

# Cote d'Ivoire

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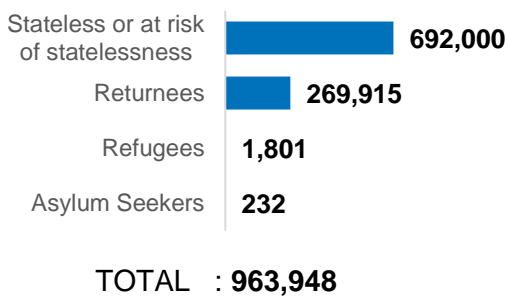
Data collection in the field is now ended for the **first ever country wide mapping operation in Africa** to identify stateless people/people at risk of statelessness.

UNHCR assisted with the **Voluntary Repatriation of 317 Ivoirians** from, Ghana, Mali, Liberia and Guinea, respectively.

**Launch of an innovative pilot project** 'Community Connectivity Solution' to transfer repatriation assistance package through mobile money.

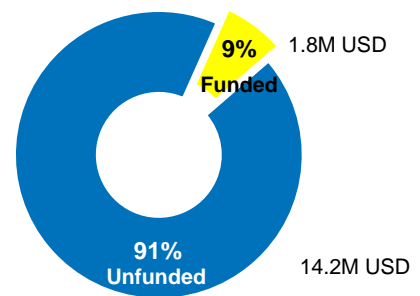
## POPULATION OF CONCERN :

### Côte d'Ivoire



## FUNDING (AS OF 30 OCTOBER 2018)

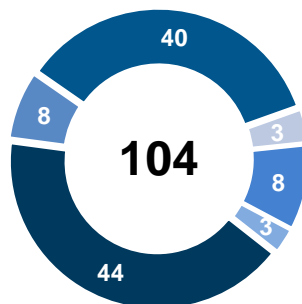
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 42 National Staff
- 40 National UNV
- 08 International Staff
- 03 IUNV
- 03 Interns
- 08 Consultant



### UNHCR office:

- 1 Branch Office in **Abidjan**
- 1 Sub Office in **Guiglo**



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The Secretary of State for Human Rights (center) and the UNHCR Representative (right) encouraging data collectors in the field in Baouafle. ©UNHCR/D. Guirou

From 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, The UNHCR Representative and the Secretary of State for Human Rights, led the technical committee mission (TV piece) in the field to supervise the mapping operation to identify stateless persons / persons at risk of statelessness. The technical committee included some Government structures (National Institute of Statistics, National Office of Population), UN Agencies (IOM, UNICEF). The UNHCR Regional Protection Officer in charge of Statelessness also joined the mission. The overall operation is going well with involvement of local authorities. The collection of data in the field ended on 12<sup>th</sup> of October and data analysis is now going on. Results of the mapping operation are expected before the end of November 2018.

## Main Activities

### Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

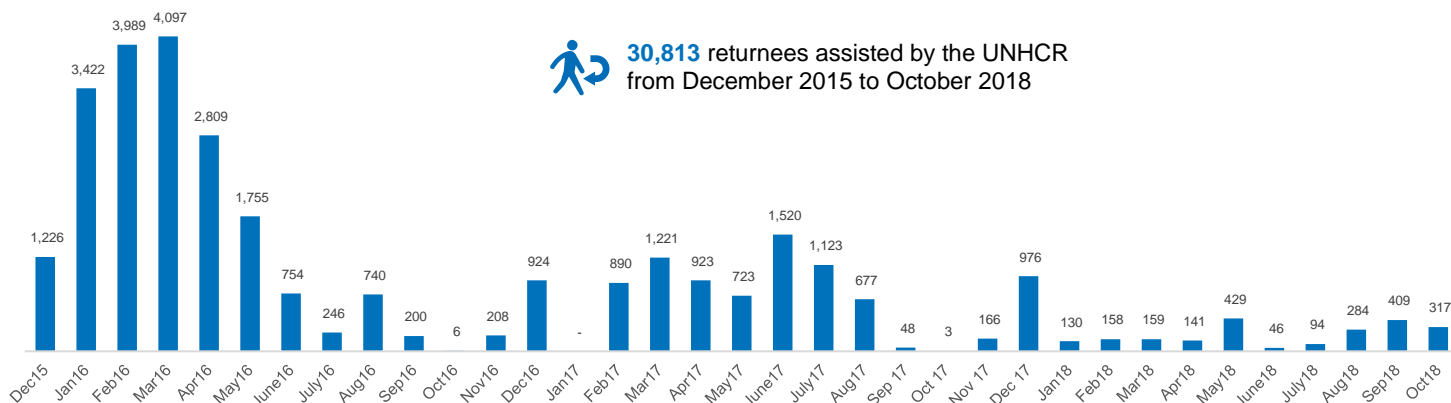
- VolRep Recap – October 2018.

Date	CoA	Returnees	Household	NoC*
Thursday, October 04, 2018	Ghana	38	14	0
Monday, October 08, 2018	Mali	4	2	
Thursday, October 11, 2018	Liberia	27	11	1
Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Guinea	248	53	1

\* NoC (Not of Concern) refers to returnees relatives accompanying their Ivorian families

- 01 January-31 October 2018, a total of **2,167** Ivorian refugees have been repatriated (TV piece) to Cote D'Ivoire with UNHCR support.
- Since 2015, a total of **30,813** Ivorian refugees have been repatriated, **28,247** of whom from Liberia and **2,566** from other countries (As of October 31<sup>th</sup>, 2018).

### Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to 31 October 2018



#### Refugees

- As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, a total of **1,801** refugees and **232** asylum seekers are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.
- In October, The National Eligibility Commission held sessions at *DAARA (Direction D'Aide et d'Assistance aux Refugies et aux Apatrides)*; out of **10** cases submitted for review: **8** asylum seekers were granted refugee status, **1** was asked for additional documents while **1** applicant was rejected.

#### Reintegration

- **Shelter/Latrines**
  - 88/198 shelters have been completed.
  - 106/198 latrines have been completed.
  - Over 2,856 various materials (wooden boards, plates, iron, doors, etc.) have been handed over to the people of concern for building shelters.
- **Community Empowerment and Self-reliance**
  - The 'Community Connectivity Solution' has been officially launched (TV piece) on 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 in Abidjan. This pilot project aims to reduce risks of handling cash, in particular by improving the security and conditions of reintegration of returnees through financial and digital inclusion. It consists in the implementation of a mobile transfer solution as an option for voluntary returnees to receive their return package. The pilot project will run from October to December 2018 and is expected to be rolled out in 2019 and extended to refugees as well.
  - Two sessions have been organized in Bolequi and Toulepleu on behalf of community leaders in order to reinforce social cohesion in areas of return of voluntary repatriated persons. About 50 community leaders attended the sessions.

- UNHCR and DAARA have distributed 60 late birth certificates in Toulepleu for repatriated children.
- Two groups involved in agricultural production / cattle breeding and fisheries in Kêdoué de Zeaglo (Blolequin Department), have been supported with 4,000 little fish and 20 bags of food. Another two groups in Zouan-Hounien also benefited from equipments to start up their vulcanization and auto mechanics activities.

#### ■ Health

- In the context of providing optimal access to reproductive health and HIV services to population in the west, 02 mass awareness raising on HIV/AIDS were conducted in Danane and Mahaplau, reaching over 400 people. The peer educators conducted 6 awareness-raising sessions on HIV prevention and transmissions mode, reaching 33 people.
- In October 2018, 15 refugees have benefited from medical care in Tabou and San Pedro.
- A death of a woman refugee has been registered in Guiglo on 27th of October 2018 following prenatal complications. UNHCR and local authorities offered their condolences.
- Two rape victims benefited from social care (payment of rent, food, school supplies, etc.). The Guiglo Legal Clinic, with the support of UNHCR Protection Unit, referred these cases for further care and protection.

#### ■ Education

- 109 pupils, of whom 76 for primary and 33 for secondary, from Tabou and San Pedro have received support for payment of school enrollment related fees. Similarly, 30 students benefited support in Danané, including 21 for primary level and 09 for high school for the 2018-2019 school year.

### Statelessness

#### ■ Identification

- In the localities of Danane, Meagui, Zouan-Hounien and Soubre, 251 people at risk of statelessness have been identified and registered on UNHCR Kobo server.

#### ■ Prevention

- During this reporting period, UNHCR Field Protection Assistants have carried awareness campaign on statelessness and the importance of birth registration. Overall, 1,369 people have been reached in Guiglo, Blolequin, Danane, Meagui, Tabou, San Pedro, Zouan-Hounien, Soubre, Seguela and Sassandra.
- On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, capacity of 35 civil status officers/agents have been reinforced on birth registration.

### ■ Protection

- During the reporting period, 50 late birth certificates have been delivered, including 10 foundlings in Tonkpi, Soubre, Daloa and Bolequin areas.
- On 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, the Minister of Justice has presented two new important bills at the session of the Committee on General and Institutional Affairs of the National Assembly. They are a bill establishing a special procedure for the declaration of birth, the reestablishment of identity and the transcription of a birth certificate, and a bill on the new civil status in Côte d'Ivoire. The National Assembly is expected to vote the two bills at its plenary session of 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2018.

### ■ Communication

- On 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, UNHCR organized a workshop at Sassandra to strengthen capacities of administrative and security authorities, civil status agents and midwives on statelessness and nationality. 32 persons attended the workshop.
- As part of the celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNHCR's #IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness, preparations are ongoing for the launch of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the contest, on 20<sup>th</sup> of November, to award to best journalist for the fight against statelessness. More than 40 journalists participated to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the contest with great media interest and coverage on the issue of statelessness.



Launch of the pilot project 'Community Connectivity Solution' on 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 in Abidjan @UNHCR/D. Guirou

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