

Côte d'Ivoire

May 2022

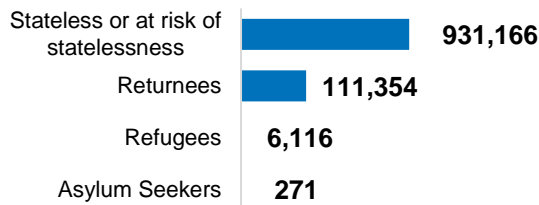
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POPULATION OF CONCERN

Côte d'Ivoire

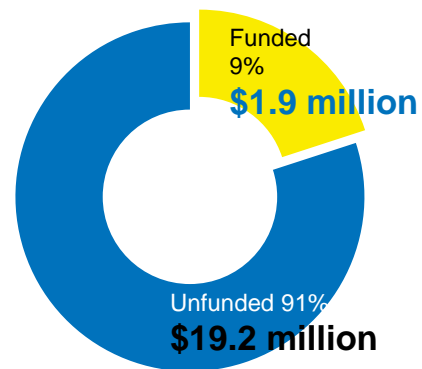


Total: 1,048, 907

FUNDING (AS OF 30 MAY)

\$21.1 million

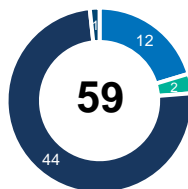
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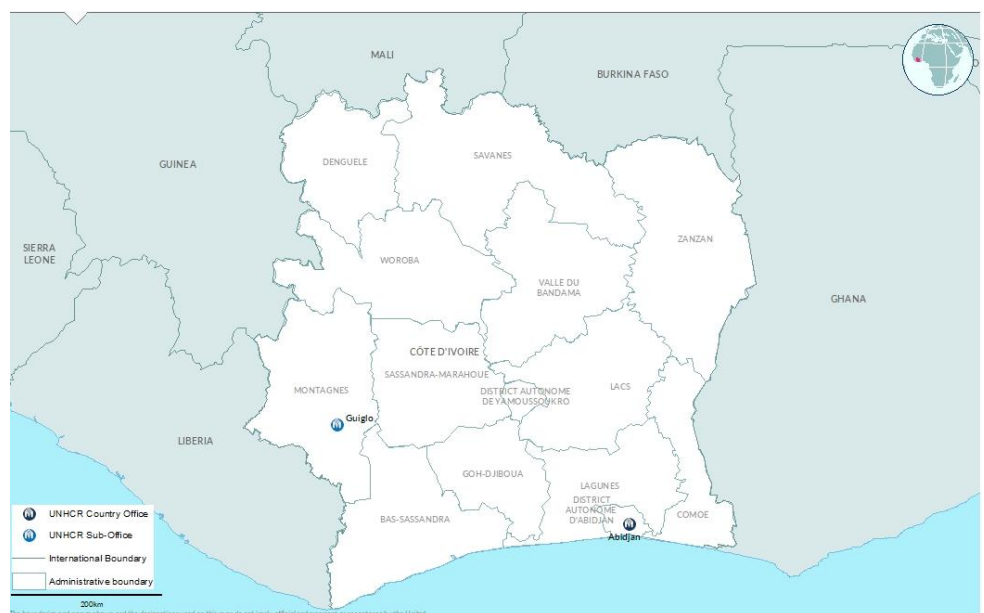
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UNHCR and UN WOMEN in discussion with Burkinabe refugees and local women in Tougo. © UNHCR

Main Activities

Voluntary Repatriation and Reintegration of Ivorian Refugees

- The process to formally end refugee status – the application of cessation clauses – for Ivorian refugees comes into effect on 30 June 2022. The cessation of refugee status follows the peaceful resolution of two decades of intermittent civil conflict and political instability in the West African nation.
- 1,833 Ivorian refugees were repatriated in May, bringing the total number of Ivorian refugees repatriated this year to 13,478 individuals.
- An agreement was reached between UNHCR and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Diaspora regarding the cost of passports. The Government of Côte d'Ivoire has consented to pay 30,000 CFA francs (XOF) while UNHCR will cover the remaining XOF 40,000. As a result of this positive development, an intragovernmental mission left for Togo to provide passports to the 187 Ivorian refugees found to be eligible by ONECI, the National Office of Civil Status and Identification.
- To support returnees with socio-economic activities, UNHCR held discussions with the Tonkpi Youth Employment Agency in the West of Côte d'Ivoire and submitted a list of 66 returnees for training consideration, internships, and potential employment in Guiglo and Man.

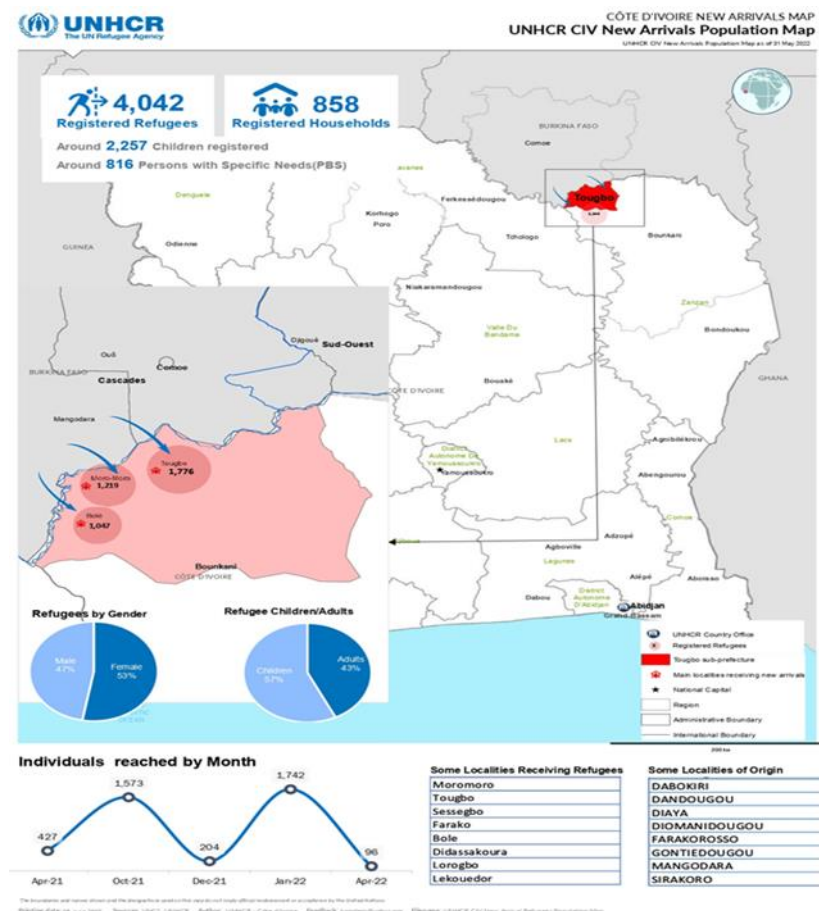
Statelessness

- Côte d'Ivoire has put in place a legal regime for Statelessness Determination Procedures and functioning eligibility commissions, the first procedures on the African continent. There are currently 931,166 stateless or persons at risk of statelessness in Côte d'Ivoire.
- From 9 to 12 May, UNHCR participated in a workshop for the development of the statistical yearbook of civil status in Côte d'Ivoire for the year 2021. During the reference year, 755,093 births were counted, but only 612,865 were registered in the civil registry, an annual registration rate of 68.2%. A total of 142,228 births representing nearly 32% were not registered, exposing those children to the risk of statelessness.
- Seven people at high risk of statelessness who have never been declared to the civil registry in the towns of Bouaflé, Agboville and Boundiali were identified. Also, six Ivorian

nationality certificates were obtained from the courts for descendants of historical migrants in Bouaflé and Bouna.

- Supplementary birth certificate judgments were rendered by the Abengourou court of first instance to six foundlings born to unknown parents who will directly access Ivorian nationality. Similarly, supplementary birth certificate judgments were rendered in favour of two stateless persons by the Danané court of first instance for the issuance of birth certificates. A certificate of Ivorian nationality was issued by the Bouaflé court of first instance to a descendant of a historical migrant.
- Five sensitization campaigns reached 132 people in Bouna, Bondoukou, Boundialy and Doropo. During these campaigns, three migrants at high risk of statelessness were identified.

Burkinabé refugees in Northeast Côte d'Ivoire



- **4,042** Burkinabés have now been registered in Côte d'Ivoire since May 2021. The new arrivals are fleeing a surge in violent extremism in Burkina Faso and have been fleeing in waves to the Northeast of Côte d'Ivoire.
- UNHCR and UN WOMEN conducted a joint assessment mission in Tougbo from 23 to 28 May 2022. The objective of the mission was to meet local authorities, refugee women and local women to discuss women's inclusion in local leadership, gender-based

violence, and livelihoods. 142 women participated in the discussions in Tougbo, Moro-Moro and Bole villages.

Working with Partners

UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire works in close partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI) and Caritas-CI.

Financial Information

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