

Ghana

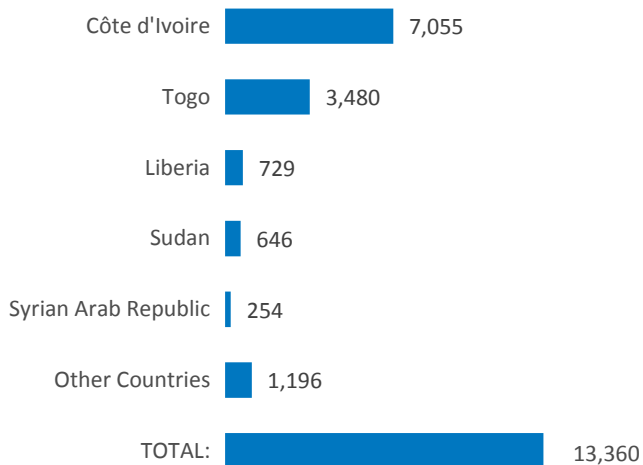
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About 300 Burkinabe nationals who fled to Ghana as a result of conflict have been registered by the GRB as asylum seekers

Some 12 Togolese refugees who have been in Ghana for over 20 years assisted by UNHCR to voluntarily return to Togo

4 refugee women participate in 'Women in the Driving Seat' training programme launched to develop skills in managing agricultural machinery.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS AT APRIL 2019)



FUNDING (AS AT APRIL 2019)

USD 7,158,992 requested

This year there has been no earmarked funding support for the Ghana Operation's identified needs. The country operation is running on limited un-earmarked funds made available to the organization globally which can only meet some of the life-saving needs. There are still **major gaps** in the areas of Education, Livelihoods and Health which are the bulk of unmet needs affecting Persons of Concern in Ghana for which we seek support for, given the very negative impact it has on the well-being of persons of concern.

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

30 National Staff
03 International Staff
07 UNOPS

Offices:

01 Country Office in Accra
01 Field Office in Takoradi



Refugee trainee in the driving seat



Women trainees with an instructor

Working with Partners

- **Government Partners:** The Ministry of the Interior, the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB), and other relevant government departments and ministries such as Ghana Education Service, Ghana Health Service, Ghana Immigration Service, Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice, and Ghana Police Service to mention a few.
- **Partners:** Christian Council of Ghana (CCG), National Catholic Secretariat (NCS) and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).
- **UN Agencies:** UNFPA, IOM, UNAIDS and UNICEF.
- **Private Sector Partnerships:** UNHCR Ghana is exploring partnership opportunities with the Private Sector and other development partners.

Main Activities

Protection

- About 300 people who crossed into the Northern part of Ghana after being forced to flee Burkina Faso, following chieftaincy-related conflict, have been registered by the Ghana Refugee Board and UNHCR as asylum seekers. The flight came about as a result of conflict involving two royal gates and resulting in the mass exodus of people from Zouga, a village in Burkina Faso. Non-food items were distributed to them at the end of the registration exercise. ADRA and NADMO officials were also present to support.
- The Government of Ghana through the Ghana Refugee Board in collaboration with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, rolled out a verification exercise and solution survey for all refugees and asylum seekers living in Ghana. The exercise for Egyeikrom and Ampain camp have been completed. The Team is yet to complete that for Krisan and Fetentaa Camps.

Solutions

- About 750 refugees in 3 camps have been engaged in sessions to help manage their expectations regarding resettlement as a durable solutions option given the very limited slots available for cases. Resource person for the session was Alex Ghikas, a Resettlement Expert from the Regional Resettlement Unit.
- 12 Togolese refugees residing in Aflao in the Volta Region of Ghana were on 12th April 2019 assisted to voluntarily return home. Officials of UNHCR Ghana escorted the refugees to the Aflao Border where they were received by the Deputy Interior Minister from Togo, officials of the Togo Refugee Board as well as UNHCR staff from Togo.

In another development, 40 Ivorian Refugees were also assisted to return to Cote d'Ivoire. In another development, 40 Ivorian refugees were also assisted to voluntarily return to their country of origin in March 2019.

Education

- The Ghana Education Service in the Berekum West District has organized a career guidance workshop for children preparing to write the Basic Education examinations scheduled for June this year. Nineteen candidates from the camp school in Fetentaa attended. Similar exercise was carried out for final year students preparing to write the BECE in the Western and Central region to adequately prepare them. Forty-two PoCs in the Western and Central Regions participated.

Livelihoods

- The Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA), through the Agricultural Engineering Services Directorate (AESD) and in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH has started a training course for prospective female tractor operators, female farm managers, female tractor owners and

female farmers at the Agricultural Mechanization Training Centre at Wenchi Farm Institute. Trainees, which includes 4 refugees from various camps, will undergo a 5-week tutorial session followed by three-month industrial internship with various commercial farms and other industry players specifically in the field of agricultural mechanization to enable them have enough practical field experience

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