

Côte d'Ivoire Situation

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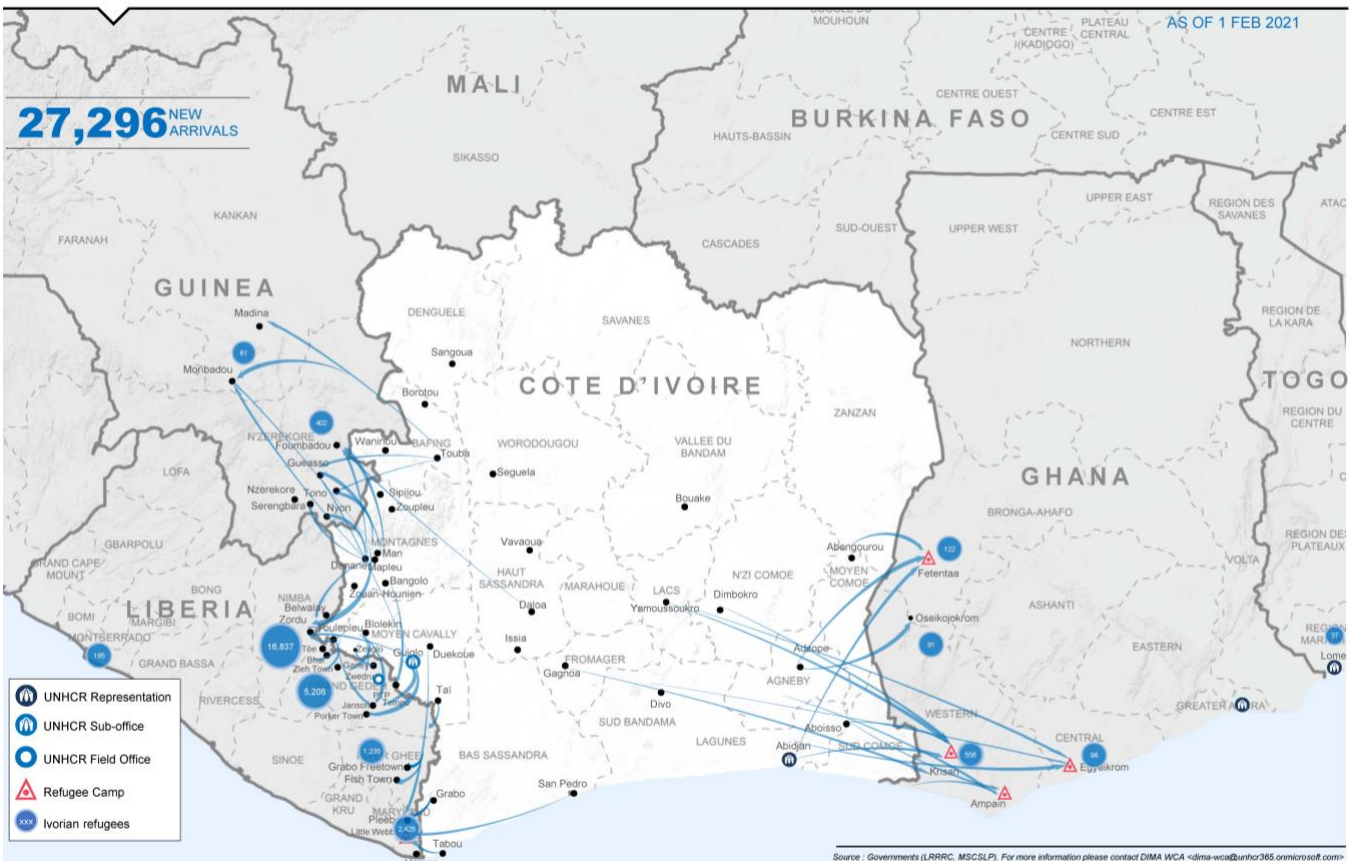
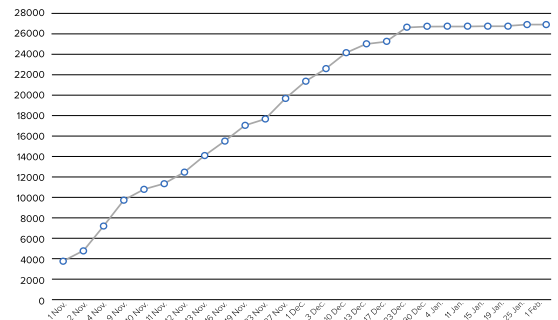
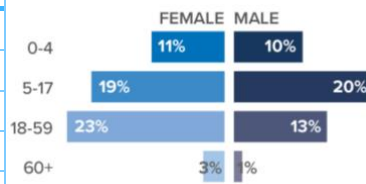
As of 1 February, **27,296 Ivorians who fled Côte d'Ivoire** have been pre-registered in Liberia, Ghana, Guinea and Togo. Liberia currently hosts 95 per cent of them.

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POPULATION OF CONCERN*

Host Countries	Refugees
Liberia	25,901
Ghana	865
Guinea	493
Togo	37
Total	27,296

*Data as of 1 February as reported by UNHCR Operations



KEY UNHCR ASSISTANCE TO DATE:



UNHCR Emergency Response

Liberia



PROTECTION

- As of 1 February 2021, a total of 25,901 Ivorian refugees have crossed into Liberia, 77 per cent of whom (19,871) have been formally registered. While the overall figures indicate a population increase, more than 99 per cent of those newly pre-registered arrived in October and November of 2020, and their registrations are back-dated accordingly. UNHCR continues to work with partners to conduct pre-registration exercises and expand coverage in new and hard to reach areas.
- UNHCR's response expanded to a fifth county as 195 Ivorians were pre-registered in Montserrado, which is the first county that does not border Côte d'Ivoire. Registration has yet to commence in this area, but the arrivals all entered Liberia between October and December of 2020.
- As of 26 January, a total of 1,146 persons with specific needs (PWSNs) have been identified during registration, including 110 persons with disabilities, 82 unaccompanied children and 63 people with serious medical conditions. Protection screening during registration is ongoing so UNHCR can ensure the most vulnerable cases receive vital assistance.
- In Maryland County, UNHCR established two working groups on Health and Education in Hudukudi with representatives from both the refugee and local communities. UNHCR also facilitated discussions for youth and their parents in Little Wlebo to raise awareness about SGBV and promote the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).



HEALTH

- Two cases of child malnutrition were referred to UNICEF for intervention and follow up, and 16 individuals received medical care for fever and headache during registration.
- WHO continues to include Ivorians in its national immunization campaigns, and conducted trainings for Surveillance Officers in six bordering counties to recognize the symptoms of polio following a reported outbreak in Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea. WHO also continues to work with the Liberian Ministry of Health to support local health facilities to better meet the medical needs of refugees and their host communities.



SHELTER AND WaSH

- WaSH assessments were conducted in Little Wlebo and Huduken, and found that Huduken Community has no latrines, and one hand pump in urgent need of repair.
- On 19 January, 30 individuals (seven families) were relocated to the Little Wlebo reception centre, and were given CRIs including mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, jerry cans, buckets and laundry soap.



FOOD AND CRIS

- Many of the refugees have expressed concern regarding access to food and resources. During the reporting period, UNHCR distributed 267 bags of rice to feed 723 people. UNHCR also distributed almost 4,000 face masks; 1,422 jerry cans; 1,378 pieces of laundry soap; 711 sleeping mats; 711 blankets and 633 buckets. Distribution of food assistance and CRIs is ongoing throughout the border areas.

Ghana



PROTECTION

- As of 1 February, there are a total of 865 Ivorian refugees (392 families) in Ghana. The Ghana Refugee Board and UNHCR have registered and provided asylum-seeker certificates to 70 per cent of the population through an ongoing joint exercise.



HEALTH

- To prevent the spread of COVID-19, new arrivals to Ampain Camp continue to be transferred to the Sowodadzim Reception and Quarantine Center, where 20 individuals are currently completing their mandatory 14-day quarantine. In Fetentaa Camp, four new arrivals are undergoing mandatory quarantine in a designated area of the camp.
- UNHCR partner ADRA continues to distribute face masks and hand sanitizers to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and provide hot meals for new arrivals in undergoing mandatory quarantine.
- At Sowodadzim, the Ghana Health Service continues to identify and treat medical conditions such as malaria and body pain, and refers individuals with serious medical conditions to the Elubo Clinic.



SHELTER AND CRIs

- During the reporting period, ten new arrivals completed their mandatory quarantine period at Sowodadzim and were transferred to the Ampain Camp Extension.
- Fetentaa Camp Extension now hosts 48 families who have all been assigned tents, and at Ampain Camp Extension, all 15 washrooms and 20 bio-digester toilets have been completed.

Guinea

- As of 1 February, the number of Ivorian asylum-seekers in Guinea remains at 493 (144 families). Registration and border monitoring are ongoing, as is the screening and referral of cases in need of medical treatment.

Togo

- As of 1 February, the number of Ivorian refugees in Togo stands at 37. They have been registered by the National Commission for Assistance to Refugees (CNAR) and are being hosted in local communities.