

# Cote d'Ivoire

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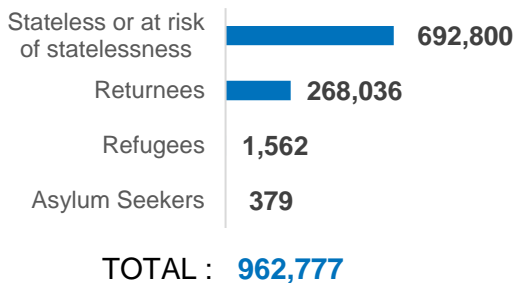
**Abidjan's Declaration**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary** in the context of the eradication of Statelessness.

**158** Ivorian refugees repatriated back to Cote D'Ivoire from Liberia.

**Cross-Border meeting** in Ghana in regards to voluntary repatriation.

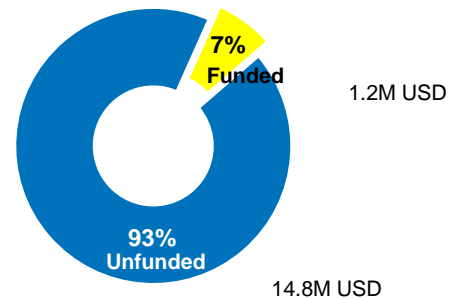
## POPULATION OF CONCERN :

### Côte d'Ivoire



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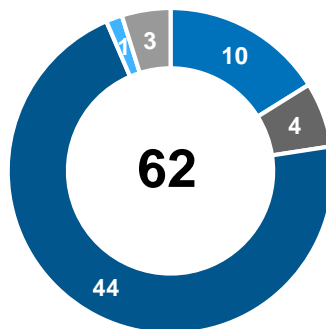
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



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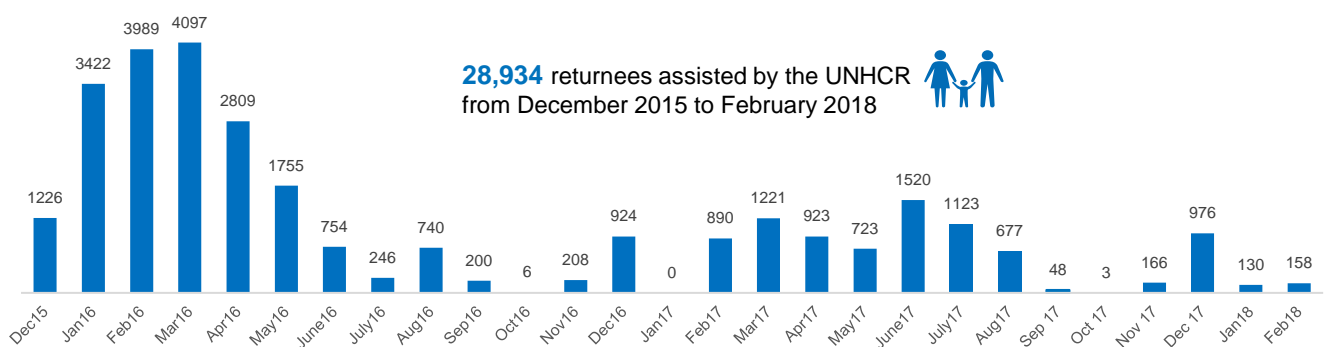
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# Main Activities

## Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

- On 06 February, a "**Go and See**" mission of Ivorian refugees from Guinea arrived in Danané (west) to collect relevant information on the current situation in Côte d'Ivoire. Among other things, the mission was able to assess the security situation in the return areas visited and the land conflict resolution mechanism currently in place.
- On 13 February, UNHCR-CDI participated in a **Cross-Border** meeting which took place in Takoradi (Ghana). Both the Government of Ghana and of Cote d'Ivoire support the Voluntary repatriation process and encourage the return of Ivorian refugees, efforts of both countries and UNHCR have recently heightened and will complement each other in order to provide to support refugees whom return to their country.
- On 23 February, one refugee has been repatriated to CDI from Benin with UNHCR support.
- 27 February, **59** households of **157** Ivorian refugees were safely repatriated back to Cote d'Ivoire from Liberia, thanks to UNHCR and its partners.
- As part of the 2017 shelter project and in the context of the UNHCR reintegration program for Ivorian returnees; **252** houses and **227** latrines have been completed out of the 278 planned for each in both Guiglo (west) and Tabou (south-west).

### Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to February 2018



## Refugees

- As of 28 February 2018, a total of **1,562 refugees** and **379** asylum seekers are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.

- On 13 February, SAARA (*Service d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et aux Apatrides*) and UNHCR facilitated a capacity-building workshop on international protection of refugees for authorities in Grabo. 30 participants attended the workshop including Grabo's mayor himself.

## Reintegration

### Social Cohesion

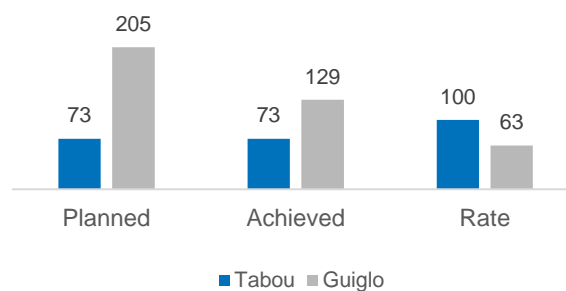
02 awareness raising campaigns were carried out in Pehe during this reporting period, 448 people in total including 144 women were directly impacted.

05 focus groups mainly on social cohesion were carried out with 119 people (102 women and 17 men) in Guiglo.

### Shelter

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In the context of the reintegration program and under the German Funds for 2017 and 2018; **17 out of 52** houses and **16** latrines have been completed in 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

#### Achievements and Impact

196 students have officially started training for 08 programs in Tabou during this reporting period.

Designation	Refugees	Returnees	Host population	Total
Female	7	66	48	121
Male	4	47	24	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>196</b>

### Sexual Gender-Based Violence

03 cases of SGBV were reported including 01 case of psychological violence in Batouapleu and 02 cases of domestic violence in Kpotouo and Diboké. All survivors were referred to the adequate entities for assistance.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

**Guiglo-** The identification phase for potential beneficiaries of IGA's funds has started; to date, 29 IGA proposals have been collected, including 17 in Blolequin; 04 in Toulepleu and 08 in Zouan-houien.

## Statelessness

- On 20 February, UNHCR finalized the “UNHCR-UNICEF coalition for every child’s right to a nationality” strategy. This project is part of a broader framework of UNHCR’s overall strategy to combat statelessness amongst children. This project is in line with UNHCR’s current focus to address statelessness among foundlings.
- On 21 February, SAARA (*Service D’Aide et D’Assistance aux Réfugiés et aux Apatrides*) organized an awareness raising campaign on Statelessness and birth declaration with the support of UNHCR in Guibobly. This activity allowed for the identification of several persons at risk of statelessness in need of birth registration, which SAARA will be following up on in the coming months.
- On 21 February, an awareness raising activity was led in Kremoue (South-West) with local authorities to inform on the importance of birth declaration and the process involved in the establishment of Late Birth certificates for children under 16 years old of age.
- On 25 February, the SAARA (*Service D’Aide et d’Assistance aux Réfugiés et aux Apatrides*) organized a gala award ceremony, with the support of UNHCR, to commemorate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Abidjan’s Declaration to eradicate statelessness. The ceremony awarded the top three journalistic productions on the subject of statelessness in Cote D’Ivoire.
- SAARA (*Service D’Aide et d’Assistance aux Réfugiés et aux Apatrides*) handed over 128 late birth certificates which were requested in 2017 in Doke, Pehe, Toulepleu and Tabou. 300 additional late birth certificates are being followed up on with the Guiglo’s court.

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