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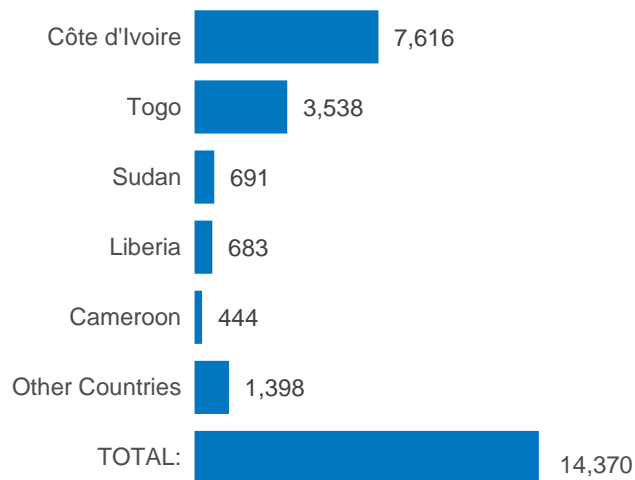
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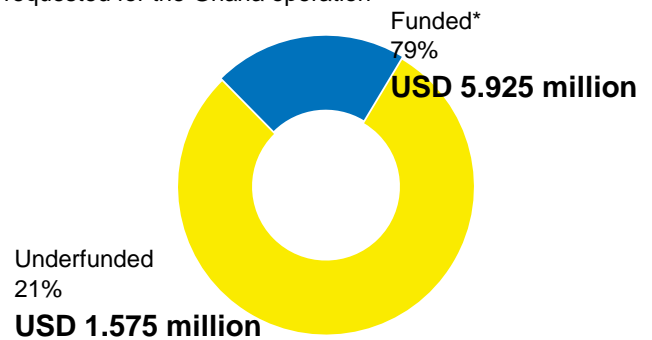
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FUNDING (AS AT OCTOBER 2021)

USD 7.5 million

requested for the Ghana operation



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UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 31 National Staff
- 04 International Staff
- 07 UNOPS
- 01 Refugee Point Deployee

Offices:

- 01 Country Office in Accra
- 01 Field Office in Takoradi



Stakeholder meeting with MMDAs. © UNHCR Ghana/ PFolley



Urban outreach program at Kasoa. © UNHCR Ghana/ PFolley

Working with Partners

- **Government Partners:** Ministry of the Interior, the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB), and other relevant government departments and ministries such as Ghana Education Service, Ghana Health Service, Ghana Immigration Service, Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice, and Ghana Police Service to mention a few.
- **Partners:** Christian Council of Ghana (CCG), National Catholic Secretariat (NCS), and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).
- **UN Agencies:** UNFPA, IOM, UNAIDS, and UNICEF.
- **Private Sector Partnerships:** UNHCR Ghana is exploring expanded partnership opportunities with the Private Sector and other development partners.

Main Activities

Protection

- UNHCR and Partners have organized training on refugee law for 100 senior and frontline officers of the Ghana Immigration Service from 6 regions to promote access to territory and asylum procedures. The officers acquired knowledge about international refugee protection principles. They familiarised themselves with the tools to deal with asylum seekers arriving without documents and how to process arrivals according to set standards.
- A total number of 510 Ivorian refugees and asylum seekers were assisted by UNHCR on voluntary repatriation to Ivory Coast.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with the Ghana Refugee Board and Christian Council of Ghana, under the urban Refugee program, organized a one-day stakeholder meeting with representatives of the various Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Assemblies (MMDAs) in the Greater Accra Region. Accra hosts over 3000 Refugees and Asylum Seekers. The objective of the meeting included seeking the support of the MMDAs in strengthening community-based protection. The session was also aimed at understanding the programs of the MMDAs and building synergies to enhance the integration of refugees in national services and enhance the overall protection of urban-based refugees.
- A round table high-level dialogue on local integration was convened by UNHCR and the Ghana Refugee Board. This was attended by Deputy Comptroller General of the Ghana Immigration Service, the Advisor to the Minister of the Interior, Executive Secretary of Ghana Refugee Board (GRB), and moderated by the Chairman of the GRB. The UNHCR Delegation was led by the Representative. This forms part of the primary outcomes from the High-Level Dialogue on Refugee Protection held in June 2021. The aim was to discuss details of the Local Integration aspect of the Comprehensive Solutions for Refugees. Several recommendations were made around the type, and duration of the Residence Permit that will be submitted for endorsement through the Minister of Interior under whom the Immigration portfolio is.
- UNHCR supported the review of the Ghana Immigration Service training school curriculum under the 'Strengthening Border and Migration Management Project' funded by the European Union and implemented by the International Center for Migration Policy and Development (ICMPD). UNHCR and ICMPD also discussed how the two organizations could work together at the national level.
- The staff of UNHCR and Partners met with over 1,000 refugees living in the urban areas at a zonal community outreach program in various parts of Accra. The goal was to strengthen community-based protection through community participation and representative leadership structures. Over 100 refugees registered for ICT

training and English Language Proficiency courses which will soon start at the Urban Refugee Community Center- Blue Oasis

Livelihoods

- As part of activities to mark the 2021 World Food Day commemorated on 16th October each year, the University of Cape Coast (Agricultural department), with sponsorship from FAO, United Nations Food Systems, World Farmers Market Coalition, and Ministry of Food and Agriculture, organized the first-ever Farmers Market in Ghana and West Africa at the University of Cape Coast. The event's objective was to enhance the application of scientific and technological advancement in production, diversify products, improve value chain addition of agricultural products, support agribusinesses to exhibit their products, promote and expand business cooperation with partners in the agricultural value chain. UNHCR Livelihoods Partner, ADRA, supported selected refugees in the Egyeikrom camp to participate in the exhibition and sale of products.
- Nineteen poultry farmers from the Egyeikrom camp were registered with the National Board for Small Scale Industries (NBSSI). This is to enable the poultry farmers to benefit from government programs, grants, exchange programs, training, and market linkages. This effort is geared at the economic inclusion of refugees and aimed at enhancing their self-reliance outcomes.

Health

- UNHCR Ghana has supported over 190 Health Workers and Waste Management Actors in the Berekum West and Komenda-Edina-Eguafo Abrem Municipal Assemblies with training on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC). Healthcare-associated infections represent the most frequent adverse problems in healthcare delivery, with the COVID-19 pandemic aggravating the situation. Available statistics indicate an upsurge in the number of healthcare-associated infections during the pandemic, reversing critical national progress made before 2020. Considering this, UNHCR Ghana deemed it expedient to adequately equip frontline healthcare workers and waste management actors in refugee-hosting communities with the requisite knowledge and skills in Infection Prevention, and Control to better protect themselves and the people they care for, including refugees and asylum seekers.
- COVID-19 vaccine information campaigns on the national vaccine rollout plan and benefit of uptake were conducted by UNHCR, the Ghana health unit, and the Ghana Health Service in the Fetentaa and Egyeikrom camps to address the scope of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among the refugees and asylum seekers. About 695 refugees attended the program. The common reasons cited for the refusal to take the vaccine included perceived risks versus benefits, certain religious beliefs and lack of knowledge and awareness. These information campaigns will continue to ensure increased uptake of the COVID 19 vaccine by refugees and asylum seekers
- Within the refugee's health integration program, UNHCR, Ghana collaborated with Ghana Health Service to sensitize about 589 refugees and asylum seekers in Fetentaa and Egyeikrom Camps about breast cancer as part of breast cancer awareness month. The women were encouraged to constantly examine their breasts and report to a health facility if they observed changes.
- UNHCR and the Ghana Health Service have embarked on a sensitization campaign on cholera prevention in Fetentaa and Egyeikrom refugee camps. This follows a recent cholera outbreak in seven countries (Nigeria, Niger, Burkina Faso, DRC, Cameroon, Mali, and Benin) in West and Central Africa, with a significant number of cases and fatalities in Nigeria and Niger. Refugees were sensitized to adopt the necessary preventive measures to avoid a potential outbreak in the camps. As part of the prevention strategy, UNHCR, Ghana has also strengthened water and sanitation activities in the camps.

Education

- As part of giving back to their community, beneficiaries of the German scholarship for refugee students (DAFI) visited the Ampain camp on 14-15 October, where they sensitized women, especially schoolgirls, on breast cancer and its symptoms and prevention. The students who led this activity were physician assistants and student nurses. They taught the young girls how to self-examine periodically. They also screened the women for breast cancer. The students, after the screening, donated some food items to students in the camp. Mastercard Foundation scholarship beneficiaries also used the opportunity to speak to the students about the scholarship and how it is helping them to achieve their goals in education.

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