

Cote d'Ivoire

May 2018

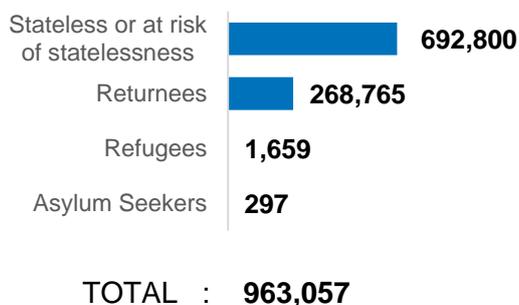
26 parliamentarians for Migration, Refugees and Stateless was officially introduced to UNHCR.

126 households of **429** Ivoirians safely returned home from Liberia, Ghana and Guinea

UNHCR received a **Go-and-See** mission from Togo.

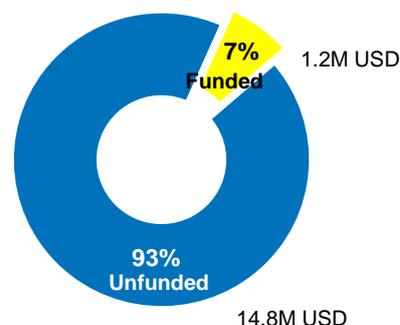
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Côte d'Ivoire



FUNDING (AS OF 31 MAY 2018)

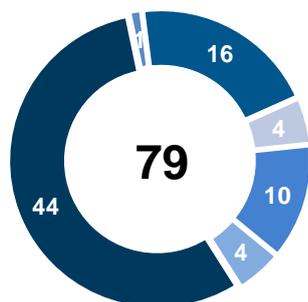
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 44 National Staff
- 16 National UNV
- 10 International Staff
- 04 IUNV
- 04 Interns
- 01 Consultant



Bureau UNHCR:

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



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Main Activities

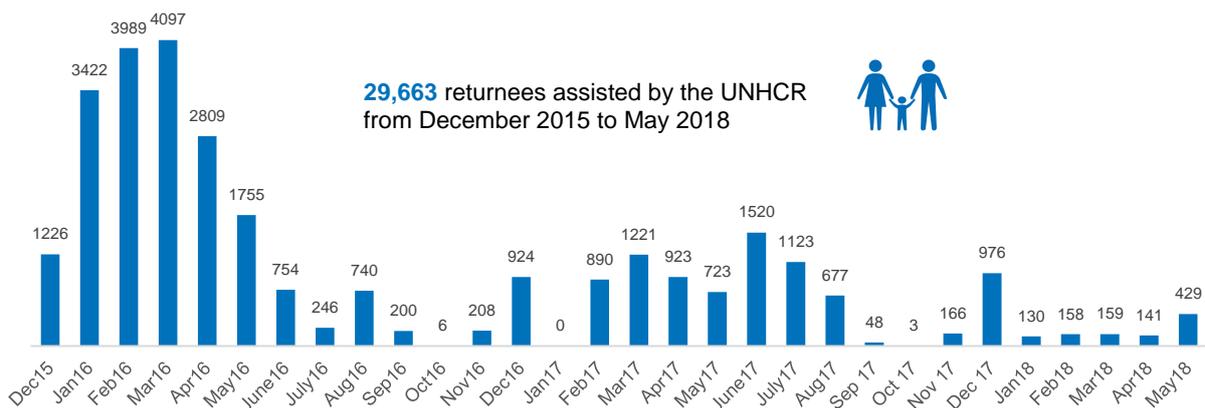
Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

- VolRep Recap – May 2018.

Date	CoA	Returns	Household	NoC
Thursday, May 10, 2018	Liberia	3	3	0
Thursday, May 10, 2018	Guinea	159	41	4
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	Liberia	112	42	7
Thursday, May 17, 2018	Liberia	150	39	4
Thursday, May 24, 2018	Ghana	5	1	0

- 21 May, UNHCR- CDI welcomed a **Go-and-See** mission in Noé (border Ghana-CDI). Several meetings with administrative and security authorities took place in Abidjan, Divo and Gagnoa in the context of this visit for people to exchange and discuss the repatriation process in place.
- 01 January-31 May 2018, a total of **1017** Ivorian refugees have been repatriated to Cote D'Ivoire with UNHCR support.
- Since 2015, a total of **29,663** Ivorian refugees have been repatriated, **27,853** of whom from Liberia and **1,810** from other countries (As of May 31st, 2018).

Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to May 2018



Refugees

- As of 31st May 2018, a total of **1,659** refugees and **297** asylum seekers are registered in Cote d'Ivoire.
- 22 May - **50** security force agents attended a training session in Bolequin on International Protection. The training aimed to reinforce their capacity for better protection of refugees' rights, recognition of their identification documents and facilitation of their free movement.

Reintegration

- **Shelter**

- 80 people (24 men and 56 women) and 65 members spread in 13 shelter committees, from Bolequin and Toulepleu, had their capacities reinforced on the techniques of making and storage of clay bricks.

- **German Funds**

- **Guiglo:**

- 88/97 shelters are completed
 - 53/97 latrines are completed

- **Tabou:**

- 44/52 shelters are completed
 - 44/52 latrines are completed.

- **UNHCR 2018 Shelter project**

- **Tabou:**

- 144/152 shelters are completed.
 - 111/149 latrines are completed.

- 48 people and 27 members of shelter committees, both from Bolequin and Danane, had been reinforced on clay bricks making techniques.

- Some construction equipment (picks, wheelbarrows, etc.) have been delivered to 05 shelter committees in Toulepleu, Zilebly, Oulaitaibly, Petit-Guiglo and Dedjean.

- **Sexual Gender-Based Violence**

- 03 cases of SGBV have been identified: a rape of a 05-year-old girl and 2 physical abuse on adult women in *Yoya* and *Seipleu*. The child received medical care in Bolequin while UNHCR is closely monitoring her situation. Community leaders have settled the physical abuse cases after both victims were able to receive medical and psychosocial care.

- A refugee woman has accused her husband of voluntary assault and battery against her. She filed a complaint before the police in Tabou. The victim received medical care and psychological support in the meantime.

Statelessness

- **Identification**

- 07-11 May, the African Union (AU) experts met in Abidjan to work on the African Charter's protocol on Human and Peoples' Rights specifically associated with the right to a nationality and the eradication of statelessness. AU experts went through the 27 articles of the protocol to reach a common agreement on each of them. A technical committee within the AU Humanitarian Department, will finalized the protocol before it is submitted to the Heads of State for final approval. After the approval, each African state will be expected to adopt the protocol.

- 07 May, a Network of 26 Ivorian Parliamentarians for Migration, Refugees and Stateless Persons, one of the very first in the sub-region, was officially introduced to UNHCR's representative in Abidjan. The network aims to improve the protection of refugees, migrants, internally displaced persons and people at risk of statelessness. Given the sensitivity of statelessness in Cote d'Ivoire, the network will also help to raise awareness on the phenomenon (statelessness).



Network of Ivorian Parliamentarians for Migration, Refugees and Stateless Persons - @UNHCR/D.Guirou

- 08-11 May, UNHCR organized a training workshop with the National Institute of Statistics (*INS*) in Yamoussoukro. In collaboration with *INS*, UNHCR plans to carry out a mapping of stateless persons and persons at risk of statelessness in Cote d'Ivoire to be able to identify the areas and groups of populations mainly affected by statelessness within the country and to update the figures on statelessness in Cote d'Ivoire.
- 34 cases of stateless persons or persons at risk of statelessness have been identified in Bedy Goazon and in Man. UNHCR is closely following up on the respective cases identified.

■ . Prevention

- 667 Late Birth certificates requests have been transmitted and rendered by the Tabou's court to Tabou, Grabo, Djouroutou and Olodio (South-West).
- 125 Late Birth certificates requests were submitted in Tabou in prelude of an upcoming fair organized in order to issue Late Birth certificates within the area. Awareness- raising and information activities about the upcoming operation are held daily.

■ Reduction

Through the *DAARA (Direction d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Refugies et aux Apatrides)* 50 children have been registered in San Pedro's Court for the establishment of Late Birth certificates.

■ Communication

- UNHCR, *DAARA*, the Legal Clinic and a few community leaders met with 50 people at risk of statelessness in *Bedy Goazon* to discuss and raise awareness on statelessness.
- 26-27 May - 8 children at risk of statelessness were trained in photography. With UNHCR support, they were then provided with cameras to capture moments of their lives as persons at risk of statelessness. The pictures collected will be used by UNHCR to elaborate brochures and other tools for advocacy and communication purposes.
- 17 May - *Radio Tchtrato* in Daloa hosted a talk show with the Legal Clinic on "Protection of human rights mechanisms". The Topic of birth declaration was also addressed.

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