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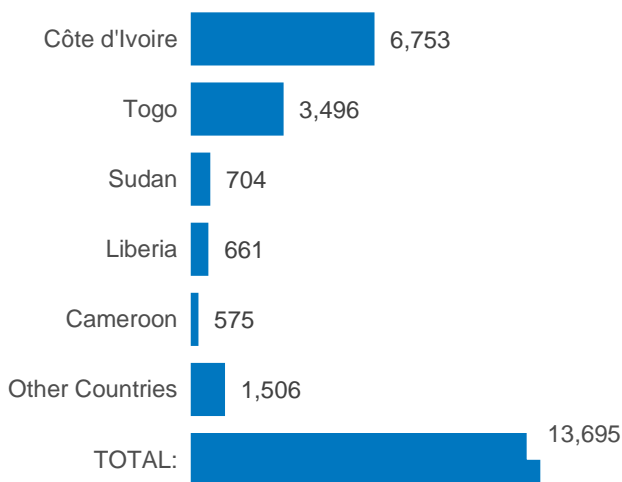
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937 Ivorian refugees assisted to voluntarily repatriate to Cote d'Ivoire between March-April 2022.

354 refugee youth complete entrepreneurship training to boost their livelihood outcomes.

Trainings held for GRB officials on **exemption procedures**.

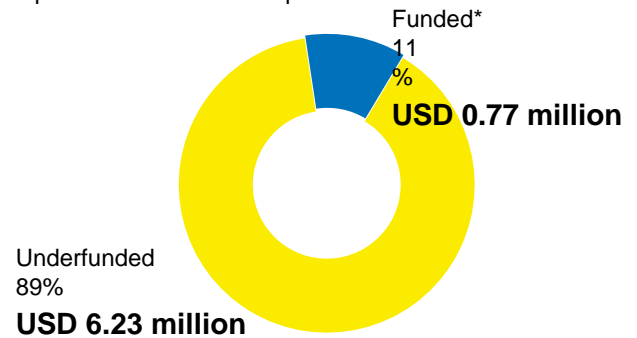
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FUNDING (AS AT APRIL 2022)

USD 7.0 million

requested for the Ghana operation



* The contributions earmarked for Ghana shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contribution.

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



Some refugee youth trained in glass glazing with officials from the NVTI and UNHCR. © UNHCR Ghana



Some refugee students due for the Senior High School in Ampain receiving essential items from UNHCR for the boarding house. © UNHCR Ghana

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 with the support of the UNHCR Regional Bureau, Dakar, organized three trainings in collaboration with the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB) during the reporting period. The trainings were aimed at ensuring a functional, fair, and efficient Refugee Status Determination system including the effective implementation of exemption procedures by government for the Ivorian refugees. In all, about 54 persons including Board members and staff of the GRB and members of the Appeals Committee of the Ministry of the Interior had their capacity built in areas such as Refugee Status Determination and Exemption procedures.
- Between March and April, six Voluntary Repatriation movements to Cote D'Ivoire were successfully carried out jointly with the GRB. In all 937 refugees were assisted to voluntarily return safely to Cote d'Ivoire.
- Officials of the Ghana Refugee Board were in all three Ivorian camps within the reporting period to register Ivorians who chose to be exempted from cessation of their status to undergo an exemption application exercise. The exemption application exercise is a prerequisite to an exemption interview.

Livelihoods

- 354 refugees who were offered opportunities to learn or improve their practical skills and knowledge in their chosen area of interest have ended their trainings and received certificates of participation from the resource persons. The aim was to help them become either employable or gain more income in their various enterprises.
- A 2-day training focused on Good Husbandry Practices (GHPs) in sustainable pig production and management under deep litter system using Indigenous Microorganism (IMO) technology was held for 30 pig farmers at Krisan camp with facilitation from the Department of Agriculture, Komenda/Edina/Eguafo/Abirem (KEEA) Municipal Assembly. The sessions were mainly delivered through presentations designed at improving capacities of beneficiaries and to also ensure increased application of technologies, improvement in production and active participation in achieving the targets set by the funding agency. The facilitators also embarked on a field trip with beneficiaries, so they have a firsthand experience of routine activities carried out.
- Nineteen refugee apprentices from the four camps have successfully undergone a two-day proficiency examination organized by the National Vocational Training Institute (NVTI). The 19 had been enrolled between 2020 and 2021 in the field of masonry, auto electrician, car spraying, tailoring, auto mechanic, glass glazing, hairdressing, and painting.

Education

- Some refugee students who have been placed in various Senior High Schools across the country received essential items from UNHCR for the boarding house. This was aimed at ensuring that no one is left behind and that refugees are aptly included and able to access education. Further, this served as a relief for refugee parents who could not afford these vital items for their children which can deny them access to quality education.

Health

- The Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG) has organized a 2-day COVID-19 workshop for selected refugee leaders and Camp Managers and Chiefs from the host communities in Ampain, Egyeikrom and Krisan Camps. The purpose was to equip participants with the requisite skills in COVID -19 prevention strategies to minimize cases in the refugee camps and host communities. Since the beginning of the COVID 19 outbreak, the cumulative cases among refugee and asylum Seekers are ten (10). These cases were fully managed by the national health services with full recovery and no deaths recorded.

Community Services

- On Tuesday 8th March, International Women's Day was commemorated in all camp locations. This year, the theme was 'Gender Equality today for Sustainable Tomorrow'. Participants included refugees, UNHCR staff and partners, traditional authorities, host community members and stakeholders in the various districts. Activities that heralded the day included a talk on the theme, drama, dance, showcasing of male dominated skill areas by women, mini exhibition, health checks and education and panel discussions among others.

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