

Cote d'Ivoire

September 2018

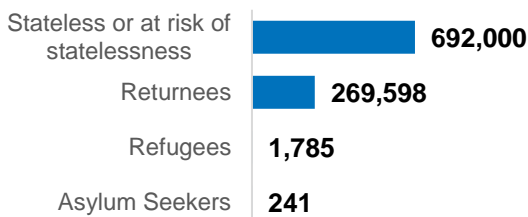
UNHCR assisted with the **Voluntary Repatriation of 409 Ivorians** from Guinea, Togo, Ghana and Liberia respectively.

UNHCR **Regional Representative** held a mission in Cote D'Ivoire to meet with Ivorian authorities and UNHCR key partners.

The US Embassy in collaboration with UNHCR held a **"Friends of Statelessness"** event at the USA's residence.

POPULATION OF CONCERN :

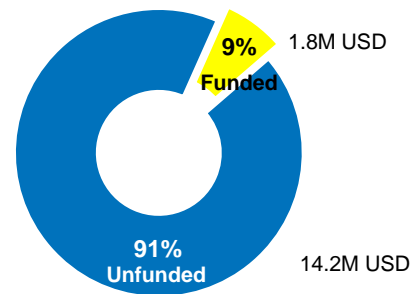
Côte d'Ivoire



TOTAL : 963,624

FUNDING (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2018)

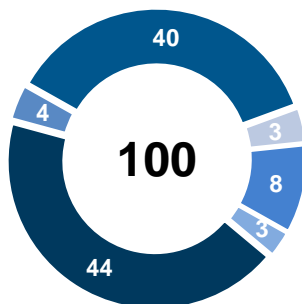
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 42 National Staff
- 40 National UNV
- 08 International Staff
- 03 IUNV
- 03 Interns
- 04 Consultant



UNHCR office:

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



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire works in close partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry Justice and Human Rights, *Association de Soutien à l'Auto-promotion Sanitaire Urbaine (ASAPSU)*, *Caritas-CI*, *Développement Rural et Agricole à l'Ouest (DRAO)*, *World Food Program (WFP)*, the *United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV)* and *Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI)*.

UNHCR is grateful for the generous contributions of donors to the Côte d'Ivoire operation: [Denmark](#) | [Private donors in Japan](#) | [Peacebuilding Fund](#), as well as donors of unrestricted and regional funds: [United States of America](#) | [Sweden](#) | [United Kingdom](#) | [Italy](#) | [Netherlands](#) | [Norway](#) | [Private donors in Spain](#) | [Australia](#) | [Japan](#) | [Switzerland](#) | [France](#) | [Canada](#) | [Private donors in Italy](#).

18-19 September 2018, UNHCR Regional Representative: Mrs. Liz Ahua and Mr. Denis Kuindje the regional protection assistant held a mission in Cote D'Ivoire, a mission during which they were both able to meet and discuss UNHCR matters in the sub-region having a focus on Cote D'Ivoire with the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the US Embassy, the local UNCT team as well as key Ivorian ministries (Justice and Human Rights, Foreign Affairs and Solidarity).



Staff and Regional Representative UNHCR-Cote D'Ivoire - September 19th 2018 @UNHCR/Daouda Guirou

Main Activities

Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

- VolRep Recap – September 2018.

Date	CoA	Returnees	Household	NoC*
Tuesday, September 04, 2018	Togo	114	41	4
Tuesday, September 04, 2018	Ghana	42	13	
Thursday, September 06, 2018	Liberia	28	12	
Thursday, September 13, 2018	Guinea	209	47	3
Tuesday, September 25, 2018	Liberia	1	1	
Friday, September 28, 2018	Togo	15	4	

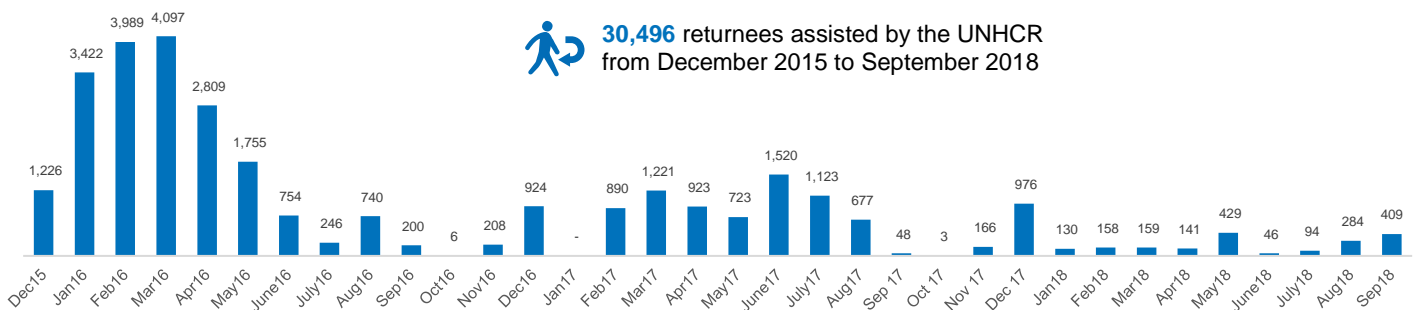
* NoC (Not of Concern) refers to returnees relatives accompanying their Ivorian families

- On 06 September, UNHCR in Guiglo was able to assist with the safe return of 01 convoy with 12 households of 28 people from Banh Camp in Liberia. All benefited from the

conventional assistance (medical, hot and cold meals, food items, accommodation, transportation, etc.....).

- On 13 September, UNHCR in Guiglo assisted with the safe return of another convoy from N'zerekore in Guinea. In total, 46 households of **209** people were assisted at the Danane's transit center.
- On September 25th and 28th, 16 Ivorian nationals were repatriated back to Cote D'Ivoire; **01** from Liberia and **15** from Togo.
- Since 2015, a total of **30,496** Ivorian refugees have been repatriated, **28,220** of whom from Liberia and **2,276** from other countries (As of September 30th, 2018).

Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to September 2018



Refugees

- As of September 30th, 2018, a total of **1,785** refugees and **241** asylum seekers are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.
- On September 25th, The National Eligibility Commission held a session at *DAARA (Direction D'Aide et d'Assistance aux Refugies et aux Apatrides)*; out of **10** cases submitted for review: **07** were granted refugee status, **01** was adjourned while **02** applicants were rejected.

Reintegration

- **Shelter/Latrines**
13 shelters have been completed.
65 latrines have been completed.
- **Community Empowerment and Self-reliance**
 DRAO-LCF (*Development Rural et Agricole a L'Ouest*); One of UNHCR's partner on the field, provided equipment to 02 groups both involved in the local transformation of rice and maize in the south-west. 02 other groups, in Katouo and Bianhitouo (West), have started their activities, one of them being with irrigated rice.
- **Health**

In the context of providing optimal access to reproductive health and HIV services to population in the west:

-on 20 September, **01** mass awareness raising on HIV/AIDS was conducted on in Diboké (Bloléquin) which reached **258** people.

-The peer instructors, led by Caritas, conducted **10** awareness-raising sessions in the west on HIV/AIDS prevention and transmissions mode.

Statelessness

■ Mapping exercise

Between 17-22 September, After leading data collection in zone A (East of the country), the National Institute of Statistics agents involved with the UNHCR mapping exercise, are currently covering zone B, which constitutes the northwest and southwest of the country particularly *Gagnoa, Soubre, Daloa, Bouafle, Man, Guiglo, Bloléquin, Toulepleu, Zouan-hounien, Touba, Vavoua, Seguela, Divo, Tabou, Odiene, etc.....* .

The data collection part of the Mapping exercise, which was officially launched August 1st 2018, is set to end on October 13th 2018. The Data analysis will follow right after and final results should be made available early December 2018.

■ Identification

- 15-21 September, 82 people at risk of statelessness were identified. Several were registered on UNHCR *Kobo* server. 14 were referred to DAARA (*Direction d'Aide et D'Assistance aux Refugies et aux Apatrides*) and to the Legal Clinic for further assistance.
- 17-22 September, After leading the surveys in zone A (East), the National Institute of Statistics agents involved with the UNHCR mapping ongoing exercise, are currently covering zone B, which constitutes the northwest and southwest of the country particularly *Gagnoa, Soubre, Daloa, Bouafle, Man, Guiglo, Bloléquin, Toulepleu, Zouan-hounien, Touba, Vavoua, Seguela, Divo, Tabou, Odiene, etc.....*

■ Prevention

- A number of awareness raising sessions on statelessness, nationality and the importance of birth declaration were conducted in various towns in the south west of the country; 155 people were reached out to, including 25 in Tabou, 14 in San Pedro; 25 in Soubre; 28 in Sassandra; 50 in Meagui and 13 in *Medibly* (Bloléquin).
- A focus group was conducted by UNHCR with community leaders in *Zuénoula* (west). Issues related to statelessness and the importance of birth registration were discussed in depth. During the exchanges, participants advised that the relocation of both the court and the National Identification Office (*ONI*) in Bouaflé (63 kms away from Zuenoula) constitutes a hindrance to the establishment of civil documents for the majority in *Zuénoula* and its surroundings.
- An awareness session on statelessness and the importance of birth and death declarations was organized by UNHCR for the ECOWAS Communities in *Doropo* (far northeast). The

Malian, Burkinabe, Nigerian and Mauritanian communities there informed of the inaccessibility of their respective consulates/embassies (all being in the capital city which is far south). This constitutes a real obstacle to the establishment of consular cards and encourages fraud in some cases. They've all urged UNHCR's to advocate for closer consular services.

■ Protection

- On 19 September, AFJCI (*Association des Femmes Juristes de Cote D'Ivoire*) with UNHCR support delivered late birth certificates for 04 children at one of the Bouake (center) nursery. The director expressed her gratitude to both the Legal clinic and UNHCR. **16** late birth certificates in total were issued by *AFJCI* to the nursery over the past months.
- 11 additional late births certificates were handed over in the context of the "Right to a Nationality for All' (DNT) project funded by UNHCR in the fight against statelessness. Each PoC received 02 copies of the said document.

■ Communication

- On 03 September, UNHCR in collaboration with *DAARA* in Guiglo held a group training on statelessness and nationality in Duekoué (west) for local administrative authorities and security forces; 45 people attended the event.
- On 19 September, The US embassy in partnership with UNHCR-CDI held a "*Friends of Statelessness*" event in the context of the fight against statelessness in Cote D'Ivoire and its reduction by 2024. UNHCR Regional Representative; UNHCR-CDI representative; UNHCR-CDI protection unit; UNICEF; *AFD (Agence de Developpement Francaise)*; the African Development Bank as well as other consulates and embassies interested on the subject attended this friendly and informative event to discuss the subject and see ways to collaborate and support UNHCR's efforts to reduce statelessness in Cote D'Ivoire.



"Friends of Statelessness" event USA Residence - September 18th 2018 @UNHCR/Fatoumata Diawara

Asylum and Migrations

As the West African Region is affected by the “*Asylum and Migrations*” phenomenon and Cote D'Ivoire appearing as the country with the highest numbers of illegal migrants arriving in Europe those recent years, UNHCR in Cote D'Ivoire has elaborated a strategy to start addressing the protection aspect of this matter in Cote D'Ivoire.

Indeed, an action plan have been submitted to UNHCR Regional Office September 2018 and thankfully the said strategy received full support from the region. The first step, being the analysis and assessment of the situation, will start October 2018, the actual strategy is expected to be fully implemented the beginning of 2018.

External / Donors Relations

Special thanks to the major donors of unrestricted and regional funds in 2018

United States of America | UN Peacebuilding Fund

Thanks to other donors of unrestricted and regional funds

Denmark | Private donors in Japan| Peacebuilding Fund, as well as donors of unrestricted and regional funds: [United States of America](#) | [Sweden](#) | [United Kingdom](#) | [Italy](#) | [Netherlands](#) | [Norway](#) | Private donors in Spain | [Australia](#) | [Japan](#) | [Switzerland](#) | [France](#) | [Canada](#) | [UN Program HIV/AIDS](#) | Private donors in Italy.

CONTACTS

Fatoumata Diawara External Relations Associate
fatoumad@unhcr.org, Tel: +225 75 33 08 53

Jean-Charles KIZIMA, Associate Information Management Officer,
kizima@unhcr.org, Tel: +225 74 80 89 81

LINKS

[Country Portal](#) - [Ivorian Returnee Situation](#) - [Twitter](#) - [Facebook](#) - [YouTube](#) - [LuQuLuQu Campaign](#)