



## LIBERIA

## **FACTSHEET**

December 2014

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

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Community peace halls were donated to refugee host communities

150

Refugees graduate from livelihood programs at two camps

1,120

Refugees receive health education on HIV/AIDS and other topics

4,404

Primary and pre-primary children received learning materials for use at home

# Population of concern

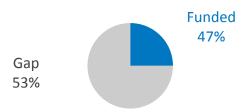
A total of 40,185 people of concern

### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Cote d'Ivoire	38,109
Sierra Leoneans	375
Mixed Nationality	92
Asylum seekers	69
Other persons of	1,540
concern	
Total	40,185

# **Funding**

USD 35,328,663 million requested



### **UNHCR Presence**

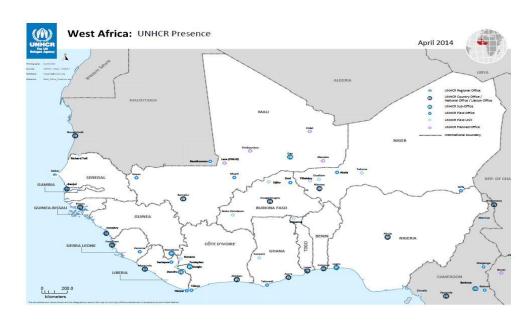
Staff:

102 national staff

27 international staff

### Offices:

4 offices located in: Monrovia, Zwedru, Saclepea, Harper



## **WORKING WITH PARTNERS**

UNHCR works with the Government of Liberia through the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC) and coordinates humanitarian assistance with: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), Care International, Caritas, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Medical Teams International (MTI), Save the Children (SCI), and Special Emergency Activity to Restore Children's Hope (SEARCH).

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

#### Protection

- UNHCR printed an additional 2,901 ID cards for Ivorian refugees in Grand Gedeh County, for a total of 12,342 out of the 15,078 needing to be printed for refugees at PTP Camp.
- All camps conducted activities in commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism against SGBV. The Men's Involvement Group took a leading role at Little Wlebo Camp, raising awareness through various group sessions and going door to door to speak to couples.
- On 10 December, Human Rights Day, FO Harper conducted refresher training for 30 refugee leaders at Little Wlebo Camp on human rights, international protection, refugee rights and obligations in the host country.

#### Education

- A total of 4,404 children at the PTP Camp, including 3,038 ages 2-5 and 1,366 ages 6-7, received learning materials from Save the Children for home use. The learning materials were donated by UNICEF.
- Pre-registration was held in Little Wlebo Camp for the possible resumption of school in early 2015. Schools have been closed by government order since 30 July to help prevent further spread of the Ebola virus.

#### Health

- World AIDS Day was celebrated on 1 December with activities in the camps and in Monrovia. UNHCR co-sponsored the Monrovia
  event with T-shirts highlighting its commitment to combatting HIV/AIDS, even in times of Ebola.
- Social and health workers provided health education focusing on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases along with malaria, Ebola, and personal and family hygiene to 1,120 individuals at Bahn Camp. A total of 4,640 condoms were distributed.
- Twenty-five health awareness sessions on Ebola were conducted in the 12 blocks of the Bahn Refugee Camp, reaching 1,714 refugees. Three focus group discussions also were held on the prevention of Ebola with 380 individuals attending the sessions.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- A production and marketing center was constructed at Bahn Camp for use by graduates of the ADRA/CWAP skills training program to sell their products.
- One hundred and fifty refugees, including 70 from Bahn Camp and 80 from PTP Camp, graduated from livelihood programs in the areas of computers, tie-dye, soap making, chloride production, and mechanics. The graduates received starter kits to launch their income-generating activities.
- FO Harper handed over two community peace halls to the people of Little Wlebo Community and Rock Town in appreciation for their generosity in allowing the refugee camp to be established on their land and good cooperation that exists between their communities and the refugees.

#### **Durable Solutions**

- Nine cases of Syrians and Malians seeking asylum in Liberia were adjudicated by the asylum committee in December, and all 9 were granted refugee status.
- Voluntary repatriation remains suspended because the border is closed due to Ebola.

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