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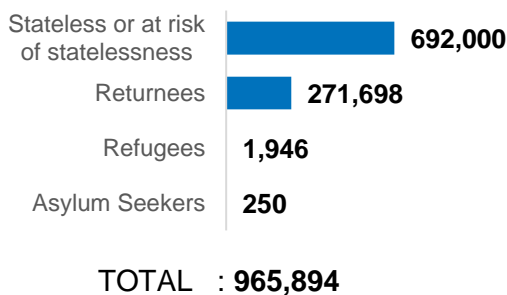
Come and tell mission to
Guinea

Second edition of the
Africa Civil Status Day

Since 31 January, **UNHCR**
assisted with the
voluntary repatriation
of 1583 Ivorians

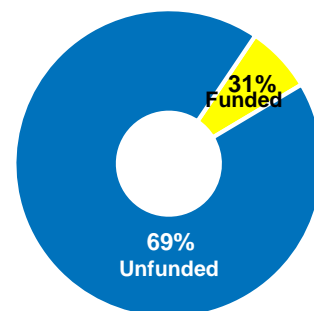
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Côte d'Ivoire



COTE D'IVOIRE AS OF 15 AUGUST 2019

\$19.6 MILLION UNHCR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2019*

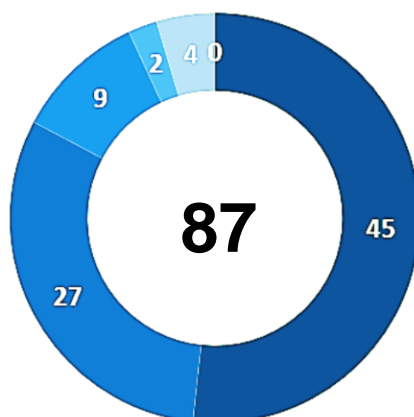


*The financial requirements for Côte d'Ivoire are those of the operation's regular programme.

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 45 National Staff
- 27 National UNV
- 9 International Staff
- 02 IUNV
- 04 Interns
- 00 Consultant



UNHCR office:

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



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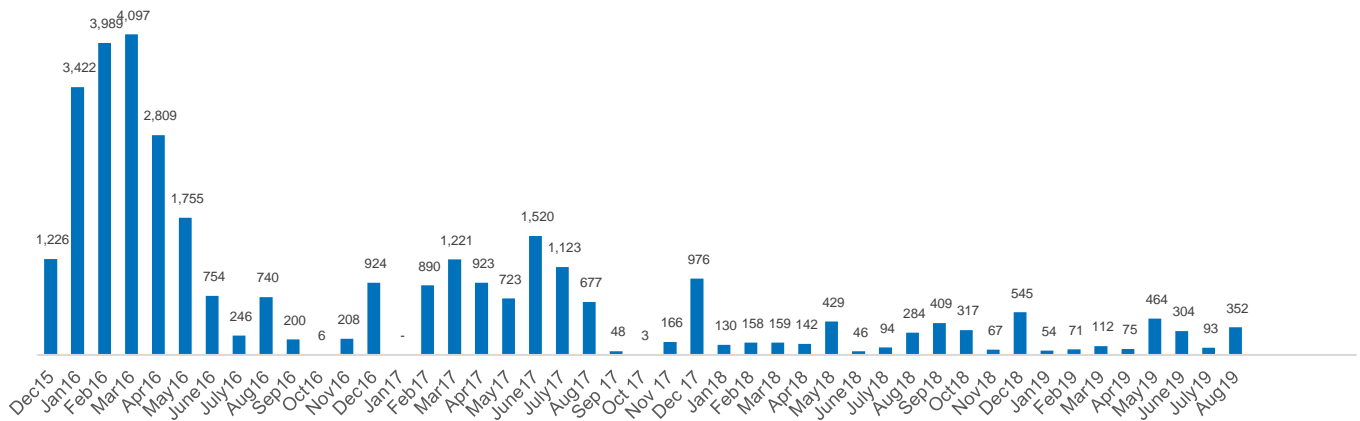
OUR PARTNERS

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)*.

Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to 31st August 2019



32,951 returnees assisted by the UNHCR from December 2015 to March 2019



Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

■ VolRep –Recap August 2019

Date	CoA	Total Assisted	Returnees	Household	NoC*
Thursday, August 8, 2019	Liberia	75	75		27
Tuesday, August 13, 2019	Ghana	71	71		38
Friday, August 16, 2019	Guinea	148	144	4	27
Tuesday, August 22, 2019	Liberia	57	57		21
Wednesday, August 28, 2019	Togo	1	1		1
TOTAL AS OF AUGUST 31, 2019		352	348	4	144

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



A convoy of Ivorian refugees from Liberia were welcomed at Harper in Tabou. Photo ©DAARA

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- On Friday, August 9, 2019, the Protection Team attended a **DAARA** meeting with the **National Human Rights Council (CNDH)** to discuss the protection and assistance provided to refugees living in Côte d'Ivoire. The meeting was held at the request of the NHRC, which had been approached by a group of refugees requesting the improvement of their social and medical situation. Informed of the different forms of assistance in place for refugees, the NHRC rather welcomed UNHCR's collaboration with the State of Côte d'Ivoire through DAARA and intends to join its efforts.
- UNHCR, its partners and the UN system in the west joined government authorities in MAN to celebrate the **National Sports Days of Well-being and Social Cohesion**. The launch of the said event took place on Saturday, August 3, at the prefecture's premises, and began with two speeches by the **SNU** and the regional Prefect, before ending with a walk of about 4 km and relaxation exercises.



The Prefect of Region of MAN announcing the start of activities. Photo @UNHCR

- On Tuesday 20 August A preparatory meeting for the draft **convention between UNHCR and Daloa University** was held at Daloa University. The meeting was attended by the vice-president of the university, the vice-dean of the Faculty of Law, UNHCR Guiglo and AFJCI. At the end of the meeting a visit was paid to the President of Daloa University.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Come and Tell mission

A **Come & Tell mission** composed of a delegation of 10 people went to Kouankan-Nzérékoré in Guinea. The delegation which was led by the prefectural authorities of Danané, accompanied by DAARA, UNHCR, returnees and staff members of the local radio station of Danané met the Ivorian refugees and exchanged amongst other topics, the opportunities in Cote d'Ivoire in terms of reintegration and the enhanced return package.



Come and Tell mission in Guines . Photo @UNHCR

Africa Civil Status Day

The 2nd edition of the **Africa Civil Status Day** was celebrated, in Côte d'Ivoire, at TIAMA Hotel in Abidjan, Plateau. Under the theme: "**Birth certificates for all, a necessity for the protection of human rights and the promotion of inclusion**". Through a panel of experts, the Office National de l'Etat Civil et de l'Identification (**ONECI**), which was associated with this event, developed three sub-themes on the challenges of the new Ivorian civil registration system; from the special law to the promotion of human rights and the need for the promotion of inclusion.

Training

613 students from Daloa University, including 174 enrolled in Master I, 189 in Bachelor I and 250 enrolled in Bachelor II were trained on UNHCR's mandate and international protection, UNHCR's strategy to tackle statelessness, Statelessness and Right to Nationality and Refugee Law, by two professors from the UFR Droit, UNHCR and AFJCI.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

■ PROTECTION

➤ Refugees

➤ **Documentation**

- UNHCR and AFJCI proceeded with the delivery of 17 Supplementary judgements to 2 foundlings and 15 other persons at risk of statelessness in Danané.
- Handing over of birth certificates to two abandoned children, residents of the Emmanuel orphanage in Gagnoa(AFJCI).
- Declaration of 6 newborn children through the platform of birth declarations, was conducted at Danané General Hospital.

➤ **Medical assistance**

- In Danané, 04 female refugees were assisted with the payment of their medical prescriptions, including 2 to 100% and 2 to 80%.
- In Guiglo, assistance was provided in the payment of medical prescriptions of 06 refugees, with 05 at 100% and 01 at 80%.
- 06 refugees in Tabou and 7 in San Pedro, benefited from 13 interventions of which 06 were supported at 80% and 07 at 100%.

➤ **Multisectoral assistance**

- Refugees benefited from a distribution of the remaining WFP food supplies stored in UNHCR warehouses coming close to expiry date. The preparation of the food packages (Oil, PEA/BEA and CSB) in stock was done at the UNHCR store in Toulepleu for distribution to the POCs targeted by DAARA and UNHCR, which are mainly returnees but also orphanages, refugees and people at risk of statelessness.
- 03 refugees (02 men and 01 women) benefited from food assistance in TABOU.
- 02 refugees received transport assistance: 01 woman to go to San Pedro with her son for medical reasons and 01 man to Abidjan to attend a medical appointment.
- The office visited 06 refugees in San Pedro and Tabou (02 in the hospital and 04 at home), to inquire about their health status and give them their medicines.

➤ **SGBV**

- The protection committees of Fêtè and Dégné in the sub-prefecture of Tabou were monitored. Each committee conducted a feedback session on the capacity building organized by Caritas on the following topics: Community-based monitoring approach, protection and humanitarian principles, functioning of the protection committee, GBV, social cohesion and empowerment. This activity targeted a total of 21 people, including 12 in Fêtè (04 men and 08 women) and 09 in Dégné (05 men and 04 women).

 **Statelessness****➤ Prevention**

- UNHCR Field Protection Assistants and partner AFJCI statelessness Focal Points deployed in the Sub-Delagation's coverage area sensitized a total of **923** people in the localities of Teapleu, San-Pedro, Gagnoa, Soubre including 142 community leaders (77 in Gagnoa and 65 in Danane) and 248 non-commissioned officer cadets from the Gendarmerie school in Toroguhe (Daloa) on statelessness and nationality.



Training of students of the gendarmerie school of TOROGUHE

- In Soubré, DAARA had an exchange meeting at its office with 06 primary school principals (Logboayo, Balleyo, Sayo, Okrouyo, Gallea) on the importance of birth declarations and the procedures for establishing supplementary judgements for pupils.

➤ Identification

- UNHCR Field Protection Assistants identified 103 persons at risk of statelessness. 38 in Danané, 26 in San-Pedro, 35 in Man, 03 in Gagnoa and 1 in N'drikro.

➤ Reduction

- UNHCR and its partner AFJCI issued 18 nationality certificates to people at risk of statelessness in Danané.

 **Integration / Reintegration****➤ Shelters**

- The partner has achieved less than 3% of the implementation rate; 03 shelters out of 105 have been completed, most are ongoing and 19 have not yet been implanted. Latrines are at 51% of the implementation rate with 54/105 completed and 06 yet to be implanted.
- Among the shelters in elevation, 04 (03 in Bolequin and 01 in Tabou) had one side of their walls collapsed due to heavy rains.

- **Difficulties/Constraints:** The heavy rains negatively affect some activities, particularly shelters and vocational training in Tabou (increased absenteeism). Some bricklayers in Danané are withdrawing, claiming that the amount of labour needed to build a shelter (45,000 FCFA) proposed by Caritas is insufficient.

➤ **IGRs**

In Bloléquin:

- The members of the BOHIE (Broiler Breeding) group in Petit-Guiglo are at the stage of making agglos and have also built a fence for the site.
- The members of the ABLEDE group (Pig Farming) in Tuambly are in the process of making agglos and have built a corn field to feed their future pigs.
- The members of the ESPOIR association have cleaned up the site for the construction of their hair salon.

In Tabou:

- The members of the WA KOUNOUGBE group (Broiler Breeding) in Yocobo 2 (Tabou) have collected the necessary sand and gravel and have made 1,500 mud bricks to date for the construction of their farm and food storage warehouse.
- As for the association RESTITUTION (Ladies Hair salon), the members are still looking for land to build their own store. A space has been presented to them by the technical services of the town hall of Tabou, which is asking them to pay 80 000 F CFA as allocation fees (ODP).
- A former group "AKOUI" (pig breeding) installed by ASAPSU in 2018 in Guiglo has benefited from support material 86 bags of rice bran for the pigs, 01 wheelbarrow) for the reinforcement of its activities.

➤ **Professional training**

- Vocational training for 160 learners (08 Liberian refugees, 67 returnees, 85 hosts) from the Tabou Vocational Training Centre in the different programmes is ongoing.
- The computer program learners pursued the Microsoft Office Excel module with chapters on conditional formatting, cell manipulation, changing column widths and lengths, image processing and graphics while the literacy programme continued the learning of writing.
- Durable solutions section conducted a field survey on the feasibility of CBI for the construction of the shelters.

 **Communication**

- UNHCR Field Protection Assistant in Soubré hosted a talk on radio “La voix de Nawa” on the consequences of statelessness.
- A workshop to train facilitators and set up a Network of Local Radios to tackle Statelessness called “**RAPLA**” was organized from 1 to 2 August 2019 at IMAN's Hotel in Daloa, jointly with AJFCI and UNHCR. The workshop was chaired by the Head of the Sub-Delegation office. The platform which initially brings together 36 local radio stations in the regions of San-Pedro, Gboklè, Nawa, Gôh, Haut-Sassandra, Worodougou, Guémon, Cavally, Tonkpi and Kabadougou will support UNHCR's communication activities by informing, raising awareness on statelessness in French and in the various local languages.



workshop with the network of local radios in Daloa. Photo @UNHCR

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