

How are refugees affected?

5 deaths of Liberian refugees in Sierra Leonean communities

4 deaths & 2 undergoing treatment amongst of Sierra Leonean refugees in Liberian communities

Epidemic gradually approaching refugee areas in Guinea

Suspension of voluntary repatriation for

15,000 potential returnees from Liberia &

162 from Guinea to Cote d'Ivoire,

plus 300 from Nigeria to Cameroon

5,195 Ivorian refugees in Bahn refugee camp in Liberia quarantined for 21 days

Suspension of pre-departure process for 163 refugees in Guinea accepted for resettlement as well as all resettlement processes in Liberia

Health systems severely hampered and access to referral hospitals limited in Guinea, Liberia & Sierra Leone

All schools closed in Liberia & Sierra Leone

Discrimination and xenophobia toward Liberian in Nigeriria

Livelihood activities suspended/reduced including physical restrictions on camp exits, with negative impacts on food security and self-sufficiency

All solutions-related activities on hold in affected countries, jeopardizing the rights of refugees to access durable solutions

How is UNHCR responding to the epidemic?

Prevent

- Mobilizing and conducting community outreach to ensure that refugees have access to accurate information on the epidemic and to engage community to prevent fear, panic, hiding of cases, and social unrest
- Providing preventative equipment to health care workers working with refugees
- Constructing isolation units in health facilities
- Distributing essential household items to refugees in need: soap; mosquito nets; and cleaning materials

Support the national effort

- Providing logistics support to national responses
- Strengthening capacity of Government and security officials on the protection of refugees
- Developing a regional Epidemic Preparedness and Response Plan targeting refugees

Advocacy

- Advocating for inclusion of refugees in regional & national response mechanisms to ensure refugee access to prevention, treatment, care and support



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