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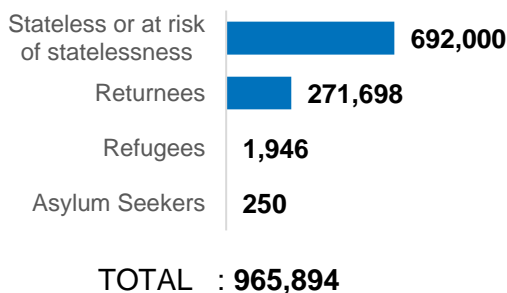
Come and tell missions to Liberia, Togo and Ghana

The month of July was marked by the **key activity** that is the **Mid-Year Review**

Since 31 January, **UNHCR assisted with the voluntary repatriation of 1170 Ivorians**

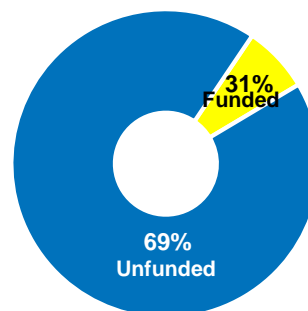
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Côte d'Ivoire



COTE D'IVOIRE AS OF 31 JULY 2019

\$19.6 MILLION UNHCR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2019*

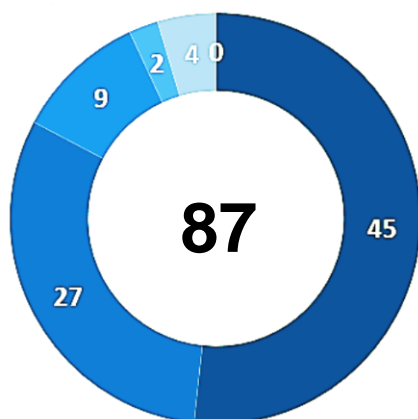


*The financial requirements for Côte d'Ivoire are those of the operation's regular programme.

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 45 National Staff
- 27 National UNV
- 9 International Staff
- 02 IUNV
- 04 Interns
- 00 Consultant



UNHCR office:

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



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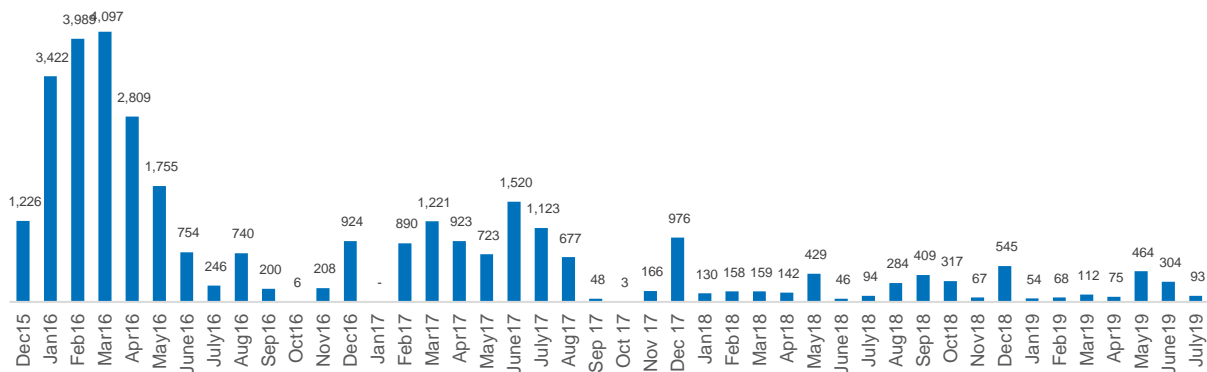
OUR PARTNERS

UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire works in close partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, *Caritas-CI*, *World Food Program (WFP)*, the *United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV)* and *Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI)*.

Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to 31st July 2019



32,596 returnees assisted by the UNHCR from December 2015 to March 2019



Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

VolRep –Recap July 2019

| Date | CoA | Total Assisted | Returnees | Household | NoC* |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Thursday, July 09, 2019 | Togo | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Wednesday, July 17, 2019 | Liberia | 86 | 86 | 32 | 0 |
| TOTAL AS OF JULY 22, 2019 | | 100 | 100 | 34 | 0 |

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

- From January 31- July 22, a total of **1170** Ivorian refugees were repatriated with the support of UNHCR.
- While Liberia announced about 120 candidates for repatriation, 32 households of 86 people arrived at the border on 17 July 2019 with two (2) alleged cases of fraud.
- A Cross Border meeting with Liberia has been scheduled for the last week of September 2019 in San Pedro.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

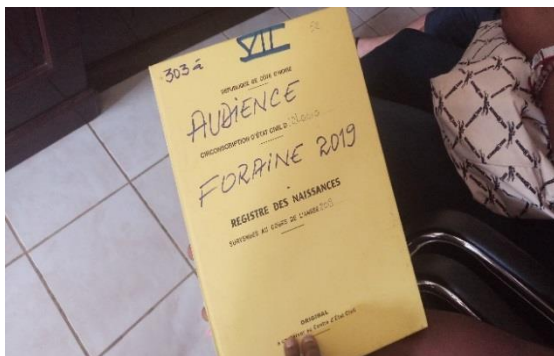
- After noting the successful implementation and achievements of the project for the reintegration and social cohesion in favor of displaced/returnees under the **UNHCR** and **UNDP** during a joint site visit in June in Tabou area, the **German Embassy** renewed its funding for the second phase of the project. Friday 9th formally ushered in the second phase of the project with the signature of a memorandum of understanding at the **Ministry of Solidarity, Social Cohesion and Poverty –Alleviation**.
- The National Programme Officer, Field Assistant in Project Monitoring and the Director of Man Office of the WFP visited the SD office aiming at strengthening the existing good collaboration between **UNHCR** and **WFP**. The following topics were discussed: **(1)** the methods of monthly food reporting and the difficulties encountered (in particular with the deterioration of stocks by rodents). **(2)** Food evacuation projects that will soon reach their expiry date **(3)** the replacement of Food items by cash after evacuation of food **(4)** Cash distribution methods.
 A food distribution project targeting vulnerable refugee, returnee and potentially stateless beneficiaries through orphanages was submitted to WFP on Thursday 18 July.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Mid-Year Review (MYR)

The overall objective of the Mid –Year Review is to assess the results achieved and activities implemented against the objectives set out in the Operational Plan (COP 2019) during the first six (6) months of the year. In this regard, 03 multi-functional teams travelled from 1-6 of July to several locations in the west, southwest and northern parts to evaluate all projects implemented either through a partnership or directly by UNHCR. The results, constraints/difficulties and unmet needs on the three (3) pillars Refugees, Statelessness and Reintegration were identified and compiled into report which was presented on Monday 15 July 2019 to the Managers and all the concerned partners.

UNHCR Cote d'Ivoire has submitted it's Mid- Year Report within the deadline of the 26th of July.



Register of the public hearing carried out in Oloodio by DAARA and delivery of supplementary judgments in Danane by AFJCI during the MYR

Come and Tell missions

In furtherance of its objectives and the context of the implementation of its roadmap for comprehensive solutions for Ivorian refugees, multiple **Come and tell missions** were carried out. Come and tell missions were conducted in **Liberia** from July 10-12, Togo from 26 - 27 July and **Ghana** from 22-26. The Representative has also carried out a mission whose intent was to meet the authorities in order to have the run-up to the next “Come and tell” visit in **Guinea**. An independent mission to Liberia was conducted from 29 July- 1st August 2019.

The outcome of the **Come and Tell** missions were expressed around the following 5 points:

- 1- Ex-combatants demand unconditional integration upon repatriation, which means they would be granted with an amnesty.
- 2- At the (primary) education level, refugees in English-speaking countries are particularly concerned about the integration of their children into the French (Ivorian) education system.
- 3- Request was made for an immediate integration into the shelter program.
- 4- Possibilities to a local integration in asylum country was raised.
- 5- Some reactions were politically sensitive.

NB: 814 Ivorian refugees, including 592 in Little Wleebo camp and 222 living with the host community, are staying in Maryland (Liberia) according to UNHCR statistics from Harper and LRRRC, compared to 15,000 in May 2011.

PANEACI Workshop

A workshop on the **update the national action plan for the eradication of statelessness** in Côte d'Ivoire (PANEACI) and the budget matrix of programme activities was conducted from 10-11 July in Dabou. The PANEACI, was organized with a view to revising the narrative of the activities already selected as well as the budget matrix, over the period 2019 to 2024, for the purpose of submitting it to the Minister of Justice for his communication this year before the Ministerial Council.



Some of the participants involved, Mr. Paul KOREKI, head of the UNHCR/MJDH project "Prevention on statelessness", Mr. KOUASSI Bernard, Director of the Office of the Minister of Justice and Human Rights and Mr. Mohamed Askia TOURE, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Côte d'Ivoire. "Hotel L' autre Rive", Dabou @UNHCR/Daouda Guiroud

MAIN ACTIVITIES

■ PROTECTION

Refugees

➤ Livelihoods

- An additional fund representing 7.5% of the estimated budget has been made available to continue the activities to empower refugees from the West and South-West region.

➤ Documentation

- Distribution of Biometric Identity Cards: Guiglo 23/26, Daloa 15/15, Danane 41/46, Tabou and San-Pedro 143.
- Enrolment for Universal Health Coverage: Guiglo 40/45, Daloa 26/27, Abidjan 1, Danane 73, Tabou and San- Pedro 213. Tabou ended with 254/267 BICs (128 women, 126 men) distributed (95.13%), and 398/498 refugees (191 women, 198 women) enrolled for the UHC (78.13%).

➤ Registration

- 07 new births (06 in Tabou/San-Pedro and 01 in Danané) were registered. The statistics as of June 12 are 180 refugees for the west and 717 for the southwest.

➤ Medical assistance

- 6 persons were assisted at 80 % in Danane, Daloa and Guiglo and 6 at 100% in Daloa and Guiglo.
- 15 persons (9 women, 6 men) were assisted in Tabou and San Pedro.
- The Office paid for the transport of 2 refugees and their companions for their medical follow-up in Abidjan. A case of hospitalization was notified.
- 01 refugee underwent surgery on Tuesday July 30. The operation went well and the patient was released on Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

➤ Multisectoral assistance

- In Guiglo and Daloa 9 assistance in food and 2 in accommodation were provided.
- In the South West region and Tabou, assistance was provided to 09 refugees (5Men, 6Women) and 3 refugee received subsistence support in Tabou.
- Home visits to 7 refugees, 4 in Tabou and 3 in San- Pedro to inquire about their health was.

➤ SGBV

- The Zéaglo/Blolequin protection committee was monitored.
- 01 cases of GBV (physical violence against a 70-year-old woman who caused her death) was identified by the protection committee. The author was reportedly arrested and is currently in custody at the Blolequin gendarmerie. On Tuesday, July 16, 2019, the APT of Gagnoa took part in the meeting of the GBV platform held at the Gagnoa social centre. The NGO Save the Child, which will now implement a project for the benefit of orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) in the Gôh region, was newly received at this platform.
- 29 members of 09 protection committees in of villages of Zro, Troya et Zebly, (S/P-Guiglo) and Blolequin have had their capacities strengthened in the areas of community-based monitoring approach, protection and humanitarian principles, functioning of the protection committee, GBV, social cohesion and empowerment of the protection committee.

➤ **Child protection**

- Social services in Guiglo received a radio producer who wants to collaborate with UNHCR on radio productions in relation to child protection. The themes to cover are yet to be defined.
- 01 case of rape followed by the murder of an adult woman have been identified in the locality of Gbaroké (Tabou camp). The alleged perpetrator is being held in custody pending trial.
- 01 case of resource denial of a widow dispossessed of her late husband's cocoa field by her brother-in-law have been identified by the Yoya Protection Committee (Bolequin). The latter was able to recover her field following a complaint made to the Bolequin police station.
- 01 mass awareness activity attended by 296 people (193 men and 103 women) was carried out by the Pohan-Badouebly (Bolequin) protection committee on physical aggression. The activity was part of the prevention of violence perpetrated by indigenous youth, particularly during football matches during the school holidays.
- 20 members of 06 protection committees in Bolequin have seen their capacities strengthened on topics in relation to the community-based monitoring approach, protection and humanitarian principles, functioning of the protection committee, GBV, social cohesion and empowerment of the protection committee.



Statelessness

➤ **Prevention**

- From 09-10 an awareness campaign on the causes and consequences of statelessness in Baba, Sub Prefecture of San-pedro and Ouragahio to 13 community leaders and the 54 members of the Association des Artisans was conducted.
- In Soubré, DAARA withdrew the 30 shipments of supplementary juvenile judgments signed by the Chief Registrar of the Soubré Court Section. They were then sent to the civil registration centers (16 to Soubré City Hall, 11 to Mayo City Hall and 03 to Méagui City Hall) for transcription.
- Mass and local sensitization on how to register births and the importance of birth registration, statelessness, its causes and consequences was conducted towards 35 people at Belle-ville district, 56 people at Danane General Hospital, 08 leaders of the strong Burkinabe community in Nado (S/P of San-Pedro), 08 members of the chiefdom of the Seweke (San –pedro) and 73 people at the Great Mosque of Dar Es Salaam (Gagnoa), Gbeugrehoa and Djekro (S/P DIGNAGO)
- APTA Gagnoa and the focal point of the TSD project organized capacity building session for 66 community leaders from the Dignago Sub-Prefecture and Ouragahio.
- UNHCR APTA and AFJCI partners deployed in the Sub-Delagation coverage area, sensitized a total of 349 people, including 85 community leaders.

➤ **Identification**

- Identification of 28 persons at risk of statelessness in Sohoupleu S/P de Seileu and village of Moussayo (Danané).
- 30 people at risk of statelessness identified during a mass sensitization of prenatal patients at Danané General Hospital on July 19 and 25, 2019.

➤ Reduction

The AFJCI DNT focal point in Soubré presented 04 certificates of nationality to children at risk of statelessness in the presence of UNHCR, the Deputy Prefect and President of the Soubré Court.



L. Handover ceremony of Supplementary Judgments and BC to 4 orphaned children from Soubré .R. Data collection of women at risk of statelessness in the village of Moussayo @UNHCR

Integration / Reintegration

➤ Shelters

- **70** household-chiefs of which 32 in Danané, 33 in Zouan-Hounien and 05 in Toulepleu, received construction material (70 polyane films and 70 wooden moulds for making mud bricks) and 13 shelter committees, tool kits composed of (wheelbarrows, pickaxes and shovels). 25 beneficiaries of the Shelters project received building materials (cement pack, lintel, wire roll, etc.) for their shelters in Bolequin department.
- 64/105 latrines have had their cesspool tanks, including 16 in Bolequin, 03 in Toulepleu, 28 in Zouan-Hounien and 17 in Danané.
- **About 159,400 bricks were made, including 66,500 in Bolequin, 38,000 in Zouan-Hounien, 31,500 in Danané, 13,000 in Toulepleu and 10,400 in Tabou.**

➤ IGRs

- 07 groups and 05 youth associations were informed about their selection to a training on community life, marketing techniques, entrepreneurship and simplified financial management in their various localities.
- 15 repatriated persons with special needs, 02 associations and groups of 05 and 15 members respectively have been trained in associative life, entrepreneurship and simplified financial management in Bolequin, Tabou and Abidjan.
- A women's association and two groups of 15 members have been trained in associative life, entrepreneurship and simplified financial management in Goulaleu, Toulepleu and Bin-Houyé.

➤ Professional training

- Caritas Guiglo, Bolequin, Toulepleu, Zouan-Hounien, Danané and Tabou staff received training on the preparation of the time sheet, provided by the RAF (Administrative and Financial Officer) of Caritas Côte d'Ivoire.
- The delivery of vocational training to the 160 learners of the Tabou Vocational Training Center in the different is ongoing. To this end, programs such as sewing, hairdressing, computer science,

carpentry and plumbing, building and metal construction are at practical courses level while building and electricity programs are at the theoretical courses.

NB: Heavy rains June-July have a negative impact on some activities, particularly shelters which are constructed with mud and vocational training in Tabou (increased absenteeism); - Recurrent insecurity (several armed robberies reported on the Bolequin - Tinhou axis).



Communication

- The Field protection assistant (APTA) in Gagnoa and the project DNT project's Focal Point hosted a program on "the causes and consequences of statelessness" on Ouragahio Municipal Radio (101.5 FM). The same day a working session with the S/P of Ouragahio to organize a capacity building session for community leaders of the said Sous-Préfecture was conducted. "Prestige Gagnoa radio station" (103.1 FM) also hosted a program on "procedures for establishing civil status documents".
- A number of meetings and exchanges took place in Danane (Gbon-Houye and Kouan-Houlé) with local authorities, Departmental Director of Health, the authorities of the courts, the Director of the Social Centre, radio stations, local NGOs and religious chiefs to discuss about the establishment of a platform to multiplying activities for tackling statelessness.
- **UNHCR** Field Protection Assistant in Statelessness (APTA) proceeded with contacting the **Regional Prefect, the first Secretary General of the Prefecture, the Chief of Staff of the Prefect and the Director of the Dioulabougou socio-educational complex**, in order to deepen explanation about UNHCR mission in the locality and study possible channels of collaboration. A meeting with the **WFP and UNICEF** was also held in that respect. UNICEF is working on the topic of documentation in general and non-registration of births, which could lead to the risk of statelessness. Moreover, they funded a project in partnership with the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Justice to establish supplementary judgements for pupils who have never been declared in the civil register.

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