

Cote d'Ivoire

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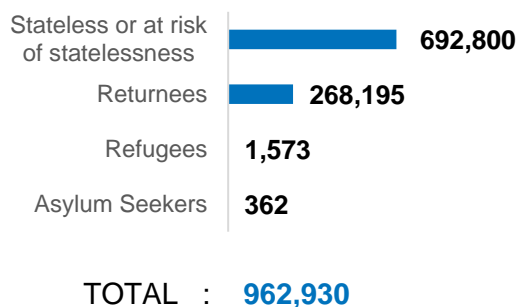
International Women's Day with refugee women in Abidjan.

2018 repatriation activities official launch in Danane.

48 refugee households sensitized on Self-reliance in Tabou.

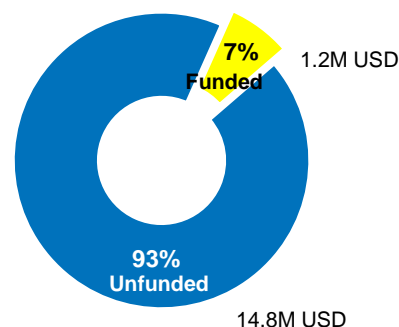
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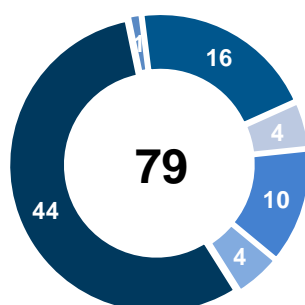
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- 1 Branch Office in **Abidjan**
- 1 Sub Office in **Guiglo**



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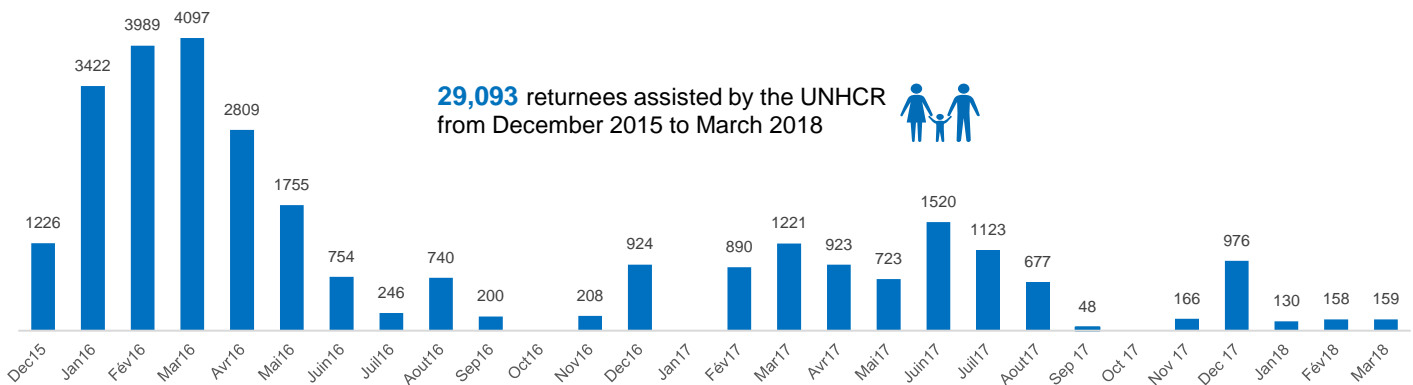
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Main Activities

Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

- On 01 March, 28 households of 103 Ivorian refugees were repatriated back to Cote D'Ivoire from Guinea through the CDI-Guinea's Border with UNHCR support.
- On 03 March, 02 convoys from Togo and Ghana, have arrived in Cote d'Ivoire through the CDI-Ghana's border.
- Since 2015, a total of **29,093** Ivorian refugees have been repatriated, **27,588** of whom from Liberia and **1,505** from other countries (As of March 31st, 2018).

Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to March 2018



Refugees

- As of 31st March 2018, a total of **1,573** refugees and **362** asylum seekers are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.
- On 08 March, ASAPSU with the support of UNHCR celebrated International Women's Day with Refugee Women based in Abidjan; Livelihood and women economic empowerment were the themes discussed.
- On 13 March, UNHCR met with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Abidjan to discuss the resettlement of 30 households of 83 potential eligible Liberian refugees.

Reintegration

- **Shelter**
 - The SAARA (*Service d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et aux Apatrides*) in Tabou participated into a commission designed to select beneficiaries of the shelter project implemented by Caritas-CI with UNHCR support in Tabou and its surroundings. 07 households were selected by the commission in charge.

- UNHCR with the support of its partner in Toulepleu has completed the delivery room and midwife's office in *Bohobly*.
- UNHCR, with the support of the German funds, in Bolequin started construction of a delivery room in *Zéaglo* (35% completed).

■ Education

- In Pahoubly, UNHCR is supporting the rehabilitation of a primary school (German funding) in the context of the reintegration program (95% completed).
- In Tiobly, with the support of the German funds, UNHCR is currently rehabilitating a 3-classroom primary school (90% completed).
- 205 persons, most of whom repatriated, received training at the professional training center in Tabou on 10 different topics, such as sewing, hairdressing, carpentry, metallurgy, plumbing, electricity, literacy, simplified accounting and management. 04 installation kits were also allocated to 30 beneficiaries through the German funds.

■ Sexual Gender-Based Violence

03 Awareness raising activities were conducted in Guiglo on rape, access to resources and domestic violence; 185 people (69 men and 116 women) were targeted.

■ Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- In terms of Income Generating Activity assistance provided by UNHCR through its partner: *DRAO-LCF*, in the context of the reintegration program, 38 villages were visited and 118 projects proposals were collected from 74 potential groups and 44 associations/small businesses in Zouan-Hounien, Toulepleu and Bolequin. Those proposals are currently under review.
- With the support of the German Funds, allocated in 2017, a total of 32 groups made of repatriated refugees mainly were selected to receive funding for income-generating activities, including 10 groups in farming activities; 06 groups in agricultural products processing; 01 group in raw food sale and 15 groups in agricultural production.

Statelessness

■ Identification

- UNHCR alongside its partners continued engaging in data collection activities, through information and awareness raising campaigns in *Dioulabougou*, *Petit Gueyo*, *Kolibadougou*, and *Gripazo*.
- On 01 March, UNHCR visited 2 reception centers hosting vulnerable children and foundlings. The visits were carried out as part of UNHCR's efforts to identify and advocate for the right to nationality for foundlings.

■ Protection

UNHCR formalized exchanges with the consulates of Burkina Faso and Mali, in order to assist adjourned applicants to the Nationality Acquisition by Declaration program, who were thought to have ties with these countries, in obtaining appropriate documentation.

■ Reduction

- Reception of 10 Late birth certificates applications for children.
- Reception of a late birth certificate for a non-accompanied Child.
- Filing of 06 queries from Ouedjire.
- 107 Late birth certificates applications were collected as a result of awareness activities as well as data collection held in *Pont Brimé*.

■ Communication

On 02 March, UNHCR held a training session on statelessness and its related challenges at the University of Cocody in Abidjan in collaboration with *ORA (Organization pour la Reduction de L'Apatridie)*, a national NGO involved in the fight against statelessness in CDI.

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