



HIGHLIGHTS

Resettlement

Ivorian refugees sensitized on Resettlement as a durable solution and implications of resettlement fraud

Self-Reliance

Entrepreneurial Training to Economically Empower Ivorian Refugees in Camps in Ghana conducted.

Joint Assessment Mission

The JAM was conducted by UNHCR, WFP and Partners for Ivorian refugees in camps to assess their food needs since the reduction of food assistance as of March 2014

Media Workshop for Journalists

Aim of the workshop was to improve Journalistic standards and help improve reportage on refugee issues.

Population of concern

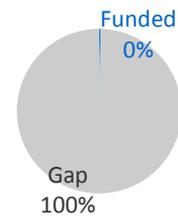
A total of **21,124** people of concern

By country of origin

Ghana	Total PoC
Liberia	5,245
Cote d'Ivoire	10,943
Togo	3,671
Others	1,265
Total	21,124

Funding

USD 11,135,473 million requested



UNHCR Presence

Staffing:

40 national staff
03 international staff; 05 UNV

Offices:

01 Branch Office at Accra
02 Field Offices at Takoradi and Sunyani



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR works with the Government of Ghana through the Ministry of Interior, the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB) and other relevant government institutions in ensuring asylum seekers and refugees have full access to International Protection. Operational support is provided in partnership with the UN Country Team. UNHCR Ghana also works with Implementing Partners; the Assemblies of God Relief and Development Services (AGREDS); the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG) and the National Catholic Secretariat (NCS)

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Programme

- UNHCR, in collaboration with the WFP, GRB and other partners took part in the 2014 Joint Assessment Mission (JAM). The JAM has taken place since 2011 in all three Ivorian camps to assess the food assistance programme. The 2014 JAM also assessed the impact of the reduction of food assistance since March 2014; reviewed the implementation of livelihood initiatives to promote self-reliance as well as assessed other non-food related assistance. Findings from the assessment indicate progress in Livelihoods but the positive results are not uniform for all refugees and therefore the urgent need to revise the food reduction strategy and develop a new plan for PoC post March 2015. Targeted food assistance plus more support to scale up livelihoods and income generating activities will be required in order to maintain the gains made in livelihoods and skills training thus far as well as prevent the vulnerable refugees from adopting negative coping mechanisms. The JAM went on concurrently with the 2014 Participatory Assessment exercise for all refugee populations in Ghana. The Annual Participatory Assessment exercise was successfully conducted and the data gathered will be used to inform 2015 programming.

Public Information

- Representatives from 15 media houses within the Western and Central Regions participated in a training workshop organized by UNHCR Ghana in Takoradi for media personnel in the two regions. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Ghana Refugee Board. The aim of the workshop was to improve journalistic standards and promote accurate and informative coverage of refugee issues by the news media, especially for those in refugee hosting areas who are closer to the refugee operation and are likely to be the first to publish stories about refugees. To give participants a better understanding of the situation on the ground, the Journalists were taken on a field trip to the Egyeikrom Refugee Camp

Durable Solutions

- In an effort to sensitize refugees on so as to effectively manage resettlement expectations, a durable solutions and Fraud sensitization session was held at the various camps hosting Ivorian refugees. The sessions were led by UNHCR in collaboration with the Ghana Refugee Board and Implementing Partners. Information provided included the type of durable solutions pursued by UNHCR; the processes involved in each durable solution, the resettlement identification process, and resettlement processing and resettlement country decisions. Refugees were also sensitized on fraud in general, resettlement fraud and the implications of committing such offences.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- In line with its 'Seeds for Solution' programme for in-camp Ivorian refugees, UNHCR launched a Start and Improve your Business Programme (SIYB). This is a Business Management Program –used by the International Labor Organization (ILO) as an instrument to support employment creation in micro and small enterprises (MSEs). An SIYB training was implemented by an ILO accredited Trainer. Sixteen identified refugee trainers were trained, coached and have demonstrated their capacity to train other potential entrepreneurs among the refugee population. Additionally 81 entrepreneurs were trained by the 16, (who are now equipped with the requisite training material), and will be assisted and mentored by the trainers in the finalization of their business plans and for the setting up of their enterprises/activities. The Ultimate aim of the Programme is economic empowerment of the Ivorian refugees in Ghana, by equipping them with the tools for self-support.

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