



HIGHLIGHTS

751

Refugees participate in vocational skills training in the three camps

7,844

Refugees indicate their immediate interest in repatriation to Cote d'Ivoire

8,737

Early childhood, primary and secondary students return to school

17,851

Refugees reached with Ebola awareness activities during the month

Population of concern

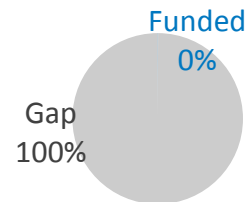
A total of **39,843** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Cote d'Ivoire	37,907
Sierra Leone	379
Mixed nationality	56
Asylum seekers	22
Other persons of concern	1,479
Total	39,843

Funding

USD 34,786,770 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

95 national staff
27 international staff

Offices:

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

Liberia: Operational map

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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 Cape Palmas, Finn Church Aid (FCA), Save the Children International (SCI), and Special Emergency Activity to Restore Children's Hope (SEARCH).

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- UNHCR and LRRRC co-sponsored a workshop for government officials and other stakeholders on the problem of statelessness in Liberia on 3-4 February. At the close of the workshop, the participants affirmed their commitment to adopt a National Action Plan for the eradication of statelessness in the country. UNHCR and government representatives also attended the February UNHCR/ECOWAS conference in Cote d'Ivoire, which set out a comprehensive regional strategy for ending statelessness.
- UNHCR donated six motorcycles to the Liberia National Police to increase their patrols in the refugee camps and thus enhance security. Two motorcycles were handed over to police officers at each of the three camps.

Education

- UNHCR and its partners fulfilled requirements under the Government of Liberia's Ebola Protocol for the safe reopening of schools at all three refugee camps. The protocol involved fencing of schools, provision of hand-wash facilities and infrared thermometers for screening of students, and identification of locations for temporary isolation of those who become sick. Ebola awareness workshops were also held for teachers and other staff.
- After pre-registration activities and fulfillment of the Ebola protocol, schools were reopened in all three refugee camps. A total of 8,737 students are enrolled, including 1,557 at Bahn Camp, 1,803 at Little Wlebo Camp, and 5,377 at PTP Camp.

Health

- UNHCR and its partners continue to ensure that hand-washing materials for the prevention of Ebola are provided at strategic locations in the refugee camps, and that hand-washing practice is reinforced before entry and exit from key locations.
- Mass awareness campaigns on Ebola continue in the camps, and health workers also have integrated Ebola awareness into health education programs covering HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, malaria, and general hygiene. A total of 17,851 refugees were reached through these activities during the month.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- A total of 265 refugees are receiving vocational training at Bahn Camp in eight areas: soap making, tailoring, batik, hairdressing, mechanics, computers, chloral making, and carpentry. Vegetable production in the camp is also continuing, and ADRA is training refugees to make energy-efficient stoves to reduce the use of firewood.
- The vocational skills training at PTP Camp has commenced with 220 individuals in carpentry, soap making, batik, computers, two-stroke engines, and tailoring. In addition, 82 women are baking bread and producing soap for sale in the camp, which is supporting the women's ongoing self-initiative activities.
- Livelihood training at Little Wlebo Camp is also underway with 266 individuals learning soap production, tailoring, mechanics and batik. Small business skills and micro-loan activities also are being introduced and funding is being sought to develop a fishery project.

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR has been working with its key health partners to develop a protocol for the resumption of voluntary repatriation of Ivorian refugees. A meeting of the Tripartite Commission, comprising the Governments of Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire and UNHCR is pending. A total of 7,844 refugees have indicated their immediate interest to return to Cote d'Ivoire.

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