

Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

2015 Country Summary

Country Recommendations

Cote d'Ivoire's GI ranking in Band F places it in the highest risk category for corruption in the defence and security sector. Cote d'Ivoire's highest risk area is Operational and Financial, followed by Procurement, Political and Personnel. Now that elections have been conducted peacefully, corruption risk needs to be tackled to reduce state fragility and improve security provision:

Reduce military predation and build the integrity of the armed forces

The smuggling of goods and natural resources has weakened troop discipline and undermined the role of the army as a protector of the civilian population.

While the reintegration of almost 58,000 former combatants at the end of the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) process is to be commended, strict monitoring is needed to ensure that the process has broken militia and political ties.

Flows of weapons should be tightly controlled, twinned with improvements in weapon registration systems, to reduce the opportunities for diversion.

Security cooperation and security assistance should take care not to inadvertently fuel factionalism by privileging one group to the detriment of others.

Strengthen inclusive civilian control over the defence and security sector

Despite progress made under the national Security Sector Reform (SSR) strategy, secrecy still characterises the defence and security sector in Cote d'Ivoire.

The security sector reform process obliges the government to formulate a national defence policy which is inclusive and holistic. A formal public consultation process should be carried out to ensure civil society and citizen engagement.

The Ministry of Defence should formalise a process of public consultation on other defence-related activities in order to strengthen public trust.

The legislature needs access to detailed information on defence budgets, income, and expenditure in order to fulfil the oversight functions enshrined in the Constitution.

Scorecard

Political	Defence & Security Policy	Legislative Scrutiny	1
		Defence Committee	1
		Defence Policy Debated	0
		CSO Engagement	1
		International AC Instruments	2
		Public Debate	1
		AC Policy	2
		AC Institutions	2
		Public Trust	2
		Risk Assessments	1
	Defence budgets	Acquisition Planning	1
		Budget Transparency & Detail	1
		Budget Scrutiny	1
		Budget Publicly Available	1
		Defence Income	0
		Internal Audit	1
		External Audit	0
	Other Political Areas	Natural Resources	0
		Organised Crime Links	2
Organised Crime Policing		2	
Intelligence Services Oversight		0	
Intelligence Services Recruitment		0	
Export Controls		2	
Finance	Asset Disposals	Asset Disposal Controls	0
		Asset Disposal Scrutiny	0
	Secret Budgets	Percentage Secret Spending	0
		Legislative Access to Information	0
		Secret Program Auditing	0
		Off-budget Spending in Law	1
		Off-budget Spending in Practice	0
		Information Classification	0
	Links to Business	Mil. Owned Businesses Exist	0
		Mil. Owned Business Scrutiny	1
Unauthorised Private Enterprise		1	
Personnel	Leadership	Public Commitment	3
		Measures for Corrupt Personnel	3
		Whistleblowing	1
		Special Attention to Sensitive Personnel	0
	Payroll and Recruitment	Numbers of Personnel Known	0
		Pay Rates Openly Published	2
		Well-established Payment System	2
		Objective Appointments	1
		Objective Promotions	1
	Conscription	Bribery to Avoid Compulsory Conscription	
		Bribery for Preferred Postings	
Salary Chain	Ghost Soldiers	1	

		Chains of Command and Payment	2
	Values, Standards, Other	Code of Conduct Coverage	2
		Code of Conduct Breaches Addressed	2
		AC Training	1
		Prosecution Outcomes Transparent	2
		Facilitation Payments	1
Operations	Controls in the Field	Military Doctrine	1
		Operational Training	1
		AC Monitoring	0
		Controls on Contracting	0
		Private Military Contractors	0
Procurement	Government Policy	Legislation	0
		Transparent Procurement Cycle	0
		Oversight Mechanisms	1
		Purchases Disclosed	1
		Standards Expected of Companies	1
	Capability Gap	Strategy Drives Requirements	0
		Requirements Quantified	1
	Tendering	Open Competition v. Single-Sourcing	0
		Tender Board Controls	1
		Anti-Collusion Controls	1
	Contract Delivery / Support	Procurement Staff Training	1
		Complaint Mechanisms for Firms	3
		Sanctions for Corruption	2
	Offsets	Due Diligence	0
		Transparency	0
		Competition Regulation	0
	Other	Controls of Agents	0
Transparency of Financing Packages		0	
Subsidiaries / Sub-Contractors		0	
Political Influence		2	