

Living Income Benchmark, June 2022 Update

Côte d'Ivoire

Rural cocoa growing areas

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Original Study: CIRES, 2018 [LICOP](#)



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ORIGINAL STUDY, 2018¹

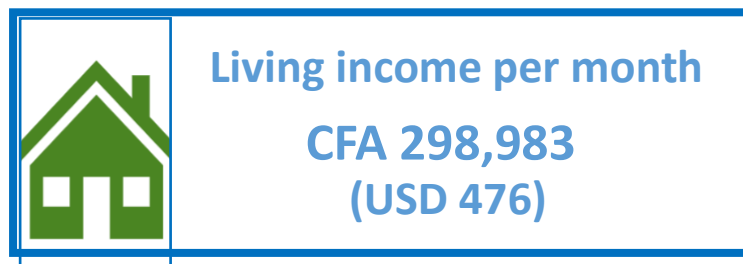
The original report was prepared by the Ivorian Centre for Socio Economic Research (CIRES) under the general supervision of Dr. Diarra Ibrahim (Director of CIRES) and Yapo G. N'Guessan, Ph. D. as Team Leader. The study team comprised the following main researchers: Abdoulaye Kouma, Andjou Chantal Eluh, Tidiane Kamagaté, Diarra Lacina and Aka Aka Bekroudjobehon. The fieldwork team consisted of: Dr. Affessi Adon Simon, Anoa Assemian, Sitionan Tenan, Kouakou Aya Larissa, N'Goran N'Guessan Olivier, Kossonou Bernard, Gondo Marcel Pecarairé and Yapi Assi Sosthène.

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¹ Full Study can be found here: https://www.living-income.com/files/ugd/0c5ab3_a437a776dc7747c2999d3b0c60a46a97.pdf

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Rural Cocoa-Growing Areas²



1. BACKGROUND

This report updates the living income for the cocoa-producing regions of Côte d'Ivoire estimated by the Ivorian Center for Socio Economic Research in August 2018 (Living Income Report Rural Côte d'Ivoire Cocoa growing areas by the Ivorian Center for Socio Economic Research (CIRES)).

This living income value is updated to June 2022 in this report to take into account the amount of inflation since the original study in August 2018. Without accounting for inflation, the living income estimated in 2018 would not be sufficient for families to have a basic but decent standard of living in 2022 because the purchasing power of the living income would have decreased.

2. LIVING INCOME FOR REFERENCE SIZE FAMILY IN ORIGINAL COUNTRY REPORT IN AUGUST 2018

Living income was estimated as CFA 262,056 in August 2018 in the original living income report. This was the required net income a typical size family needed to be able to afford a decent standard of living in August 2018. For a farming family, this would be the income required after all costs associated with farming are taken into consideration.

3. INFLATION RATE USED FOR UPDATE

The National Institute of Statistics (INS) is the government body responsible for computing and reporting price indexes and inflation rates in Côte d'Ivoire. This report uses the national inflation rate from INS to update the living income estimated in August 2018 for the cocoa growing areas in Côte d'Ivoire, because only a national CPI is available and separate CPIs for rural and urban areas are not available.

² Prepared by Richard Anker, Martha Anker and Ian Prates from the Anker Living Wage and Income Research Institute.

4. RECENT LEVEL OF INFLATION

Inflation was 4.5% between August 2018 and December 2020 in Cote d’Ivoire. However, as in the rest of the world, inflation has accelerated in 2021 and 2022 with the inflation rate being 9.2% between December 2020 and June 2022. The total inflation rate between August 2018 and June 2022 was 14.1%.

5. UPDATED LIVING INCOME FOR JUNE 2022

The Living Income Community of Practice living income estimate updated to June 2022 is CFA 298,983 per month. Table 1 provides details of the original and the updated living income values in CFA and USD.

Table 1: Living income per month for cocoa-growing regions of Côte d’Ivoire for updates and original study (in CFA and USD)

	August 2018 (original report)		June 2022	
	CFA	USD	CFA	USD
Living Expenses for Reference Family Per Month	262,056	454	298,983	476
Exchange Rate to USD	576.81		628.12	
Source of Exchange Rate	Original Report		IMF Archive June 2022 and xe.com*	
Source of CPI	National Statistical Office			

*EXCHANGE RATE FOR 2022 IS THE AVERAGE FOR MAY-JULY 2022. NOTE THAT VALUES IN USD ARE INDICATIVE ONLY