **Ambassador's Self-Help Fund** and the **Julia Taft Refugee Fund** provide small-scale development assistance to rural communities and refugees.

For more information on the U.S. Embassy and its activities in Côte d'Ivoire, visit our website at <https://ci.usembassy.gov> or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/USAbidjan>.

Category	Programs	2017 Funding (USD)
Health: HIV/AIDS	PEPFAR	\$163 million
Health: Other	Global Health Security, Malaria, Neglected Tropical Diseases, School Nutrition & Feeding program	\$34 million
Economic Growth & Energy	Trade Africa and Power Africa	\$4 million
Infrastructure & Education	MCC Cote d'Ivoire Compact	\$10.5 million*
Democracy & Governance	Rule of Law, Human Rights, Good Governance, Civil Society	\$4.2 million
Security Cooperation	Counter Terrorism, Defense Cooperation, Community Policing	\$1.3 million
Grants, Educational & Exchange Programs	Self-Help, Julia Taft Refugee, Fulbright, Mandela Washington Fellowship, International Visitors, Community College Initiative, Education USA	\$ 1 million

*In addition to the \$524.7 million in Compact funds, MCC has invested over \$10 million for Compact preparatory studies. The five-year Compact is expected to enter into force in 2019 and begin distributing project funds soon thereafter.