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Abstract:

This report provides updated estimates of the living income for rural Côte D'Ivoire. The update for June 2025 takes into account inflation since the original living income report from August 2018 (CIRES, 2018).

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1. BACKGROUND

This report updates the Living Income for rural cocoa growing areas in Côte D'Ivoire for 2025. The update takes into account the amount of inflation since the original study from August 2018 (CIRES, 2018). This is done by updating the August 2018 living income to June 2025 by inflation. Without accounting for inflation, the net living income estimated in 2018 would not be sufficient for families to have a basic but decent standard of living in 2025 because the purchasing power of the living income would have decreased compared to what it was in 2018.

2. LIVING INCOME IN ORIGINAL REPORT FROM AUGUST 2018

The original living income was estimated as CFA 262,056 (USD 454) in August 2018 for a typical family of two adults and four children, in rural cocoa growing regions of Côte D'Ivoire (CIRES, 2018).

3. INFLATION RATE USED FOR UPDATE

The National Statistics Institute of Côte D'Ivoire (Institut National de la Statistique, INS) is the government body responsible for computing and reporting price indices in Côte D'Ivoire.¹ It reports a harmonized national consumer price index (CPI) that uses 2023 = 100 as its base. The harmonized national CPI with the new base is used in this report to calculate inflation for updating the living income.

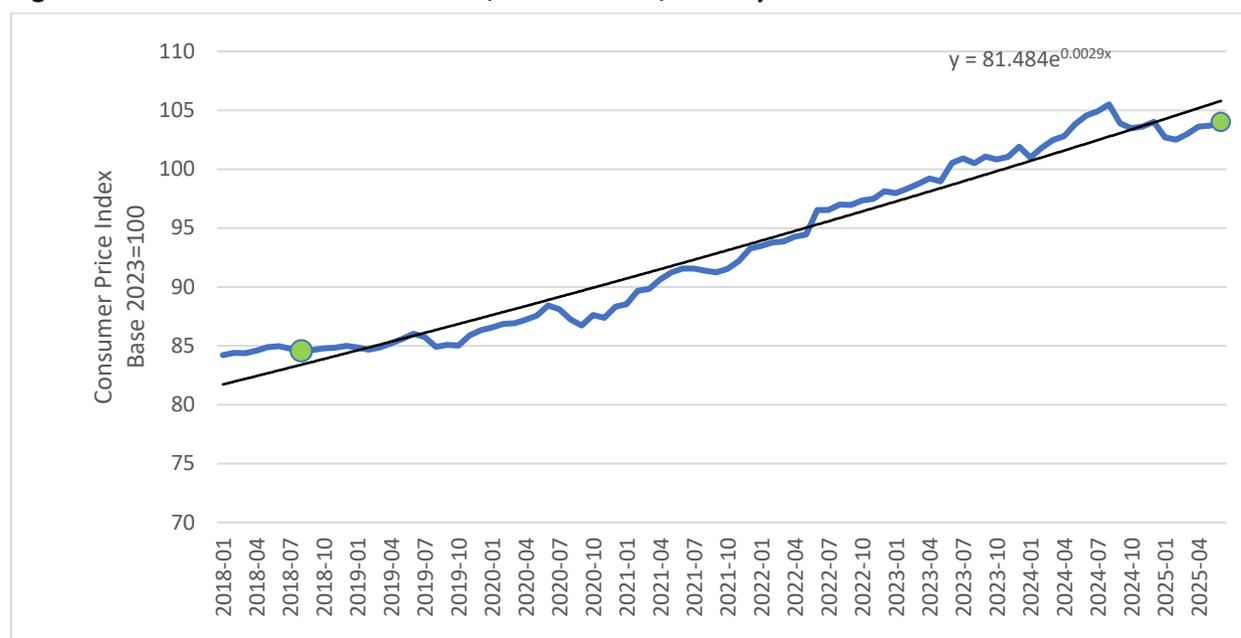
4. RECENT LEVEL OF INFLATION

Between August 2018 and June 2025, prices in Côte D'Ivoire increased steadily. The total cumulative inflation during this period was 23.0% (see Figure 1). This is the inflation rate used in this report. It is important to mention that between June 2024 and June 2025 the general price level in Côte D'Ivoire experienced a slight deflationary trend of 0.54%.

¹ See

http://www.ins.ci/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontpage#:~:text=En%20ce%20mois%20de%20F%C3%A9vrier,du%20mois%20de%20Janvier%202022.

Figure 1: General Consumer Price Index, Côte D'Ivoire, January 2018 – June 2025



Notes: Green circles indicate the months of the original study and the latest update. The black line is the fitted exponential trendline.

Source: Authors' calculations based on CPI data from INS.

5. UPDATED LIVING WAGES AND FAMILY EXPENSES FOR JUNE 2024

The updated living income for June 2025 is CFA 322,225 (USD 566) per month. Table 1 provides details of the original and the updated living wages in West African CFA Francs and USD. The living income for 2025 is slightly lower than that of 2024, mainly due to the previously mentioned deflation rate of 0.54% in the general level of prices in the country. However, the USD value of the living income increased due to the depreciation of this currency against the West African CFA franc.

Table 1: Living income for rural cocoa-growing areas in Côte D'Ivoire (in West African CFA Francs and US Dollars per month)

	August 2018 Original Report		2022 Update Report		2024 Update Report		2025 Update Report	
	CFA	USD	CFA	USD	CFA	USD	CFA	USD
Living Income	262,056	454	298,983	476	323,941	531	322,225	566
Exchange Rate to USD	576.81		628.12		609.52 ^a		568.89 ^a	
Inflation between August 2018 and June 2025							23.0%	

Note: USD values are indicative only, because exchange rates may be volatile. ^a Average exchange rate for June.

Source: Authors' calculations.

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