

# Cote d'Ivoire

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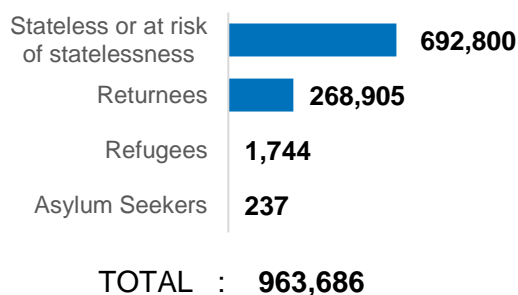
UNHCR assisted with the **Voluntary Repatriation of 94 Ivorian** from Guinea, Ghana and Liberia.

The **Statelessness Mapping operation** pilot phase took place in 10 areas of Abidjan.

A “**Come and Tell**” visit mission supported by UNHCR took place in Accra and Takoradi, Ghana.

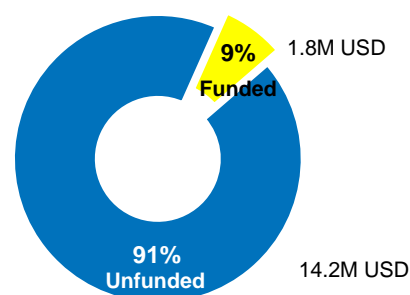
## POPULATION OF CONCERN :

### Côte d'Ivoire



## FUNDING (AS OF 31 JULY 2018)

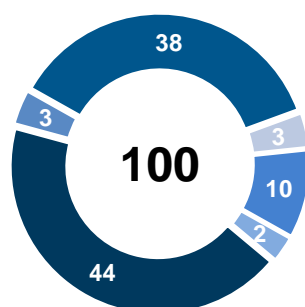
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 44 National Staff
- 38 National UNV
- 10 International Staff
- 03 IUNV
- 02 Interns
- 03 Consultant



### Bureau UNHCR:

- 1 Branch Office in **Abidjan**
- 1 Sub Office in **Guiglo**



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# Main Activities

## Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

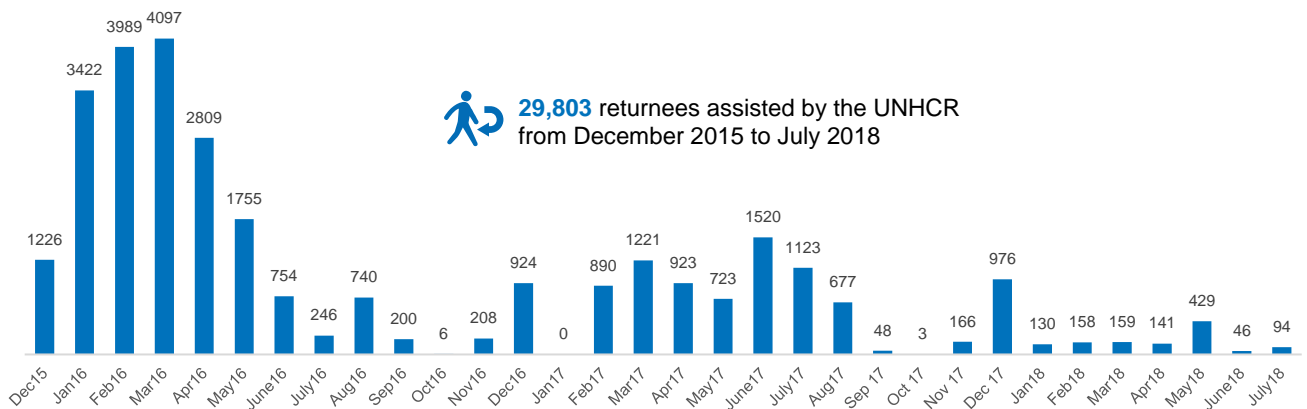
- VolRep Recap – July 2018.

Date	CoA	Returnees	Household	NoC*
Wednesday, July 04, 2018	Guinea	1	1	0
Tuesday, July 17, 2018	Liberia	55	21	5
Thursday, July 26, 2018	Ghana	38	10	0

\* NoC (Not of Concern) refers to returnees relatives accompanying their Ivorian families

- Since 2015, a total of **29,803** Ivorian refugees have been repatriated, **27,908** of whom from Liberia and **1,895** from other countries (As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018).

### Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to July 2018



## Refugees

- As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, a total of **1,744** refugees and **237** asylum seekers are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.
- On 03 July, a workshop on a local integration strategy elaborated for refugees in Cote D'Ivoire was held on in Abidjan. It brought together 50 people among which representatives of local embassies, NGOs, refugees themselves and government representatives. It was an opportunity to conduct a socio-economic analysis of the 2015 refugees' households' survey; expand on the results and see prospects for the local integration of refugees currently living in Cote D'Ivoire.

- 23 refugee status certificates have been issued to refugee's children in Danane (West) who have just reached the age of 14, thus eligible for the refugee identity card.

## Reintegration

### ■ Shelter

- **Guiglo- German Funds:**  
16/139 shelters are completed.  
24/139 shelters are covered.

### ■ Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

#### ▪ UNDP-UNHCR Project/German Funding

- 205 people have been trained at the Tabou's Training center to date with 64.87% of them being UNHCR's PoC.
- 10 training programs were implemented the past months (Sewing, Hairdressing, Carpentry, Metal Construction, Plumbing Building, Electricity Building, Computer Science, Literacy, Simplified Accounting and Cooperative Management).
- 04 installation kits were provided to assist 30 beneficiaries.
- 02 groups have been installed and currently operate in electricity and construction.
- 100 individual kits were handed over in order to assist those currently training in hairdressing, sewing, electrical-building and carpentry.

#### ▪ UNHCR Project

- 198 people have been trained to date with 66.16% being UNHCR's PoC.
- 08 training programs were implemented (Sewing, Hairdressing, Carpentry, Construction, Plumbing, Electricity, Computer basics and Literacy).

### ■ Sexual Gender-Based Violence

- 01 case of SGBV was identified by the protection committee in Zéaglo during this reporting period. 01 widowed woman aged 34 was expelled by her brother-in-law from the house that she and her late husband benefited from the shelter project in 2014. The case was referred to the village's chief for resolution and is currently under review.
- The social center's director reported 01 case of SGBV in Meagui (South-West) on a 13-year old student (in second grade); the perpetrator being her teacher. According to the director such SGBV cases have been recurrent in the district. We're currently collecting more information to properly address the case.

## Statelessness

### ■ Identification

- June 22<sup>nd</sup> –July 12<sup>th</sup>, took place the actual pilot phase of the mapping exercise in the city of Abidjan (Capital). This pilot consisted of assessing the methodology with the tools and objectives of the identification part of the strategy; it will then be followed by informations gathering, analysis and the reporting up to October 12<sup>th</sup>. A restitution workshop will conclude the process.
- During this reporting period, UNHCR held a working session with the National Institute of Statistics (*INS*) to settle on a final agenda of the Mapping exercise for stateless people. The exercise will officially be launched on 01 August 2018 with an official ceremony which will be followed by a 10- day training set for agents who will implement this survey exercise, a restitution workshop will conclude this part of the process Mid-August 2018.
- UNHCR in Danane met with the *CERCADO* orphanage in Danané to identify children without affiliation and without any identification documents. The center has 48 orphans in total; 03 having never had contact with a family member have not been declared at birth; similarly, 15 rarely receiving a visit from a distant relative, have not been declared at birth. However, 06 orphans were declared by the orphanage to complete required school admission process. As part of the fight against statelessness, the process of registration of these children has begun.
- UNHCR met with IOM (International Organization for Migration) to discuss statelessness and *Mixed Migration* growing concerns in Cote D'Ivoire. As Cote D'Ivoire has been said to be one of the countries with the most departures of illegal migrants to Europe, the discussions were focused on the role UNHCR could play in support of the Ivorian government to curb the phenomenon but also on actions taken by IOM to repatriate Ivorian migrants stranded in Europe and Libya.
- During this reporting period, UNHCR met with UNICEF in the context of the "*Every Child Has the Right to a Nationality*" coalition. The project aims to conduct researches on the causes of statelessness with children in Cote d'Ivoire. Both entities are currently reviewing some terms of reference in order to recruit a consultant to conduct the necessary study on the subject with both UNHCR and UNICEF support.

### ■ Prevention

- 13 July, UNHCR field protection assistants and *DAARA* in Soubré co-organized, a mass sensitization for about 40 women at the district health center. The importance of birth declaration, the deadlines and locations for Late Birth certificates requests, late birth declaration procedures and the dangers associated with Late Birth declaration were also discussed.
- 20 July, UNHCR in Soubré held an awareness-raising session for the security forces in Soubré (West). Among other things, the concept of nationality and statelessness, the causes and consequences of statelessness, the different categories of stateless people in Côte d'Ivoire and a plea for a non-stigmatization of stateless persons or at risk of statelessness at control checkpoints were the different subjects discussed.
- 23 July, a mass awareness campaign was organized by UNHCR in Soubre for 12 heads of both foreign and Ivorian communities in *Kolabadougou* (8 Kms of Soubré). The topics addressed there were the importance, the deadlines and locations of birth declaration as well as Late birth certificates requests procedures, the dangers of non-declaration of births and naturalization procedures. UNHCR's current mission to identify stateless and people at-risk of stateless was explained in details during the session.

- UNHCR in Séguéla held an awareness raising session with 28 members of the *Burkinabe* community on statelessness and the importance of birth declaration, the session was followed-up by a one-one meeting with 06 individuals.
- The Legal Clinic in Daloa had some working sessions with the Civil Status chief of Daloa regarding 13 Late Birth certificates and with the Chief Registrar about 17 other requests waiting for transcription. Finally, the last working session with “*Tomorrow Hope*” NGO addressed beneficiaries of the legal and judicial support of the *DNT (Droit a la Nationalite Pour Tous)* project.

#### ■ Reduction

- 13 July, *DAARA (Direction d'Aide et D'Assistance aux Refugies et Aux Apatrides)* met with the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (*OFPRA*), in Grand Bassam. The objective of this meeting was for both entities to reflect on a draft Law intended to create, organize an official National Commission of Eligibility for Statelessness in Côte d'Ivoire.
- 17 July, UNHCR representative took part in the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute organized by the representation of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in Côte d'Ivoire. During the discussion Panel, UNHCR representative congratulated the ICC for its efforts to bring justice to victims of atrocities and raised the issue of international conventions domestication at the national level.
- 17 and 19 of July, UNHCR organized in collaboration with *AFJCI (Association des Femmes Juristes de Cote D'Ivoire)* 02 workshops for Ivorian magistrates and lawyers. This activity was part of the advocacy for the reduction of statelessness by the application of Article 3 of the Ivorian nationality code to allow children found in Côte d'Ivoire to benefit from the Ivorian nationality.

#### ■ Communication

- 04 July, UNHCR met with the director of a child reception center in *Soubré (west)*. This center is intended to accommodate child victims of trafficking and exploitation. The purpose of the visit was to inform of UNHCR's presence in the *NAWA* region, present UNHCR's activities and seek support in the research and identification of stateless or at risk of statelessness children in that area and beyond.
- During this reporting period, UNHCR met with local administrative district authorities in Méagui. The purpose of this meeting was to present UNHCR and its plan of action in the district of *Méagui (west)*. The deputy mayor particularly welcomed the presence of UNHCR in his constituency and advised of its full support in the implementation of UNHCR's activities in its district.
- 23-26 July, UNHCR in Séguéla addressed different communities present in the city and its surroundings (Malian, Guinean, Senegalese, Baoule, Odienneka, Mahou, Abron, Lobi, Koulango) on the issues of statelessness. Appointments have been scheduled for mass awareness sessions on the importance of birth registration and statelessness. UNHCR also met with local authorities to discuss access to documentation.

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