

# GHANA

## FETENTAA REFUGEE CAMP BRIEFING NOTES

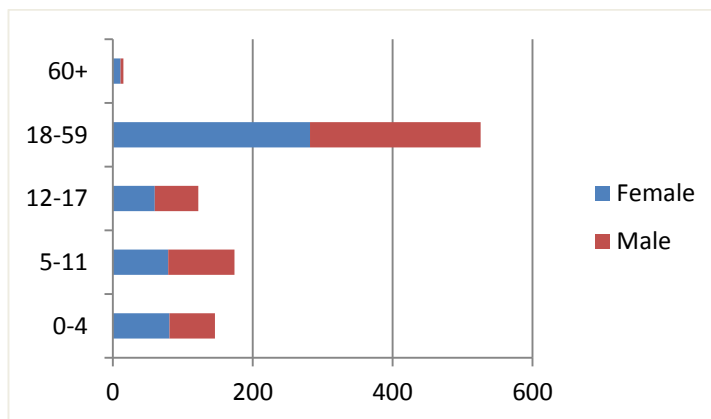
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### CAMP OVERVIEW

Established on 8 June, 2011, the Fetentaa Refugee Camp which is located in Berekum District of the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana, was the second of three camps established in 2011 to shelter displaced Ivoirians fleeing the hostilities following the November 2010 Presidential elections held in Côte d’Ivoire. The current population of the camp is 983 persons of concern (PoC). This number is made up primarily of presumed Ivoirian nationals with a little over 1% being other nationals who were in Côte d’Ivoire at the time of the crisis. The Government of Ghana provides assistance in the provision of camp management through NADMO and the general oversight of operations through the Ghana Refugee Board. UNHCR continues to receive favourable collaborations from Ghana Refugee Board, Ghana Immigration Service, Police, the District and the Municipal Assemblies, as well as the Ghana Health Service.

**Fig 1: Fetentaa Camp Population | By Gender and Age group**



#### Quick facts

- Date established: **June 2011**
- Location: **Berekum District, Brong Ahafo Region**
- Camp population: **983**
- Country of Origin: **Côte d’Ivoire**
- Size of camp area: **25 acres**
- Number of partners working in camp: **2**

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

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Partnership is central to UNHCR's work, in particular in the search for durable solutions and provision of equal access to basic services and fostering sustainable livelihoods. At the camp level, UNHCR works closely with the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB) and Implementing Partners who are responsible for implementing UNHCR's protection and mixed solutions programming. The National Catholic Secretariat (NCS) is responsible for Basic Education, Health, Nutrition, Water and Sanitation, Food and Non-food items, as well as shelter, and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is responsible for implementing livelihood programmes which include skills training, apprenticeship programmes, small business support, English proficiency classes and agriculture. UNHCR cooperates with state agencies such as Ghana Immigration Services, Ghana Health Services, Ghana Education Service, Department of Social Development, Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU) and other relevant government agencies and departments in ensuring asylum-seekers and refugees have effective access to basic and protection services. UNHCR also receives operational support from UNFPA, IOM and UNAIDS.

## KEY ACTIVITIES



### Protection

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- Provision of protection counseling services to PoCs.
- Facilitation of Voluntary repatriation of PoCs upon request (within the context of the Tripartite Agreement).
- Identification and submission of potential cases for resettlement consideration.
- Follow up of individual cases which require support to ensure timely assistance is offered.



### Camp Coordination

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- Conduct bimonthly coordination meeting attended by Implementing Partners and Operational Partners at the UNHCR Field Office in Sunyani.
- Conduct monthly Camp Management meeting chaired by Camp Manager at the refugee camp.
- Conduct monthly health coordination meeting with Catholic Health Service Staff and NCS to address matters affecting efficient health services delivery to PoCs.

## SUCCESS/ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Integration of camp primary school into Ghana Education Service with headmaster and 14 teachers on government payroll, and pupils benefiting from School feeding programme.
- Enrollment of refugees onto National Health Insurance Scheme, and successful handover of newly-built health facility to Christian Health Association of Ghana as part of the integrating of refugee healthcare into the national system
- Catholic Church in Sunyani offered scholarship for 16 refugees currently in Senior High School.
- Integration of waste disposal system into the Municipal system, at no cost to UNHCR.
- Completion of computer lab for camp primary school.
- Completion of a teacher's quarters

## CHALLENGES

- Lack of space for camp expansion; another 25 acres is required for anticipated projects.
- No age appropriate activities for children and young teens due to discontinuation of child friendly space programme. Volunteers have abandoned the programme due to lack of funding to pay allowances.
- Difficulty in securing more scholarships for refugee youth for secondary as well as tertiary education.
- Challenge to livelihood opportunities due to limited funds for refugee business initiatives, and unavailability of farming land near the refugee camp.

## CAMP PHOTOS:



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