

Cote d'Ivoire

September 2017

Heavy rains

slowing down UNHCR's
Voluntary Return Operations

Awareness-raising for peaceful
cohabitation in the West through
mobile cinema

Construction of
132 houses in Blolequin

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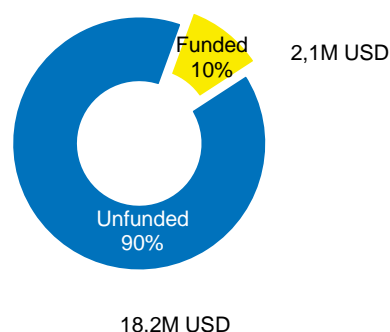
Côte d'Ivoire



TOTAL : 961,252

FUNDING (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2017)

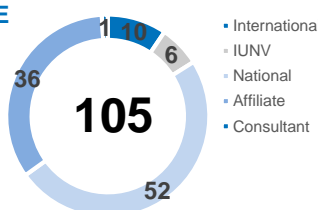
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



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Staff:

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Offices:

1 Branch Office in **Abidjan**
1 Field Unit in **Tabou**
1 Sub Office in **Guiglo**



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Main Activities

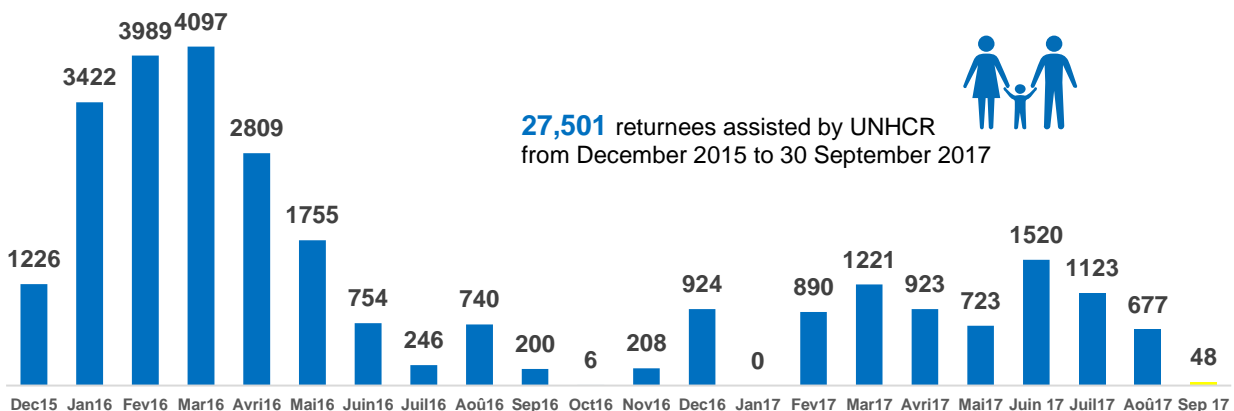
Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

- In September 2017, **48 Ivorian refugees** have returned from Togo, Ghana and Gambia in dignity and safety with support from UNHCR and its partners.
- The cities of Guiglo, Tabou and Toulepleu are currently facing heavy rains, which has led to the degradation of roads and the flooding of Guiglo's Prefecture and General Hospital in the West. Due to the weather conditions, UNHCR's repatriation and reintegration activities have been slowed down throughout the month of September.
- The ferry used by repatriation convoys from Liberia in the South-West of the country is currently undergoing maintenance, which has resulted in the temporary suspension of repatriations. The effective resumption of the activities of the ferry for repatriation activities is scheduled for October 2017.



The ferry in Prolo is currently undergoing technical maintenance
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Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to September 2017



Refugees

- As of 30 September 2017, a total of **1,465 refugees** and 412 asylum seekers are registered in Côte d'Ivoire.
- In view of the presidential elections in Liberia, which will take place on 10 October 2017, the UNHCR Representation in Côte d'Ivoire hosted a preparatory workshop from 13 to 14 September 2017 to develop a **contingency plan**. The objective of this workshop was to identify and prioritize the risks in the event of an influx of Liberian refugees in Côte d'Ivoire as well as actions to be implemented.
- 78 refugees of various nationalities have been assisted at the **One-Stop Shop in Abidjan** during the reporting period, 21 of whom are women and 57 men. Assistance was provided with regards to education as well as to financial, medical and protection-related issues. During the **weekly counseling sessions** for refugees at the UNHCR office in **Tabou**, 12 refugees received support with regards to resettlement, documentation and education.
- During the month of September, **food support** was provided to five cases. Furthermore, five refugees in Tabou sought **medical assistance**.
- The UNHCR protection team participated in the monitoring of **income-generating activities** (IGA) for refugees through UNHCR's multifunctional team in Guiglo.

Reintegration

• Social Cohesion

In partnership with the local radio stations of Toulepleu and Bin Houyé, Caritas has produced six **radio programs** addressing social cohesion and gender based violence (GBV) as part of UNHCR's reintegration activities.

UNHCR and its partners have started using **Mobile Cinema** as a new channel for raising awareness for peaceful coexistence and social cohesion in the West of Côte d'Ivoire. The campaign targeted ten localities. Film screenings were organized for the different communities, followed by discussions accompanied by facilitators.

• Shelter

As part of the 2017 shelter projects, which are part of the UNHCR's reintegration activities, the returnees and the host communities in **Biolequin** will be assisted with **132 houses**. To date, 84 houses are close to completion, which represents 63.64% of the planned houses in this department. An **additional 135 houses** will be constructed in close collaboration with the UN Development Programme (UNDP), and thanks to funding from the *German Corporation for International Cooperations*. The selection of households for this project is currently ongoing.

▪ Rehabilitation and Construction of Infrastructure

All rehabilitation works on the schools of Tuambly and Zéaglo have been completed. The facilities were handed over by the local Multifunctional Team of Guiglo to the primary education officials.

The **dispensary (health center) of Diboké** in the department of Guiglo is now also fully rehabilitated and was handed over to the departmental health authorities in Bolequin on 8 September 2017.

The construction of the **Bohobly maternity** in the sub-prefecture of Méo is ongoing. Currently wall-ties are being installed to ensure the stability of the building.

▪ Education

A total of **86 students in Tabou and San-Pedro** have been selected to receive financial support for education, 64 of whom are in primary school and 32 in secondary school.

Statelessness

- During **monitoring** activities carried out in Tabou, 108 people were identified to be at risk of statelessness and registered in the databases for follow-up by UNHCR and its partners.
- Thanks to UNHCR's **advocacy work** with the Primary School Inspector of Aboisso, the registration of four stateless children as well as eight returnee children in the Sokoura and Plateau primary schools was achieved.

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