



HIGHLIGHTS

983 locally integrating Liberian refugees vetted during Red Coded Mission of officials from Liberian Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

526 persons sign petition during sign up events as part of activities to mark 2nd Anniversary of the IBelong campaign

Health Centers in Ampain and Fetentaa camps handed over to the Ghana Government as part of efforts aimed at Integration of health services of refugees

1,238 Individual Registration Certificates issued out to Togolese refugees in the Volta Region during the last term of 2016

Population of concern

A total of **18,457** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Côte d'Ivoire	11,725
Togo	3,732
Others	3,000
Total	18,457

Funding

USD 9,444,755 requested

7% funded

UNHCR Presence

Staffing:

40 national staff; 03 UNOPS

04 international staff; 02 IUNV

Offices:

01 Country Office in Accra, 02 Field Offices located in Takoradi and Sunyani

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works with the Government of Ghana through the Ministry of the Interior, the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB), the Ghana Immigration Services (GIS), and other relevant government departments and ministries in ensuring asylum seekers and refugees have full access to international protection and basic services. UNHCR cooperates with other State agencies such as the Department of Social Development, Legal Aid Services, Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice, the Births and Deaths Registry in the provision of services to refugees and asylum-seekers. UNHCR Ghana works with partners including the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG), the National Catholic Secretariat (NCS), and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). Operational support is provided by UNFPA, IOM and UNAIDS.

GHANA
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MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection & Solutions

- Liberian Red Coded Mission:** A Liberian Red Coded Mission composed of four officials from the Liberian Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs was in Ghana to vet locally integrating refugees of Liberian origin. The total number of individuals processed by the end of mission was 983 out of the 1049 expected, and this included 251 of the 364 red coded cases, 252 individuals whose passports had not been printed as well as 38 new born babies. 251 new passports were verified in presence of the holders to ensure that there were no errors, and 153 passports endorsed with Ghanaian residence permits were distributed to owners.
- Workshop on Nationality and Statelessness:** The UNHCR Regional Representation in West Africa in collaboration with the University of Ghana organized a workshop on Nationality and Statelessness from 12 – 17 December, 2016 to educate 30 Professors of law, and human rights practitioners from predominantly Anglophone Africa, on statelessness and how to address this situation on the continent. Participants committed to teaching and including statelessness in their existing syllabi and increasing the depth of teaching on statelessness.
- BID Workshop and enhanced cooperation with Department of Social Welfare:** A child protection and BID Workshop was organized on 13 and 14 December 2016 for officials of the Department of Social Welfare, the Ghana Refugee Board, the Christian Council of Ghana and UNHCR staff to ensure adequate comprehension of key concepts and major processes for the determination and assessment of the Best Interest of the child. In addition to validating BID/BIASOPs developed by UNHCR Ghana, participants discussed how to improve quality of data collection, interviewing techniques for children, caregivers and close relatives for the BID Process.
- Individual registration exercise conducted for Togolese refugees in the Volta Region:** UNHCR, Ghana Refugee Board and the Christian Council of Ghana conducted an exercise in the Volta Region to renew individual certificates for Togolese refugees. At the end of the exercise 691 individual certificates were renewed for one year including for 28 newborns who had birth certificates issued by the Ghana Government. This brings to 1,238 the total number of individual certificates issued in Volta Region in the last term of 2016.

Health

- Handover of health clinics in Ampain and Fetentaa camps to Ghana Government:** The UNHCR Ghana Representative, Ms. Ioli Kimyaci handed over clinics at the Ampain and Fetentaa camps to the Ghana Health Service and the National Catholic Secretariat on 15 and 19 December respectively. A three month supply of medication and ambulances were also donated to the Health Centers. From January 2017, UNHCR will no longer be in charge of managing the health centers in the camps.

Food Security and Nutrition

- Four refugee schools approved for Ghana School feeding program:** As a follow up to the meeting between the UNHCR Representative and Executive Secretary of the GRB with the Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection at the end of September 2016, four community schools in Ampain, Egyekrom, Fetentaa and Krisan Refugee Camps have been approved for the Ghana School Feeding Program (GSFP). This is an important step towards achieving social protection interventions for school-aged children of concern. Furthermore, this is a vital step towards the education integration process. The next phase will be to discuss modalities with District Directors of Education and CCG for the operationalization of the GSFP.

Public Information

- Second year anniversary of IBelong Campaign:** To mark the 2nd year anniversary of the IBelong campaign in November, UNHCR Ghana in conjunction with the student-based Friends of UNHCR organized two sign up events at the University of Ghana, and the Ashesi University College to educate students about the causes and prevention of statelessness and to encourage them to get involved in advocacy efforts. At the end of the two-day event 526 individuals signed the petition to eradicate statelessness.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- Limited support for socio-economically poor refugee households, including those in Ivorian camps affected by the cessation of food rations since Sept-2015, for ensuring access to social safety nets and meeting certain basic needs.
- Challenges to secure sustainable livelihoods due to lack of employment, business opportunities, start-up capital, and difficulties for PoC to access markets and financial services at a level similar to nationals.
- Low quality of shelter in the Ivorian camps (over 50% of refugees still reside in emergency plastic sheet tents since 2011).

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