

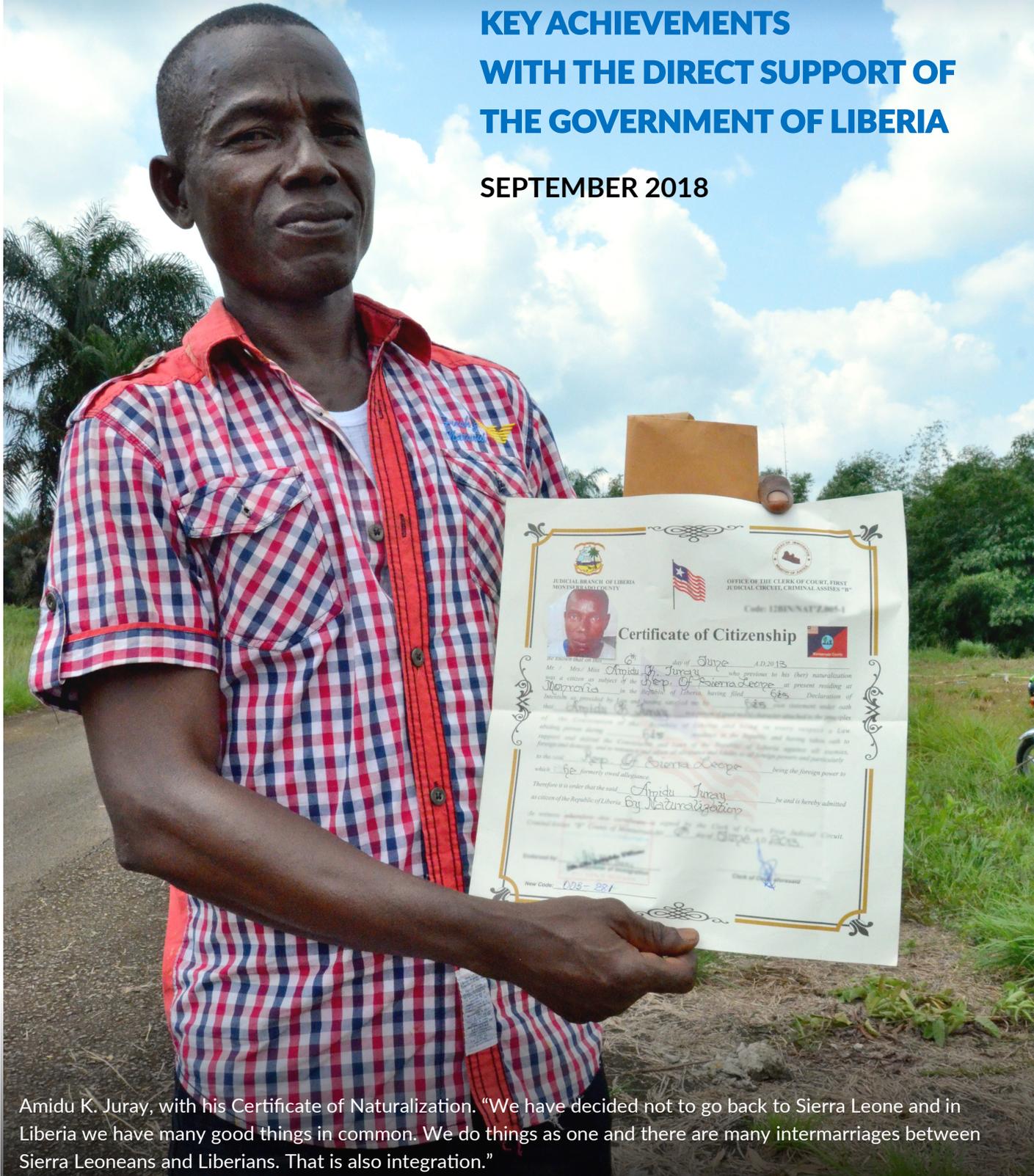


**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

# UNHCR LIBERIA

**KEY ACHIEVEMENTS  
WITH THE DIRECT SUPPORT OF  
THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**



JUDICIAL BRANCH OF LIBERIA  
MONTSERRAT DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, FIRST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CRIMINAL ASSIZES "B"

Code: LIBNATZ.065-1

**Certificate of Citizenship**

Be known that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 2013,  
Mr. / Mrs. / Miss Amidu K. Juray who previous to his (her) naturalization  
was a citizen of the Rep. Of Sierra Leone at present residing at  
Monrovia in the Republic of Liberia, having filed \_\_\_\_\_ Declaration of  
Intention as provided by Law and having complied with the \_\_\_\_\_ oath  
that \_\_\_\_\_ formerly owed allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ being the foreign power to  
which \_\_\_\_\_ formerly owed allegiance.

Therefore it is order that the said Amidu Juray be and is hereby admitted  
as citizen of the Republic of Liberia By Naturalization

By order and authority of the Honorable Chief Justice of the Republic of Liberia,  
Clerk of Court, First Judicial Circuit,  
Monrovia, Liberia.

New Code: 005-891

Amidu K. Juray, with his Certificate of Naturalization. "We have decided not to go back to Sierra Leone and in Liberia we have many good things in common. We do things as one and there are many intermarriages between Sierra Leoneans and Liberians. That is also integration."

# LOCAL INTEGRATION CERTIFICATES OF NATURALIZATION



## CERTIFICATES OF NATURALIZATION

On 23 July 2018, the President of Liberia, H. E. George Weah handed some of the 300 certificates of naturalization aimed at former Sierra Leonean refugees who decided to integrate in Liberia.

While the certificates were issued back in 2013, the formality of handing over the documents could not be accomplished until recently.



**Jenneh Mabay, with her Certificate of Naturalization.**

“This paper means that I am a real citizen of Liberia. It means I will do as the others are doing in this country and I will make sure that we will do things with them, together. I love Liberia because they love anybody that likes to be with them.”

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During the ceremony, President George Weah encouraged the new Liberian citizens to be law-abiding and make meaningful contributions to the Liberian society. Weah stated that the Liberian government is acting in fulfilment of the ECOWAS and UNHCR Conventions and Protocols on refugees.

UNHCR can attest that Liberia is a commendable example of a country with overwhelming potential and generosity in terms of providing a favourable protection environment to refugees and other persons of concern.

Attendees to the ceremony included the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Varney Sirleaf .



# LOCAL INTEGRATION

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On 15-17 September 2018, the Regional Representative for West Africa, Mme Liz Ahua, visited Liberia and met with several government officials; UN Agencies and the Resident Coordinator; Partners; and refugees in Bahn Refugee Camp (Nimba). Mme Ahua was joined by Denis Kuindje, Assistant Regional Representative in charge of Protection.

During Mme Ahua's curtesy call on Bahn City Mayor Mr. Africanus Kwahmie (image on the top), the official stated that "the city is looking forward to continue collaborating with UNHCR in the implementation of local integration and we are excited for the development this will bring also to the Liberians living in the host communities".

Along with Bahn City Mayor, several stakeholders joined the curtesy call of Mm Ahua, including several members of the host communities, and land owners



# LOCAL INTEGRATION SUPPORTING REFUGEES & HOST COMMUNITIES



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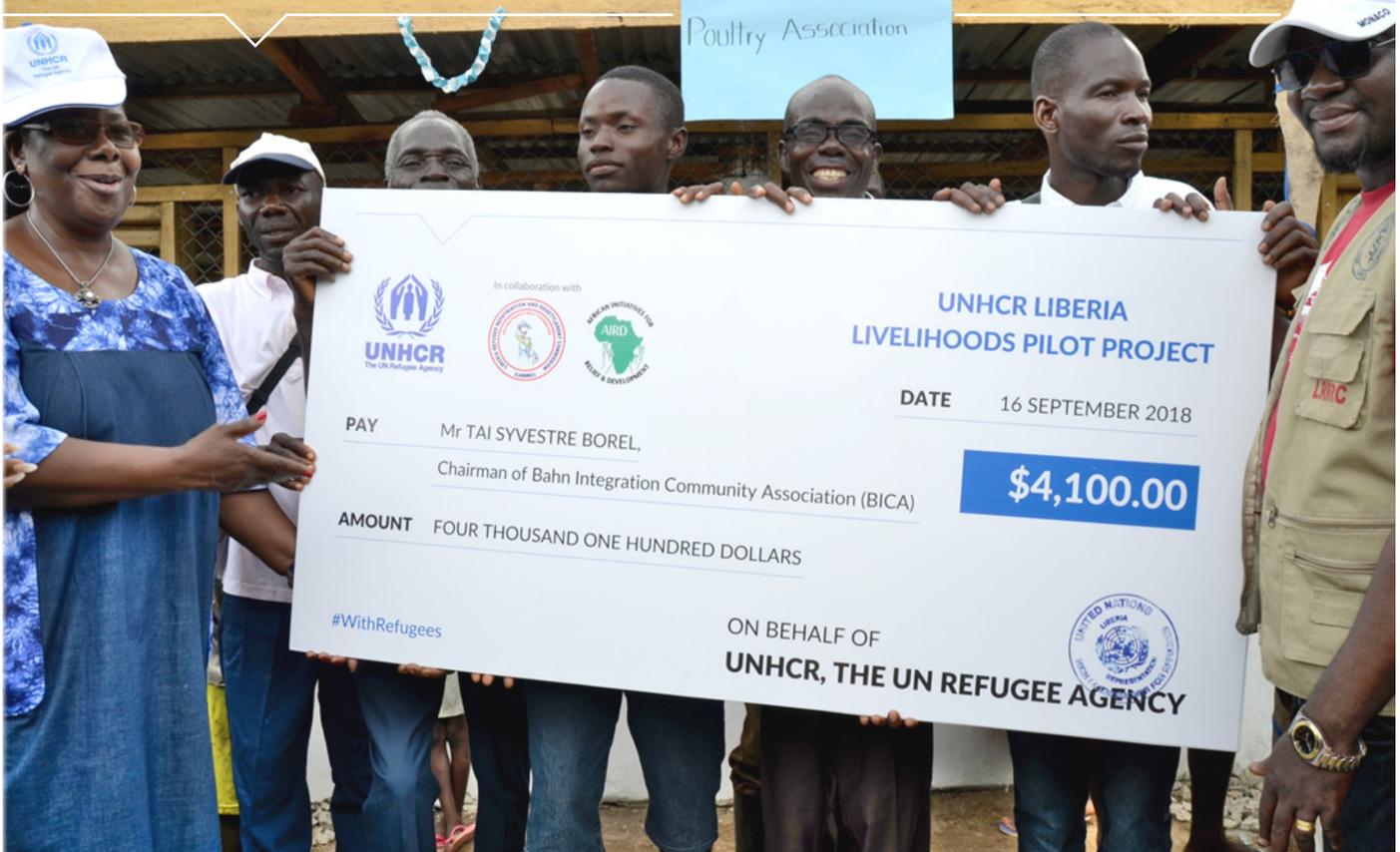
The delegation visiting Bahn Refugee Camp with UNHCR Regional Representative, Mme Liz Ahua, comprised of UNHCR Liberia Representative, Mme Fatima Mohammed-Cole; The Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC); UNHCR Partners AIRD (African Initiatives for Relief and Development) and SEARCH (Special Emergency Activity to Restore Children's Hope); government officials; and the Second Counsellor of the Ivorian Embassy in Liberia, amongst others.

In line with the Pro-Poor National Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD), in addition to providing durable low cost housing to 80% of the refugees opting to locally integrate, UNHCR will also provide 20% of the housing project for the most vulnerable members of the communities hosting refugees near the refugee camps.

During this visit, UNHCR inaugurated the two-bedroom shelter prototype aimed for those Ivorian refugees who wish to locally integrate.



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On July 2018, a pilot project was launched in Bahn Refugee Camp, after which an evaluation will be conducted prior to implementing a full project with a larger number of beneficiaries, including members of the host communities, and in Grand Gedeh County.

The current pilot project is targeting **36** refugee families, which consist of **172** individuals, as well as **8** host community families, with a total of **68** individuals in those families.

Sectors in the pilot include: small business, tailoring, soap making, mechanic and poultry.

UNHCR, LRRRC and Partners officially turned over the poultry, tailor shop and garage structures to participants in those livelihoods projects. A symbolic check of USD 4,100.00 was given to 3 different associations involved in the livelihoods pilot project, in order to kick-off their business.

Both refugees registered as Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVIs) and those of the host communities will be supported by UNHCR, LRRRC and Partners in this phase of the local integration.



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