

# Cote d'Ivoire

August 2018

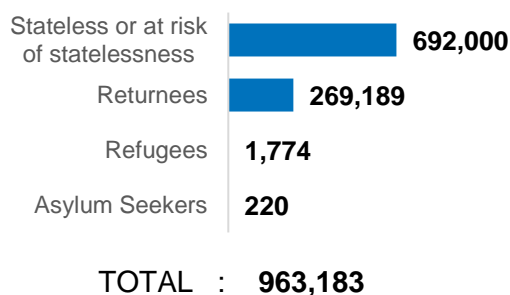
UNHCR assisted with the **Voluntary Repatriation of 284 Ivorians** from Guinea and Liberia.

UNHCR-CDI has officially launched a **Mapping exercise** in the context of the reduction of statelessness in Cote D'Ivoire

The National Eligibility Commission through DAARA granted Refugee Status to **26 Asylum Seekers**.

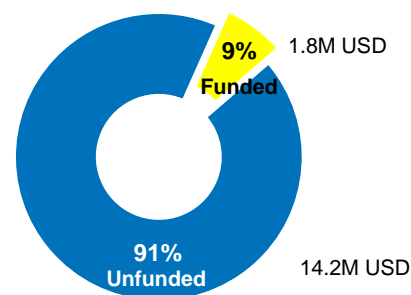
## POPULATION OF CONCERN :

### Côte d'Ivoire



## FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST 2018)

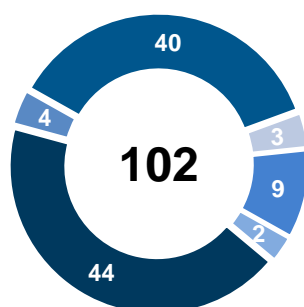
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



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- 40 National UNV
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- 03 IUNV
- 02 Interns
- 04 Consultant



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# Main Activities

## Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees



*Voluntary return Convoy Prolo 2018, @UNHCR/TABOU*

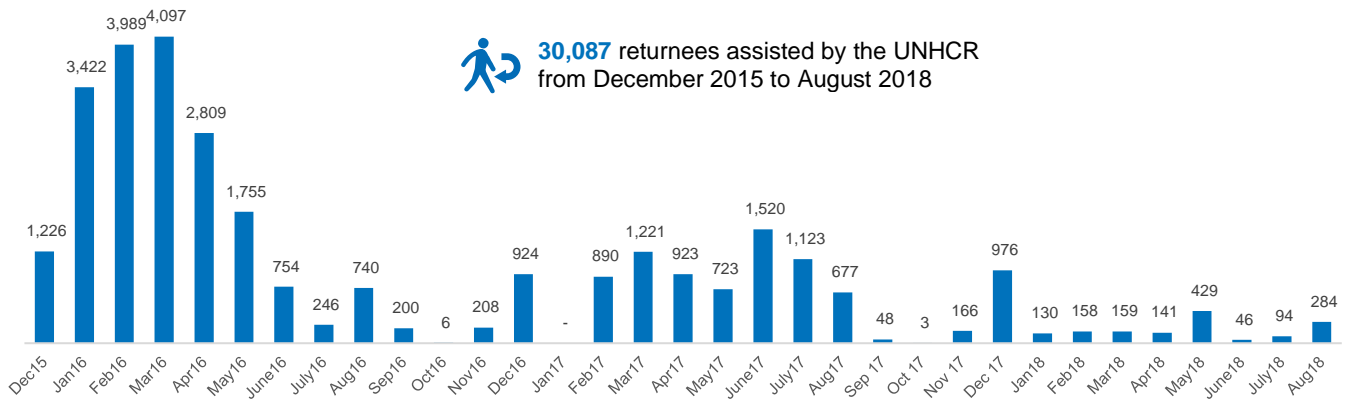
- VolRep Recap – August 2018.

Date	CoA	Returnees	Household	NoC*
<b>Monday, August 13, 2018</b>	Liberia	283	103	15
<b>Wednesday, August 15, 2018</b>	Guinée	1	1	0

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

- On 13 August, 01 convoy of 277 people from PTP Camp (Liberia) and 06 people from Grand-Gedeh (Liberia) spread in 103 families were welcomed in Danane (west). The returnees were provided with medical and cash assistance upon arrival. This convoy brings the total number of returnees since the beginning of 2018 to **1,441** people spread in **484** families.
- Since 2015, a total of **30,087** Ivorian refugees have been repatriated, **28,191** of whom from Liberia and **1,896** from other countries (As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018).

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



### Refugees

- As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, a total of **1,774** refugees and **220** asylum seekers are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.
- In August, The National Eligibility Commission held sessions at *DAARA (Direction D'Aide et d'Assistance aux Refugies et aux Apatrides)*; out of **30** cases submitted for review: **26** asylum seekers were granted refugee status, **04** were asked for additional documents while **14** applicants were rejected.

### Reintegration

- **Shelter/Latrines**
  - 16 Shelters have been completed.
  - 57 Latrines have been completed.
- **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, electricity, computer science, Literacy and basic accounting).
    - **100** individual kits were handed over in order to assist those currently training in hairdressing, sewing, electricity and carpentry.
- **Health**
  - 17 young people (09 girls and 08 boys) including 15 in Danané and 02 in Toulepleu were sensitized by 05 peer instructors through 05 local awareness sessions on the transmission

modes and methods of prevention of HIV; the use of condoms; abstinence and free medical care available to people living with HIV/AIDS.

## Statelessness

### ■ Identification

- On 10 August, 20 community leaders participated in a technical awareness session on "*The fight against statelessness and birth registration*" in Tanda (North-east). A session jointly organized by UNHCR and AFJCI (*Association des femmes Juristes de Cote D'Ivoire*), these different community leaders came from surrounding villages, youth and women's associations and ECOWAS communities (Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso).
- On 17 August, UNHCR met with the "*village SOS*" of Aboisso (South). The officials of this Children's center have informed of 30 undocumented children needing to join the institution. The parents being all documented, the village solicited UNHCR support to be able to establish Late Birth certificates for these children. UNHCR has in plan to meet with the birth parents as a follow-up and determine the next course of action.

### ■ Prevention

- On 01 and 02 August, some awareness raising sessions were held respectively at the social center and on UNHCR premises in Aboisso (south). An important number of people, including women were able to discuss with UNHCR's staff on site: birth registration procedures, statelessness and SGBV. This was an opportunity for the participants to become familiar with the phenomenon of statelessness, its causes and consequences and to know the importance of birth declaration.
- 03 August, UNHCR in collaboration with the legal clinic held an "*Awareness Day*" on Statelessness in *Nahoulakaha* (North). Throughout the day, an emphasis was placed on statelessness, nationality, protection of rights; civil status and documentation. Also, some aspects of tradition that could lead to statelessness such as the exclusivity the biological father has when it comes to birth declaration or the destruction of documents of deceased parents for inheritance purpose were discussed.

### ■ Communication

- On 24 August, in response to the airtime offered to UNHCR by "*RADIO THE VOICE OF ZANZAN*" on July 31, a radio show was recorded on the topic of statelessness. The objective of the show was to present UNHCR and its objectives in this particular area, discuss statelessness and finally invite the different communities represented in the district to participate actively in the ongoing mapping exercise of stateless persons or at risk of statelessness led by the National Institute of Statistics (*INS*).

## Statelessness Mapping Exercise

### Bondoukou

- On 13 August, In order to prepare for the identification of stateless and at risk of statelessness in the ECOWAS community in Bondoukou and its surroundings, UNHCR met with ECOWAS representatives in the community. These representatives showed their

willingness to support UNHCR in its future activities, namely: identification and sensitization.

- On 14 August, to facilitate the upcoming mapping operation of stateless initiated by UNHCR and the National Institute of Statistics (*INS*), UNHCR in Bondoukou (North East) met with the regional Director of *INS*. The Director advised that all the necessary procedures have been taken to facilitate the upcoming operation in the *Gontougo-Boukani* district.

#### **Bouake**

- As the Mapping activity is getting closer to Bouake (Center), UNHCR in Bouake met the local *INS* director. The National Institute of Statistics in Bouake confirmed its readiness to assist and support the ongoing project within the district. Letters have been handed over to the concerned authorities, then the sensitization will be done through the mail by the city hall and the local authorities to facilitate the process in the different localities.

#### **Aboisso**

- On 14 August, a meeting was held in Aboisso (south) with the General Secretary to prepare for the mapping operation led by *INS* (*The National Institute of Statistics*) to present the program of the operation for the *South-Comoe* region. Subsequently all other local administrative authorities of the district were informed of the upcoming operation in their localities.
- On 17 August, an information session on the mapping operation of stateless persons at risk of statelessness was held at the Aboisso's Town Hall. The Deputy Secretary General of the City Council and the head of the administrative services agreed to bring the information to the localities under their jurisdiction. In addition, the town hall will issue an authorization to the teams that will carry out the investigations.

#### **Abidjan**

- On 06 and 09 August, recruited census workers participated in a hands-on test on data collection in the city of *Bingerville* (*North of Abidjan*). It became apparent that the interviewers had a good knowledge of the collection process (enumeration, sampling and interviews with selected households).
- The mapping operation in Abidjan and its surroundings started during this reporting period with 30 teams of 120 census workers supervised by both UNHCR and the National Institute of Statistics.
- 20-25 August, the mapping operation continued throughout the city of Abidjan; 580 households were surveyed. In the end, a coverage rate of 96.7% was recorded for Abidjan. After Abidjan, 30 teams will be deployed to the rest of the country on August 26. The operation will then be underway in these regions until September 14, 2018.

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