

Cote d'Ivoire

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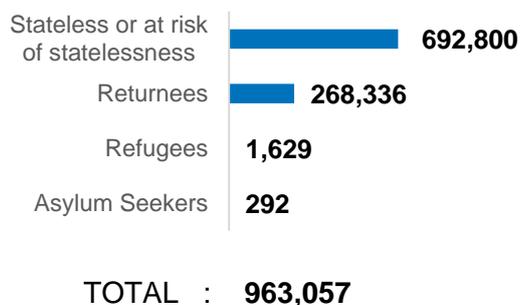
57 Ivorian refugees in Ghana and Togo returned back to Cote D'Ivoire.

UNHCR actively participated into the **FEMUA 11** (*Festival de Musiques Urbaines D'Anoumanbo*)

The Ivorian government adopted **02 bills** in the context of the **civil status reform**.

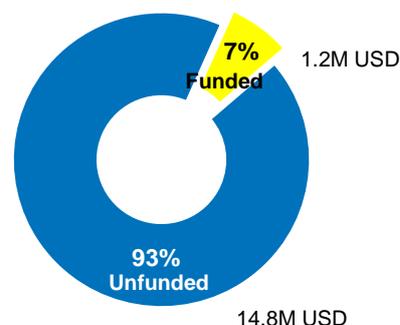
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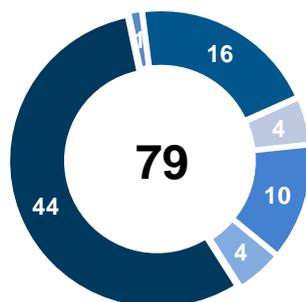
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



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- 01 Consultant



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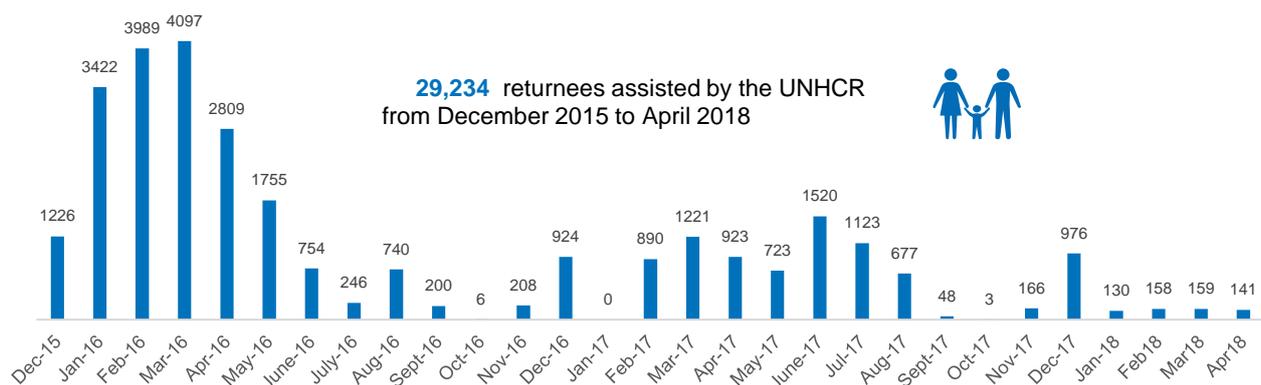
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Main Activities

Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

- On 19 April, **25** households of **85** Ivorian refugees were repatriated from Mali with the support of UNHCR and its partners.
- On 26 April, 02 convoys, from Togo and Ghana, have arrived in Cote d'Ivoire through the CDI-Ghana's border. 01 Ivorian refugee was repatriated to Cote D'Ivoire the same day from Morocco with UNHCR support.
- Since 2015, a total of **29,234** Ivorian refugees have been repatriated, **27,588** of whom from Liberia and **1,646** from other countries (As of April 30th, 2018).
- April 10-12th, in the context of voluntary repatriation, UNHCR in Guiglo received a “**Go and See**” visit with 12 refugees from Ghana. The mission visited Guiglo and its surroundings areas and had fruitful working sessions with administrative and local authorities as well as community members.
- **Transits Centers maintenance updates:**
 - **Toulepleu:** The general service room and the dorms have been renovated with UNHCR support.
 - **Danane:**
The reception room and the dorms have their walls completed.
The walls on the medical screening room, the registration room and the women's latrines have been installed.

Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to April 2018



Refugees

- As of 30st April 2018, a total of **1,629** refugees and **292** asylum seekers are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.
- During this reporting period, 31 families of 80 refugees, all potential resettlements candidates, were interviewed by the American government in Abidjan for the possibility to be resettled in the USA. A total of 23 people were rejected: 09 in Danané, 02 in San Pedro and 12 in Tabou.

Reintegration

■ Shelter

■ German Funds:

Guiglo:

- 41/97 shelters are completed
- 29/97 latrines are completed

Tabou:

- 30/52 shelters are completed
- 30/52 latrines are completed



Completed shelter in Bakoubly @UNHCR Guiglo



Completed shelter in Boko @UNHCR Guiglo

■ UNHCR 2018 Shelter project

Guiglo - 202 out of 294 households have been surveyed to this date in 22 different towns. 07 households (04 women and 03 men) of 39 people were selected to benefit from the 2018 UNHCR shelter project in Danané.

Tabou - 04 selecting committees were set up in Yeouli, Iroutou, Gbahoulouké and Pata-Idié and 06 others in Ranoueké, Boké, Kablaké, Yocobo 1, Yocobo 2 and Outouké (South-West). The 59 POCs previously selected, as well as the 10 committees in place received training in building and construction techniques.

■ Education

205 students (64.87% of PoC) have been trained at the Professional training Center of Tabou in 10 programs such as sewing, hairdressing, carpentry, metal construction, plumbing, electricity, computer basics, accounting and Literacy.

■ Sexual Gender-Based Violence

- On April 17th, DAARA (*Direction d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Rapatriés et aux Apatriés*); Siloe NGO; Caritas-ci and key actors of the SGBV platform in Guiglo held several awareness-raising campaigns on SGBV in *Djoulabougou* (Danané); about 12 people in 04 households have been reached through this exercise.
- 27-26 April, as part of the fight against SGBV, Caritas- CI with UNHCR support in Guiglo led 04 pleas to the local authorities to ensure an effective response is provided to SGBV

survivors in Bloléquin, Toulepleu and Danané. These activities aimed to reinforce the mechanisms in place to prevent and manage sexual gender based violence cases.

- A 16-year-old girl was gang-raped by 02 young men aged 24 and 26 in Diboke. The survivor was referred to the local medical center where she received the necessary medical and psycho-social assistance. While the authors are on the run, 03 home visits were made by the protection committee to the survivor who intends to file a complaint.
- UNHCR's representative participated in a meeting organized by the Ministry of Women, Children and Solidarity on gender and SGBV. During this meeting, The Gender matrix and the "HeforShe" Action Plan were presented to UN agencies, embassies, several Local NGOs and the press, all present and engaged in the fight against SGBV.

■ **Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance**

- In the context of the German Funding support provided for the reintegration program; a total of 32 groups were selected to receive financial support, including 10 in farming; 06 in agricultural products processing; 01 in local food sale and 15 in agricultural production.
- To date, 20 groups of young beneficiaries have been selected to be trained in different areas: 07 in sewing; 09 in hairdressing; 02 in mechanics and 01 in Carpentry.

Statelessness

■ **Identification**

- UNHCR handed over 34 birth certificates to DAARA (*Direction d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et aux Apatrides*); Birth certificates established in Liberia for Ivorian repatriated children in the context of the 2018 ongoing reintegration program.
- In the context of a 2018 mapping exercise agreed on to identify people at risk of statelessness in Cote D'Ivoire, UNHCR is preparing a workshop with the National Institute of Statistics (*INS*) to discuss ways to organize the necessary data collection needed to efficiently implement this exercise for 2018. This workshop coupled with training on statelessness, will be provided by UNHCR in Yamoussoukro (Cote D'Ivoire) May 7-11.

■ **Prevention**

- DAARA (*Direction D' Aide Assistance aux Rapatriés et aux Apatrides*) with UNHCR support conducted some awareness-raising activities in 13 different towns in San Pedro (south-west) on the risks associated with the non-declaration of births.
- 17-18 April, UNHCR participated in **FEMUA 11** (*Festival de Musiques Urbaines d'Anoumanbo*) During those 02 days, UNHCR
 - animated 02 discussions panels on Illegal immigration and youth;
 - animated a workshop on statelessness;
 - animated a live chat exchange session in collaboration with UNICEF.
- 50 Late Birth Certificates were registered for minors in Toulepleu-Doké with UNHCR support.

■ **Reduction**

- On 06 April, 08 Late Birth certificates petitions submitted after the deadline were validated by the judge in Daloa.
- The DAARA (*Direction d'Aide et D' Assistance aux Réfugiés et aux Apatrides*) handed over 02 Late birth certificates to 02 children at the *Sainte Marie* nursery in Soubre.

- On April 11th, the Ivorian government adopted 02 bills on Civil Status: The first bill related to civil status aims to modernize the national system with strong and innovative reforms and the second bill addresses special procedures for the declaration of birth, re-establishment of identity and transcription of birth certificates.

■ Communication/Coordination

- On 17 April, UNHCR participated in a working session with the Network of Ivorian Legislators for Migration, Refugees and Stateless Persons at the National parliament. 25 Legislators members of the network and UNHCR were present. The main objective of the meeting was the implementation of the 2018 Action plan developed with UNHCR's technical and financial support. An official meeting with UNHCR's representative was scheduled for May 7th 2018.
- On April 11th, UNHCR Representative and Salif TRAORE, President of the Magic System Foundation signed a partnership agreement in the context of the 2018 **FEMUA** (*Festival des musiques urbaines d'Anoumabo*) which theme this year was: "**African Youth and Illegal Immigration**". This partnership agreement were solidified through conferences and discussions panels around the topic of Mixed Migration 17-22 April in Abidjan and Korhogo.
- About 400 people were informed on statelessness in Zeato (Daloa) through an awareness-raising ceremony organized by women in that community. A particular emphasis was placed on birth registration and the consequences involved with the non-compliance with this legal requirement.



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