



HIGHLIGHTS

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Refugees invited for medical screening prior to resettlement in the U.S.

746

Refugees participate in vocational skills training in the three camps

7,783

ID cards distributed to refugees living in Grand Gedeh communities

8,737

Early childhood, primary and secondary students pre-enrolled in school

Population of concern

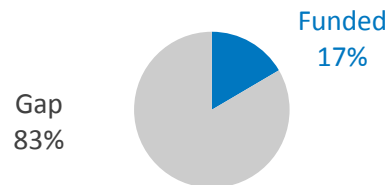
A total of **40,057** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Cote d'Ivoire	38,121
Sierra Leone	379
Mixed nationality	56
Asylum seekers	22
Other persons of concern	1,479
Total	40,057

Funding

USD 34,786,770 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

95 national staff
28 international staff

Offices:

4 offices located in:
Monrovia, Zwedru, Saclepea, Harper

Liberia: Operational map

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WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works with the Government of Liberia through the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC) and coordinates humanitarian assistance with: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), CARE International, Caritas Cape Palmas, Finn Church Aid (FCA), Save the Children International (SCI), and Special Emergency Activity to Restore Children's Hope (SEARCH).

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- International Women's Day was celebrated in all camps with awareness campaigns and presentations on key issues. Refugee women were urged to take advantage of the livelihood training opportunities that are available to build self-reliance and to participate in the leadership structure and decision-making processes in the camp.
- Sensitization on sexual and gender-based violence is ongoing, and a new safe house in Bahn Town is being prepared to open in April.
- UNHCR Sub Office Zwedru has completed distribution of identification cards to all refugees over 7 years of age residing in communities in Grand Gedeh County. The protection team distributed a total 7,783 cards to refugees in five axes.

Education

- The 2015 school year has been underway for one month in the refugee camps, and students are being encouraged to return to school. A total 8,737 students were pre-enrolled, and attendance has been increasing from week to week.
- UNHCR's education partners, SEARCH and Finn Church Aid met with refugees at Little Wlebo Camp to establish an adult literacy program in response to the desire expressed by some adult refugee women to learn how to read and write.

Health

- As Liberia has not been declared Ebola-free and the virus continues to spread within the region, UNHCR and its partners continue to ensure that hand-washing materials for the prevention of Ebola are provided at strategic locations in the refugee camps, and that hand-washing practice is reinforced before entry and exit from key locations.
- Mass awareness campaigns on Ebola are continuing and health workers have integrated Ebola awareness into health education programs covering HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, malaria and general hygiene. More than 20,000 refugees were reached through these activities during the month.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- A total 746 refugees are participating in vocational training programs in the three camps; PTP, Bahn and Little Wlebo camps. Training is being offered in a variety of areas including soap making, tailoring, batik, hairdressing, mechanics, computers, chloral making and carpentry. Some refugees are also being trained as trainers in the production of eco-stoves to reduce the need for firewood.
- Rice and vegetable production is in high gear around the fertile land of Bahn and PTP camps. The LRRRC is negotiating with the local authorities to secure more lowland acreage at Bahn to increase the number of refugees who can benefit from training in agriculture, while also gaining greater food security.

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR and the Governments of Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire have agreed to resume voluntary repatriation of the Ivorian refugees as soon as the Ivorian authorities can complete a technical mission to the refugee camps and cross-border missions. The first convoy is expected to leave Nimba County in May 2015.
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has asked UNHCR to make preparations for the pre-departure medical screening of 24 refugees selected for resettlement in the United States. Twenty-two of the refugees reside in the Bahn and PTP refugee camps and must travel to Monrovia for the medical screening.

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