

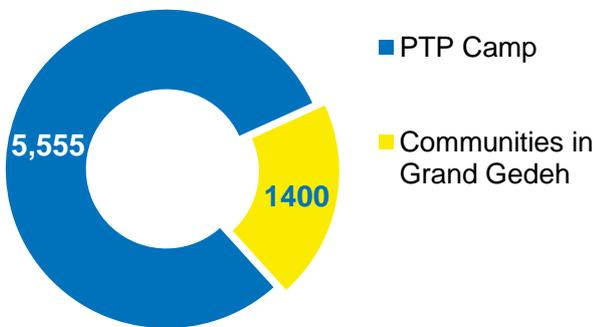
Liberia – PTP Refugee Camp (Grand Gedeh County)

March 2018

<p>6,955</p> <p>Ivorian refugees in Grand Gedeh County</p>	<p>5,555</p> <p>Ivorian refugees In PTP Camp</p>	<p>1,400</p> <p>Ivorian refugees in Host Communities</p>	<p>12,806</p> <p>Refugees repatriated since December 2015</p>
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POPULATION OF CONCERN

6,955 people of concern live in Grand Gedeh County



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

In PTP Camp UNHCR works with the Government of Liberia through the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC) and provides funding to the following NGOs to provide protection and assistance in favor of refugees and asylum seekers:

- African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD)
- Special Emergency to Restore Children's Hope (SEARCH)

Overview

- PTP Refugee Camp was established to accommodate Ivorians fleeing into Grand Gedeh County as a result of the presidential post-election conflict in Côte d'Ivoire in late 2010 and early 2011. The camp was officially opened on 1 September 2011. It is located at the former Prime Timber Production (PTP) Company site. The camp is divided into two zones-PTP I and PTP II.
- The camp covers about 269 acres. With a target capacity for up to 25,000 refugees, it is the largest camp for Ivorian refugees in Liberia. The population of the camp as of 28 February 2018 is 5,555 refugees.

Operational Priorities

Local Integration

Through a mixed solutions approach, UNHCR Liberia supports the local integration of Ivorian refugees in Grand Gedeh County who opt to remain in Liberia. The local integration of these refugees is done in phases: inclusion into national structures such as education and health; establishing livelihoods, transformation of camps into villages and settlements; and legalizing the integration process.

EDUCATION TRANSITION

- Since February 2017, the now called Tchien Public School (PTP Camp) has moved from the Ivorian curriculum to Liberian curriculum;
- 21 Liberian teachers work in this school. Some teaching staff are being paid by UNHCR until they can be incorporated into the government payroll.
- At the beginning of the school year, students received copy books and stationary. During the 2017/2018 academic school year, uniforms, shoes, book bags were also distributed.
- The renovation and maintenance of Tchien Public School has been finalised, as well as the rehabilitation of teachers' quarters.
- UNHCR has provided motorbikes to the Liberian school principal.
- Tchien Public School has been selected as a recipients of the School Feeding Programme (SFP) of the World Food Programme (WFP).



HEALTH TRANSITION

- The clinic at PTP Camp has officially changed its name to Kanneh Community Clinic, it is now under the full supervision of the Grand Gedeh County Health Team (CHT) and continues to serve both refugees and the local population. The facility is fully integrated in the Health Management Information System (HMIS).
- The County Health Team (CHT) has chosen 16 medical staff of UNHCR Partner AHA (African Humanitarian Action) to continue working in the clinic and UNHCR will pay the salaries of the 16 medical staff at the government salary scale.
- All repair and extension works at the clinic and staff accommodation have been finalised.
- With the support of the Ministry of Health, UNHCR has trained and recruited 4 staff members
- UNHCR has donated 1 ambulance to County Health Team to be used in Grand Gedeh County, as well as provided drugs and medical supplies for the next six months until when included in government payroll and national drug supply chain respectively.



Refugees have supported the renovation works of the nurses' quarters at PTP Camp. ©UNHCR

LIVELIHOODS

- As part of women empowerment project supported by SEARCH (former UNHCR partner) with funding from the US Government, 60 refugee women have started working on producing Attiekie. The production has attracted buyers from refugee and community people in Zwedru.
- The US Embassy Political Officer and the Grant Manager visited the Attiekie production project and appreciated the commitment of the women's association and encouraged them to continue working to become self-reliant.



Attiekie production site in PTP Camp. ©UNHCR

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