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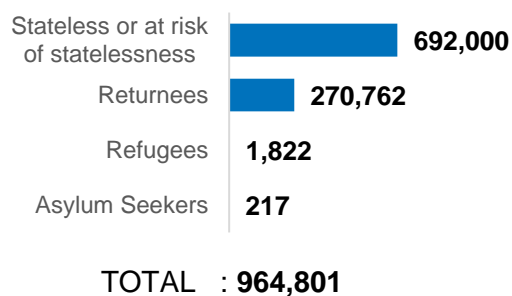
Assisted by UNHCR and partners, the **PRM** conducted a visit of formerly funded projects in Guiglo, Tai, Bolequin and Danane

UNHCR assisted with the **Voluntary Repatriation of 464 Ivorians** from Liberia, Ghana, Togo, Azerbaijan and Guinea

UNHR and ICVA organized a **workshop on CRRF and the Global Compact on Refugees**

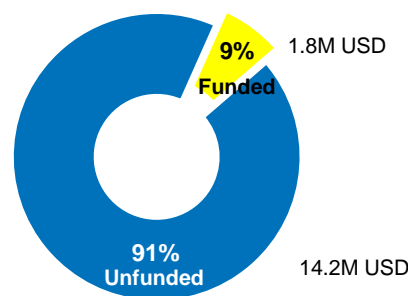
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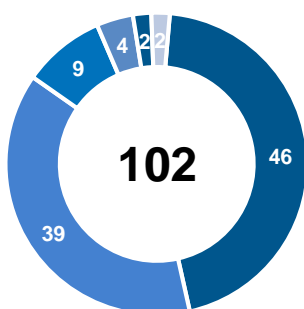
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 46 National Staff
- 39 National UNV
- 09 International Staff
- 04 IUNV
- 02 Interns
- 02 Consultant



UNHCR office:

- 1 Branch Office in **Abidjan**
- 1 Sub Office in **Guiglo**



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire works in close partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, *Caritas-CI*, *World Food Program (WFP)*, the *United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV)* and *Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI)*.

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PRM Visit

- From 20-22 of May 2019, the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM) of the US Department of State has visited formerly funded projects and beneficiaries together with UNHCR and partners staff (WFP, CARE and ASAPSU), Kristin Alderman, Senior Refugee Program Officer for U.S. Department of State, Russell Bernstein, Regional Refugee Coordinator for West Africa and Stephanie Burk, Political Assistant, in the regions of Tai, Guiglo, Bolequin, Toulepleu and Danane.
- It was recommended that Governmental bodies be sensitized on the importance of issuing documentation to stateless and people at risk of statelessness. Most importantly they were encouraged to facilitate the issuing of national certificates, a process which is currently long and very expensive.
- UNHCR and partners mentioned that they are and will advocate more towards the Identity for all before Judges and relevant authorities.



Interview in Diboke with project beneficiaries



Shelters visit in Daobly

Workshop on CRRF and the Global Compact on Refugees

The workshop focused on the "multi-stakeholder approach" as highlighted in the New York Declaration and the Global Compact on Refugees. With a view to making a concrete contribution, making it possible to capitalize on past efforts and support the action of the various actors involved in the Ivorian situation.

The workshop also aimed at

- Sharing, information on the process and objectives of the Global Compact for Refugees;
- Contributing to a collective reflection on how work in favor of refugees and returnees in the Ivorian situation can be integrated into the dynamics of the Global Compact, including the Global Forum on Refugees;
- Strengthening the common understanding of the "multi-stakeholder approach" and its potential to generate added value in the response;
- Participating in the establishment of a multi-stakeholder platform for regular exchanges on the implementation of the Global Compact and, more broadly, set up a follow-up mechanism among workshop participants.



Participants of Governmental bodies, local and international NGOs, and Refugees attended the workshop on CRRF/GCR

Training on European Union's funding mechanism

- A three(3) days training conducted by the DRRM from 27-29 May 2019 saw the participation of UNHCR officers from Senegal, Nigeria, Mauritania, Guinea, Gambia, Cameroon, Liberia, Togo, Ghana, Senegal, DRC, Burkina Faso and host country Cote d'Ivoire. The purpose of the training was to understand the financing mechanism of the European Union and its implications for the UNHCR.
- Highlight was made on the difference between Echo and Non -Echo funding.
- Mr. Michael Laloge, Head of Cooperation of the European Union provided an insight on their process of prioritization and long-term programming in the context of their next budget cycle 2021-2027 and consultation with UN partners

Main Activities

Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

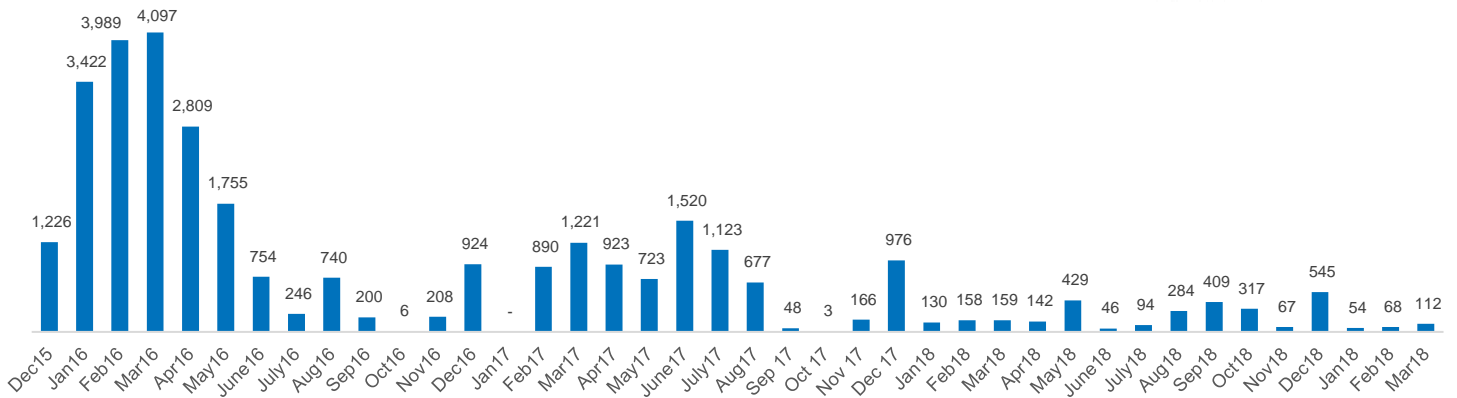
- VolRep Recap – May 2019.

| Date | CoA | Returnees | Household | NoC* |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Tuesday, May 07, 2019 | Liberia | 194 | 76 | 17 |
| Thursday, May 09, 2019 | Ghana | 120 | 52 | 0 |
| Wednesday, May 15, 2019 | Togo | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Wednesday, May 15, 2019 | Azerbaijan | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Thursday, May 23, 2019 | Guinea | 51 | 9 | 0 |
| Tuesday, May 28, 2019 | Liberia | 115 | 41 | 7 |

* NoC (Not of Concern) refers to returnees relatives accompanying their Ivorian families

- From January 1st and May 31st 2019, a total of 773 Ivorian refugees were repatriated to Cote d'Ivoire with the support of UNHCR.
- A "Go and See" mission took place from 08 to 10 May 2019 in the Tabou department in presence of 4 Ivorian refugees, DAARA, LRRRC (Liberia Refugee Repatriation Resettlement Commission) and UNHCR Liberia/Cote d'Ivoire representatives.
- On May 09th, UNHCR assisted with the repatriation of a convoy of 120 Ivorian refugees from Ghana in presence of DAARA and WFP.
- Departure of a refugee of Central African nationality to his country of origin on 14 May 2019.

Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to 31st May 2019



Refugees

- As of May 31st, 2019, a total of 773 refugees are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.
- On May 10th and 24th, The National Eligibility Commission held a session at DAARA (Direction D'Aide et d'Assistance aux Refugies et aux Apatrides); out of 20 cases submitted for review: 16 were granted refugee status, 02 were adjourned while 02 applicants were rejected.
- 16 refugee identity certificates issued and handed out in the south-western region by the social partner.

Reintegration

- A pilot project as part of the Government-led social safety nets (Filets sociaux gouvernementaux) has been launched in the Danané region to help people receiving less than 665 FCFA per day. After studying the impacts and beneficiaries, this project could be the subject of advocacy on our part so that PoCs are more widely considered.
- To date, 102 people, including 69 women and 33 men, have registered for vocational training at the CFPT training center in Tabou.
- DAARA provided assistance to 11 refugees, including 08 in Tabou (80% and 100%), 03 in San Pedro (80% and 100%).

Statelessness

■ Identification

- During the reporting period, a total number of 270 persons at risk of statelessness were identified and registered

■ Prevention

- A number of awareness-raising and training sessions on statelessness, nationality and the importance of birth declaration were conducted in various towns in the south west of the country.
- In conjunction to the launch of the committees activities on statelessness in 15 villages organized in Doropo, an awareness-raising campaign attended by nearly 700 people was carried out
- On May 14, 16, 21, 2019, awareness sessions in 4 localities of Sinematiali gathered 152 people. The topics discussed, covered statelessness and birth registration
- 08 birth certificates from the year 2018 have been withdrawn and distributed by DAARA in Guiglo.
- 02 nationality certificates issued for a foundling and a person at risk of statelessness in Sassandra



Outreach awareness in Sinikosson



Traning of Sinikosson community leaders

by the AFJCI of San-Pedro. 06 other certificates of physiological age issued and 08 supplementary enlisted judgments files for 7 adults and one foundling child.

- 3454 people, in 4 localities were sensitized on the importance of birth registration, nationality and statelessness.
- 10 officers who took part to the Capacity building training for civil servants in Sandegue and Dimandougou region committed to refer all cases of risk of statelessness to UNHC

■ Communication

- UNHCR Protection Assistant and the focal point of AFJCI Gagnoa hosted a broadcast on May 8th at the community radio station of Ouragahio and on the 14th on Gagnoa's radio station to discuss on statelessness.
- Exchange took place with the Vice President and Chief Registrar of Sassandra Court regarding requests for supplementary judgments and the issuance of nationality certificates for beneficiaries by AFJCI of San-Pedro.



- UNHCR's field protection assistant based in Touba took part in a meeting on "Non-declaration of births in the Bafing; causes, consequences and solutions" on Tuesday, May 08

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