

Liberia

March 2018

UN Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia completes its mandate
 After almost 15 years in the country

Kanneh Community Clinic under full government supervision

10,854
 Total number of refugees remaining in Liberia

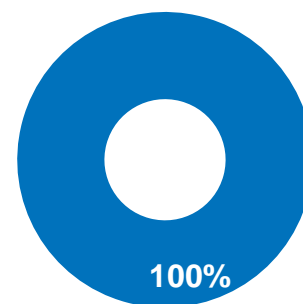
POPULATION OF CONCERN: 11,261

By country of origin

Cote d'Ivoire refugees	10,791
Various nationality refugees	63
Asylum seekers	33
Others of Concern (protracted Sierra Leonean refugees)	374
TOTAL:	11,261

FUNDING (AS OF MARCH 2018)

requested for the Liberia Operation



Unfunded USD 11.6M

UNHCR PRESENCE



Offices

1 Branch Office in Monrovia
 1 Sub Office in Zwedru

Staff

50 National Staff
 13 International Staff

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CONTEXT HIGHLIGHTS

- **United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) completes its mandate**
 - UNMIL completed its mandate after almost 15 years of supporting the transition to peace after the civil war, where 250,000 people were killed. At a ceremony in Monrovia on 22 March 2018, attended by President George Weah and the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General (DSG) Amina J. Mohammed, UNMIL accomplishments were lauded and Weah commended UNMIL for its support to Liberia's peace and development.
 - DSG lauded the peacekeepers, while acknowledging the remaining challenges. "Peace will not last without sustainable development; and development gains will be at risk without sustained peace", she stated. DSG also attended the 2-day National Peace and Reconciliation Conference with the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General.
 - UNMIL Radio is now handed over to ECOWAS Regional Broadcasting.
 - UNHCR is deeply thankful for UNMIL support over the years, and particularly in counties where refugees reside. UNMIL has provided logistics, including the rehabilitation of roads and operating national flights; as well as collaborating with the justice system through training and monitoring.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR works with the Government of Liberia through the **Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC)** and provides funding to **African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD)** and **Special Emergency to Restore Children's Hope (SEARCH)**. These two NGOs provide protection and assistance in favour of refugees and asylum seekers, including gender and child protection; education; infrastructure/durable shelter and WASH.

- On 7 March 2018, UNHCR, LRRRC, the refugee leadership, WASH leadership and the refugee committee met to discuss WASH work in PTP Camp (Grand Gedeh County). UNHCR will provide materials and liaise with the Ministry of Public Works for the technical support, while refugees will provide the workforce. Training on WASH and pump mechanics will be provided.
- AIRD has finalised the construction of six projects funded by UNHCR in Bahn Health Center (Saclepea, Nimba) to expand the health facilities in the clinics that are being used both by refugees and locals.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Zwedru (Grand Gedeh)**
 - On 8 March 2018, UNHCR officially handed over Kanneh Community Clinic (formerly PTP clinic) to Grand Gedeh County Health Team (CHT).
 - The clinic is now fully integrated in the county system and will be included in all the county activities.
 - Attendees to the ceremony included UNHCR, LRRRC, Grand Gedeh CHT, the refugee leadership, the clinic staff, AIRD and representatives from WHO, UNFPA and JHPIEGO.



(L) Dr Jean Kaly CHT and HSO Signing of the assets transfer. (R) Handing over of the Kanneh community clinic with all the participants in front of the Kanneh community clinic. ©UNHCR

■ Saclepea (Nimba): Results of the verification exercise

- A 3-day verification and profiling exercise took place on 6-8 March 2018 in Bahn and Saclepea refugee camps. The exercise, conducted by LRRRC and UNHCR, targeted 402 families of 1,564 individuals in Bahn Camp and 30 families of 60 individuals in Saclepea Camp.
 - In Bahn Camp, 85% of the targeted population were verified, while 119 individuals did not show up; in Saclepea Camp, 15% of the targeted population were verified. All 1,334 individuals verified went through the local integration profiling process.
 - Some have relocated to Ganta, Sanniquillie, Monrovia and Grand Gedeh.
 - One Unaccompanied Minor (UAM) was identified in Bahn Camp and placed in foster care by the Ministry of Gender in consultation with LRRRC, bringing to 7 the UAMS living in the camp.

LOCAL INTEGRATION



EDUCATION TRANSITION

- **Zwedru (Grand Gedeh)**
 - On 9 March 2018, the Principal, teachers and Parents Teachers Association (PTA) held its first semester students' evaluation and distributions of grade cards, which follow the Liberian Curriculum. Students exhibited their high level of knowledge acquired in English and nine students were awarded gifts for their academic performance.



HEALTH AND WASH TRANSITION

- **Zwedru (Grand Gedeh)**
 - A total of 150 children were immunised in Kanneh Community Clinic during the 2-day immunisation exercise in March 2018 with the CHT vaccinator. Immunisations continue to clear the backlog.
 - Refugees coordinate most WASH activities in PTP Camp. Higher level training on pump mechanics is still needed.



LIVELIHOODS

- **Zwedru (Grand Gedeh)**
 - On 28 March 2018, UNHCR met with refugees engaged in farming, the central leadership and women to promote agriculture activities to increase their self-sufficiency and encourage women to take up the management of the Women Center. The turnout was high and a Task Group has been set up to draft their guidelines and scope of work.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

Monrovia (Montserrado)

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has shared with LRRRC 705 passports for Liberians residing outside Liberia and who were considered “Red Coded” due to their impossibility to prove their Liberian nationality. UNHCR will submit the passports to the applicants in their countries of asylum, bringing to an end a process advocated for and followed by UNHCR for the past 5 years in order to support the local integration process for Liberians and prevent these population from facing the risk of statelessness.

Community Services

Zwedru (Grand Gedeh)

- On 2 March 2018, Grand Gedeh County Gender Coordinator chaired the first County SGBV Task Force meeting.
- On 5 March 2018, the two newly assigned Social Workers by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection officially started to work in the areas of SGBV and Child Protection. They will be working with the community structures with support from UNHCR Community Services.

International Women’s Day

- In Monrovia (Montserrado) UNHCR and urban refugees attended the celebration of International Women Day at Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex in Paynesville, where the First Lady, Ambassador Clar M. Weah, joined hundreds of women in commemorating the celebration, which included a panel discussion under the global theme: "Press for Progress" and the National theme: "Act Now: Support the Liberian Women Agenda."



Celebrations of the International Women's Day at the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex in Monrovia. ©UNHCR

- In Zwedru (Grand Gedeh) the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, in collaboration with UNHCR, LRRRC, urban refugees and rural women, as well as partners and community based organizations commemorated International Women’s Day (IWD). UNHCR supported the Gender Ministry with \$100.00 USD, one banner, poster sheets and transportation of urban refugee women to IWD celebration venue.