

Cote d'Ivoire

January 2018

08 mass awareness campaigns on Birth Registration, SGBV, Human Rights and HIV/Aids in Guiglo.

130 Ivorian Refugees were able to return to Cote D'Ivoire safely from Guinea, Togo and Liberia.

15 graduates received their installation kits and **196** new students enrolled in the Training center in Tabou

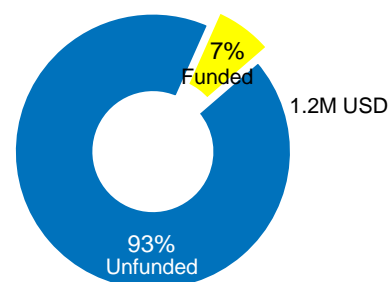
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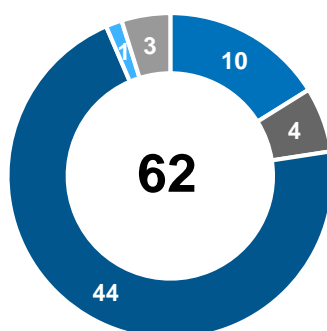


TOTAL : **962,494**

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 44 National Staff
- 10 International Staff
- 04 IUNV
- 03 Interns
- 01 Consultant



Bureau UNHCR:

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



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

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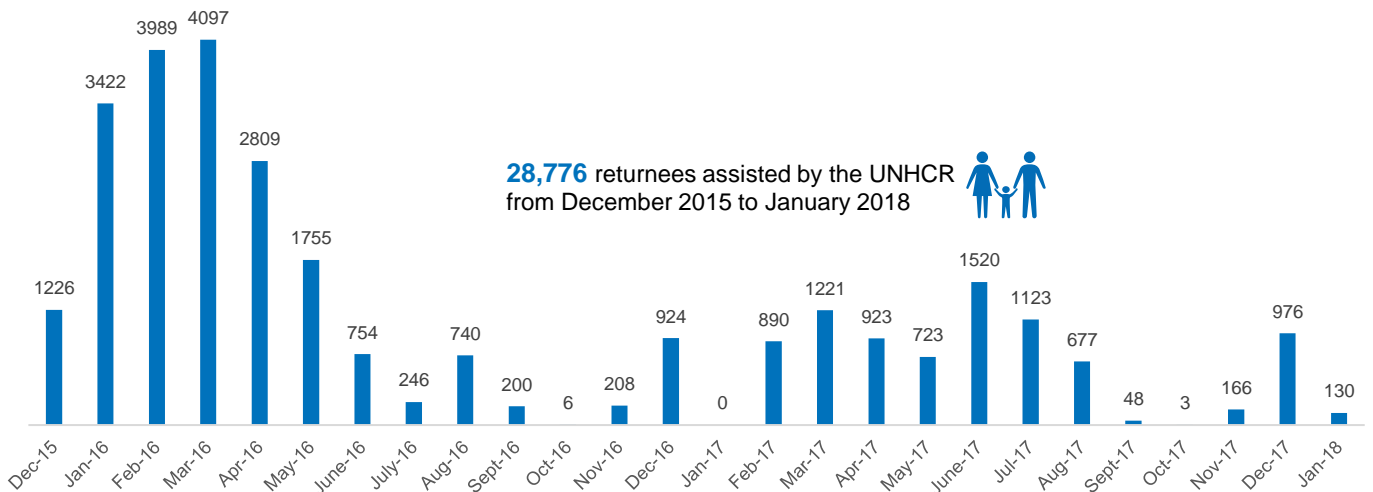
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Main Activities

Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

- 15 January, UNHCR and its partner welcomed the **1st repatriation convoy** for the year 2018 from Ghana with **5 households** of **16 people** assisted.
- 18 January, **18 households** of **70 people** (34 women and 36 men) coming from Guinea were assisted at the Danane's transit center (South-west).
- 25 January, **44** Ivorian refugees were safely repatriated back to Cote D'Ivoire from Ghana and Togo through the Noe's border (Ghana).
- The transits centers in both Toulepleu and Danane (South-west) are being rehabilitated at this time.
- As part of the 2017 shelter project and in the context of the UNHCR reintegration program for returnees; **252** houses and **227** latrines have been completed out of the 278 planned for each in both Guiglo and Tabou.

Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to January 2018



Refugees

- As of 31 January 2018, a total of **1,576 refugees** and **379** asylum seekers are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.
- On 10 January, UNHCR in collaboration with SAARA (*Service d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Refugies et aux Apatrides*) held a meeting with refugees to review the 2017 activities and present the activities planned for 2018. 17 refugee's communities were represented by about 30 people.

- On 11 January, The Minister of Foreign Affairs in Côte d'Ivoire, Mr. Marcel Amon Tanoh received UNHCR's Representative, Mr. Mohamed Toure, the Senior Protection Officer, Mr. Sebastien Apatita and SAARA's Deputy Coordinator. The main topics addressed during this meeting were: Asylum-seekers from the Sub-Saharan region (victims of human rights violations in Lybia currently); the next tripartite meetings with Liberia and UNHCR and the prospect of "Go and See" visits of Ivorian refugees in Ghana.

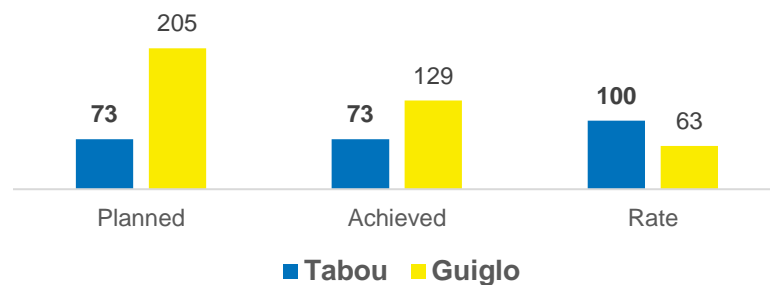
Reintegration

▪ Social Cohesion

Guiglo- the protection committees held **08 mass sensitization exercises** in Bolequin and Zouan-Hounien respectively with the support of UNHCR. A total of **879 people** were sensitized and **04 discussion groups** in Zouan-Hounien reaching **88 people** were also carried out at the same time. The topics addressed were: Birth registration; the causes and consequences of SGBV; Human Rights and HIV/Aids.

Toulepleu- **03** mass awareness raising operations on "land Dispute" through theater were realized with UNHCR support in Toulepleu during this reporting period. **736** people including **250** women participated.

▪ Shelter



As part of the 2017 shelter project and in the context of the reintegration program; **252** houses and **227** latrines have been completed out of the 278 planned for each in both Guiglo and Tabou.

- A maternity center in Bohobly (Guiglo) is currently under rehabilitation - 70% execution rate
- A surgical center is being rehabilitated in Grabo (Tabou) – 90% execution rate

▪ Education

15 new graduates previously enrolled in the Learning center in Tabou received their installation kits during this week their installation kits while 196 new learners including 113 returnees started their training in 8 different areas on German Fund support

▪ Sexual Gender-Based Violence

The SVBG platform activities began in Danane and Zouan-Hounien with the pilot project: **"100 cases of GBV in the department of Zouan-Hounien"**.

▪ Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Guiglo- **21 out of 23** IGA are functional in the area.

A total of 3.4 millions CFA was distributed among 17 refugee's households for the year 2017 mainly for the reinforcement of Income Generating projects started in 2016 and evaluated during the year 2017.

Statelessness

- **Tabou- 510** Late Birth Certificate requested for repatriated children under the age of 16, for the year 2017, are being closely followed up on at this time.
- **San-Pedro** 40 pending requests for identity documents were granted to some refugees and handed over to UNHCR's partner during this reporting period.
- **Guiglo**-For the year 2018, legal assistance will be provided by the legal clinic to foundlings of unknown parents. An exchange session between the Guiglo's court and UNHCR's partner took place in Guiglo to discuss the protocols involved in the establishment of Late Birth certificates of foundlings of unknown parents.

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