

# Côte d'Ivoire

October 2019

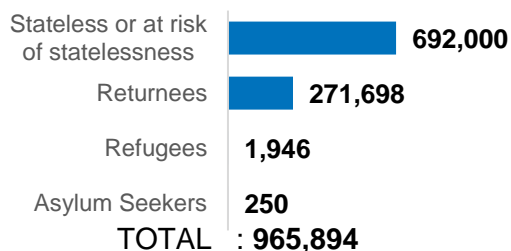
**70th Executive Committee in Geneva (EXCOM)**

**Regional meeting in Accra on the Durable solution for Ivorian refugees**

**A circular for 'Foundlings', enacted**

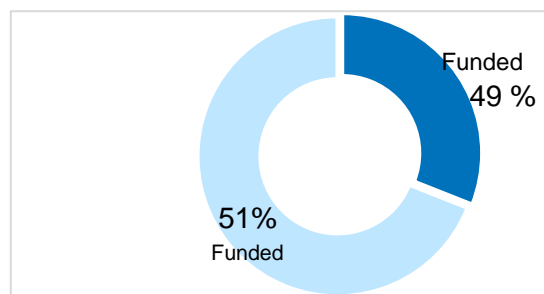
## POPULATION OF CONCERN :

### Côte d'Ivoire



## COTE D'IVOIRE AS OF 22 OCTOBER 2019

**\$16.6 MILLION** UNHCR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2019\*

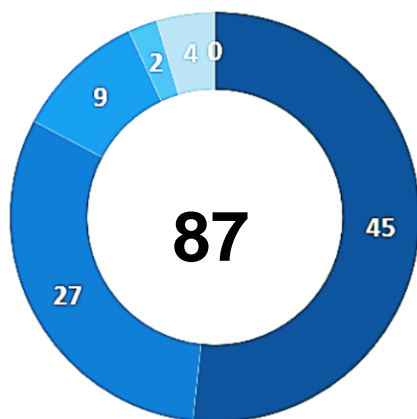


\*The financial requirements for Côte d'Ivoire are those of the operation's regular programme.

## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 45 National Staff
- 27 National UNV
- 9 International Staff
- 02 IUNV
- 04 Interns
- 00 Consultant



### UNHCR office:

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



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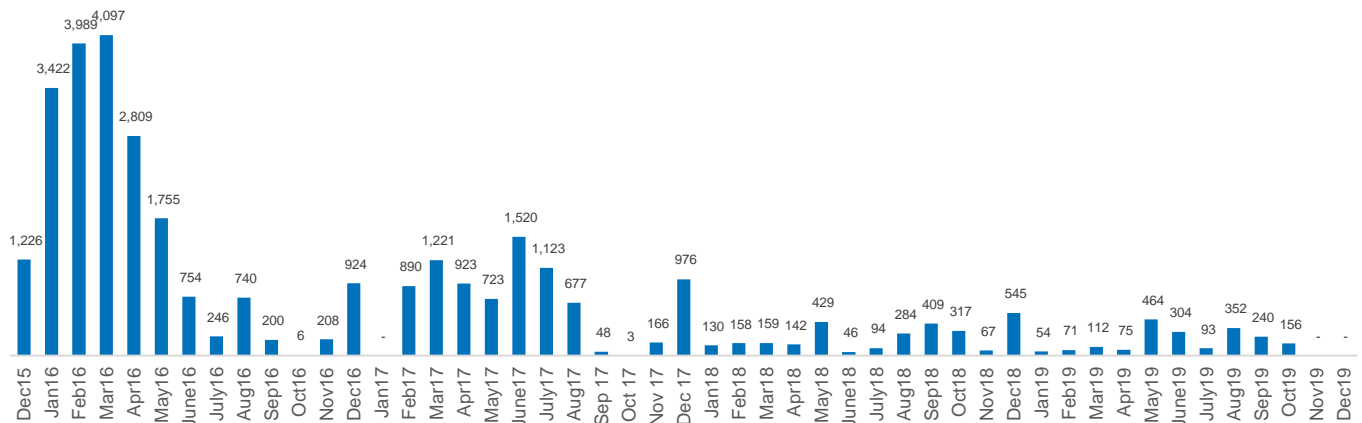
## OUR PARTNERS

UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire works in close partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Caritas-CI, World Food Program (WFP), the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) and Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI).

## Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to October 31<sup>st</sup>



**34,417** returnees assisted by the UNHCR from December 2015 to October 2019



## Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

### ■ VolRep –Recap October 2019

Date	CoA	Total Assisted	Returnees	Household	NoC*
Wednesday, October 16, 2019	Mali	135	124	32	11
Thursday, October 24, 2019	Togo	21	20	10	1
<b>TOTAL FOR OCTOBER ,2019</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>12</b>

\* **NoC** (Not of Concern) refers to returnees relatives accompanying their Ivorian families

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

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### Sharing of common premises

A meeting with some United Nations entities (UNDP, UNFPA, UNDSS) on their upcoming installation at the UNHCR sub-delegation office in Guiglo was held on 10 October.

### Success Stories Pilot Project

First meeting with Caritas on the "Success Stories" pilot project, which aims to highlight IGA's successes and best achievements was held on October 10.

## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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### Regional meeting on Durable Solutions for Ivorian refugees

Following the elaboration of the roadmap for the implementation of durable solutions for Ivorian refugees at the regional meeting held in Abidjan in November 2018, it was recommended that a meeting to assess the progress made in the implementation of these durable solutions be organized. In this regard, a meeting was held in Accra, Ghana, from 30 September (*UNHCR internal meeting*) to 1 October (*Both governmental and UNHCR*) 2019 under the aegis of UNHCR with delegations from Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Guinea, Liberia, Togo, Ghana and Mauritania.



*Regional meeting on Durable solutions for Ivorian refugees- UNHCR internal meeting/ photo @UNHCR*

## Executive Committee meeting

To mark the mid-point of the **#IBELONG** Campaign to End Statelessness, UNHCR convened a global **High-Level Segment on Statelessness** as part of its **Executive Committee** meeting in October 2019.

At the Excom and HSL, the head of Ivorian diplomacy invited the international community and the main countries of asylum for Ivorian refugees "to join resolutely in the process already under way, in order to invoke the clause on the cessation of Ivorian refugee status".

The Minister of Foreign Affairs also provided an update on its campaign to eradicate statelessness by 2024. These include the adoption and implementation of a special law for the acquisition of Ivorian nationality by simple declaration, which has benefited "directly more than 16,000 descendants of immigrants and by extension their families, i. e. more than 45,000 people". Côte d'Ivoire insisted on the implementation of a special civil registration procedure for primary school pupils without a birth certificate, who are at risk of long-term statelessness. This measure resulted in the issuance of 630,000 birth certificates.

## Side meeting in margin to the Excom

The aim of the meeting was to invite the Government of Cote d'Ivoire to reconsider its position on the invocation of cessation clause enabling the implementation of the 18-months road map designed in November 2018 to promote the return and reintegration of the residual Ivoirian refugees still in exile mainly in the West Africa sub region; request an additional time to conduct some of the key activities in the road map that will enable account a durable return and reintegration of some 22,000 Ivoirian refugees who are still in exile.

**A circular for 'foundlings' was enacted on October 04th by the government of Cote d'Ivoire. A milestone for the operation in tackling statelessness.**

## Regional preparatory meeting for the engagement of West and Central African actors at the GRF

A regional preparatory meeting for the engagement of West and Central African actors at the Global Forum on Refugees scheduled to take place in Geneva from 18 to 19 December 2019 was held in Dakar 30-31. The main purpose of this preparatory meeting was to bring the Global Compact (GCR) focal points within governments in West and Central Africa, humanitarian and development actors, as well as agencies of the United Nations system to come together within the framework of the Whole of Society approach advocated by the CRRF and the RAG, in order to:

- Share information on the Global Compact for Refugees (GCR) and the process of its implementation; Explain the purpose and importance of the World Refugee Forum on 17-18 December 2019, as well as the process for the elaboration and presentation of commitments by the various actors; Familiarize all UNHCR staff and key partners in West and Central Africa with the different planning and implementation tools of the Global Framework and Global Compact, as well as the commitments to be made; and Share examples of good practice in operations.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### ■ PROTECTION Refugees

#### ➤ Registration

10 asylum applications were examined by the National Commission for Eligibility for Refugee Status at on October 25. As a result, 9 applicants from Syria and Central African Republic were granted refugee status under the OAU Convention.

#### ➤ Livelihoods

UNHCR and DAARA social services carried out a mission in Guiglo, Daloa, Tabou and San Pedro to empower refugees in the framework of direct implementation activities, in conjunction with social evaluations of new POC. As result, in total, 12 people were able to benefit from financing or capacity building in income-generating projects, and 34 households were assessed at both social and economic level.

#### ➤ Medical assistance

- 35 assistance were provided to 20 refugees of whom 09 were assisted to 100% and 11 at 80% in the southwest region.
- 01 refugee living in the West region was provided with a 100% medical assistance.
- 2 Refugees (1 Female and 1 Male) were assisted at 100% in Guiglo.
- 17 Refugees (12 women, 5 men) including 12 (8 women, 4 men) in Tabou and 5 (4 women and 1 man) in San Pedro, received 23 assistance. Of the 17 refugees, 5 (3 women and 2 men) were assisted at 80% and 12 (8 women and 4 men) at 100%.

#### ➤ Education

- The registration of refugee students in Guiglo, Danané and Daloa is in the process of being finalized.
- 106 primary school refugee children (58 girls, 48 boys) and 27 secondary school refugee students (16 girls, 11 boys), were assisted by DAARA for enrolling for 2019 - 2020 school year in Tabou and San Pedro.

#### ➤ Food Assistance

In addition to the assistance provided to 01 refugee in Tabou and 5 in Guiglo, DAARA provided assistance to two refugees residing in San Pedro, one of whom benefiting of a one-off assistance with an amount of thirty thousand CFA francs (30,000).

#### ➤ Multisectoral assistance

- 22 home visits were carried out to 7 sick refugees in Tabou and 15 in San Pedro.
- 02 assistance with transport was provided to a refugee from San-pedro, for his medical appointment in Abidjan and another from Tabou to San Pedro for an echography.
- 03 assistance in accommodation for 03 refugees from the San-Pedro was provided.

➤ **Protection/ SGBV**

- 07 protection committees were provided with equipment (bicycles, mobile phones, office supplies, etc.) for their operation in Kablaké, Bianké, Degné, Prollo, Ranoueké, Olodio and Fêteè in the Tabou department.
- 02 cases of physical aggression have been identified by the Ranoueké (Tabou) protection committee.
- 01 cases of rape of a minor aged 09 have been identified by the CP of Pahoubly/Toulpleu. The next one benefited from medical care provided by Caritas Côte d'Ivoire.
- 02 cases of physical violence (an 08-year-old boy in grade 3 was beaten by a 40-year-old non-native adult) and was identified by the Prollo CP. The child and his parents were referred to the Djamandjoké health centre by the CP (TABOU)
- 01 cases of psychological violence (a 60-year-old woman accused of witchcraft is stigmatized and has had her house burned down and by the population) identified by the Guibobly CP. The CP raised public awareness and referred the case to the canton chief. (BLOLEQUIN).
- 02 cases of early pregnancy (02 girls aged 13 and 15) identified by the Troya CP. These cases were referred to the Zagné Urban Health Centre by the CP
- 01 cases of denial of resources (a 39-year-old allogeneic widow was dispossessed of her deceased husband's plantations by her brother-in-law) identified by Zro's CP. The case was referred by the CP to the leader of the non-indigenous community who resolved it (ZAGNÉ).

 **Statelessness**

➤ **Prevention**

- A mass sensitization targeting more than **2864** people on the importance of birth registration and consequences of statelessness was conducted by UNCHR Field Protection Assistants (under Abidjan office), AFJCI and Daara partners in the following areas: Doropo, Bouna, Sandegue, Agboville and Boundiali.
- Around **1830** people were sensitized on the importance of birth registration and consequences of statelessness was conducted by UNCHR Field Protection Assistants (under the Sub-delegation office), AFJCI and Daara partners in the following areas: Danane, Soubre, Gagnoa, Man, Grand bereby and San -pedro.
- **A training towards 47 civil registrars** from the Network of Directors and Heads of Administrative Services of Côte d'Ivoire City Halls (REDCSAMCI) was conducted in Yamoussoukro. This activity was attended by the Director and Deputy Director of Civil Status Control of the Ministry of Justice.
- In Doropo, support was provided for the declaration and establishment of birth certificates of three (3) babies from very low income families. The extracts were given to the parents in the locality of Gboronthara. The cases were referred by members of the NGO network and Bounkani Association.

- The organization of a physiological age certification operation with the doctor of the Doropo urban health centre in order to establish surrogate judgements for 10 high-risk persons was supported.



Mass sensitization at Dougboleu in Danane @unhcr



Traning towards traditional kings and chiefs in Yamoussoukro

- DAARA organized a public hearing at IBOKE V3, in the Sub-prefecture of Olodio for 100 adults (57 women and 43 men), never declared at the civil registry office

#### ➤ Identification

- UNHCR Field Protection Assistants identified **258 persons at risk of statelessness** as the following: 34 in Tabou, 46 in Grand-Bereby, 14 in Daloa, 06 in Gagnoa, 43 in Danane, 15 in MAN, 07 in Sandegue and 93 in Boundiali.
- 22 persons in need of documents (Birth certificates/Supplementary judgments, and Nationality certificates) in Boundiali were referred to the competent services and 10 others were oriented on the legal procedure for obtaining the same documents.

#### ➤ Reduction

- UNHCR Field Protection Assistant and the AFJCI Focal Point in Soubré, proceeded in the presence of the Sub-Prefet, to the handover of 05 certificates of nationality to persons previously at risk of statelessness including 02 foundlings and 03 adults at high risk of statelessness.
- AFJCI handed over 03 consular cards to 03 Burkinabe women residing in Méagui.



Official handing over of certificates of nationality to persons previously at risk of statelessness. Photo@Daara

### ➤ Coordination

- In Doropo locality, an advocacy towards the health centre for the reduction of the cost of the physiological age certificate was made; A meeting with the Senior Advisor of the Doropo Primary Inspectorate to discuss the identification of undocumented registered schoolchildren was held; and support for the creation of a community school in the village of Gborodouo was provided.
- At Sandege, two (2) advocacy actions followed by the handing over of documentation on statelessness took place in presence of sub-prefects of Dimandougou and Sandegue with an intention to creating committees against statelessness.
- In Bouna, meetings with the sub-prefect of ondefidouo to discuss the possibility of setting up a local committee to combat statelessness and with local radio station officials for a partnership aimed at better communication on statelessness at the local level were held.
- A series of advocacy towards the sub-prefect of Kassere for the creation of a committees against statelessness and the reduction of the cost of supplementary judgements for minors under 14 years of age (8000frcf) was conducted in Boundiali.



### Integration / Reintegration

#### ➤ Shelters

- The construction of 76 shelters were completed against the initial plan of 105, and 77 latrines against 105 planned were completed. This represents an implementation rate of 72% for shelters and 73% for latrines.

#### ➤ IGRs

- The construction works of 01 pig farm in Tuambly /Bloléquin, 01 fish farm in Klobly / Toulepleu and 01 poultry farm in yocobo 2/Tabou are being finalized.
- The DORKAHA group (cassava production) in Bin-Houyé has planted 01 ha of cassava.





*Vue de porcherie de 07 loges à Tuambly*

- The construction work of 03 hairdressing shops for women in Goulaleu / Zouan-Hounien, Zéaglo / Bloléquin and Yocobo 2 / Tabou and 01 sales premises of "Garba" in Bin-Houyé are being finalized.
- Monitoring of individual IGAs (people with special needs) granted to 08 women and 01 men were followed in Yoya/Bloléquin (retail sales) and Doké/Bloléquin (retail sales), Zouan-Hounien (sale of plastic shoes). The beneficiaries are active and their IGAs are going well. Some beneficiaries have renewed their stocks of goods.
- The construction work on the poultry farm and the storage warehouse of the WA KOUNOUGBE group has been completed.

#### ➤ Professional trainings

- The vocational training of the 175 learners (08 Liberian refugees, 69 returnees, 98 of the hosts communities) at the Tabou Vocational Training Centre is ongoing in the various programmes (hairdressing, sewing, electricity, metal construction, carpentry, masonry, plumbing, literacy).



#### Communication

- UNHCR staff hosted a live broadcast on Radio Voix de l'Agnéby (RVA) on the theme "Let's talk about statelessness," which focused on progress in the fight against statelessness in Côte d'Ivoire. During the air time, auditors were interviewed on the content of circular 007-MJDH-CAB of 04 October 2019 on foundlings.
- UNHCR Field Protection Assistant, AFJCI Focal Point and DAARA, based in Soubré, jointly hosted a programme on the quarterly review of statelessness activities of UNHCR and its partners and on "Profiles of stateless people and those at risk of statelessness in the Nawa region" on radio station "la voix de la Nawa".
- UNHCR Field Protection Assistant, based in Gagnoa, hosted a programme on "Birth registration in relation to statelessness" on the Ouragahio communal radio station.

- UNHCR Field Protection Assistants based in MAN led 02 community mobilizations in KASSIAPLEU and GBANGBEGOUINE villages in preparation for upcoming awareness raising activities on the importance of birth registration.



*UNHCR Field Protection Assistant and AFJCI partner at radio Gagnoa*

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