

# Ghana

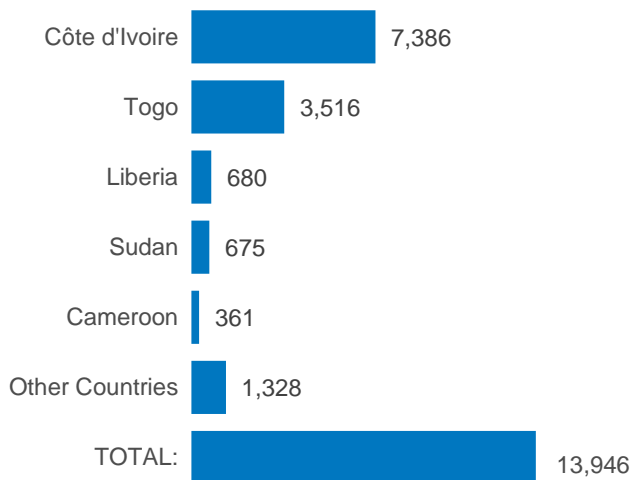
Jan/Feb 2021

Skills assessment exercise conducted for **259 new asylum seekers from Ivory Coast** above 18 years

Post-distribution monitoring exercise conducted to assess **the impact of cash-based interventions** on the socio-economic lives of beneficiaries.

**Learning materials distributed** to basic schools as new school year begins

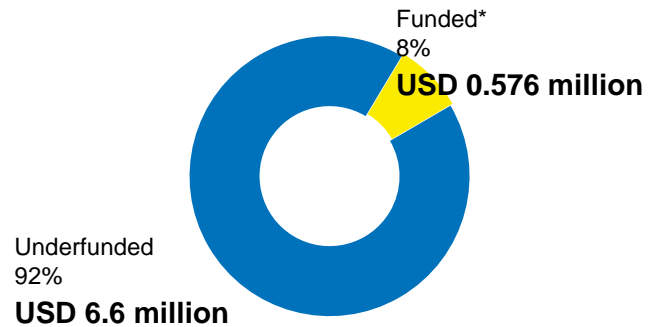
## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF DECEMBER 2020)



## FUNDING (AS AT FEBRUARY 2021)

**USD 7.2 million**

requested for the Ghana



\* The contributions earmarked for Ghana shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contribution. No contribution earmarked to the Ghana operation was received so far.

## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 31 National Staff
- 02 International Staff
- 07 UNOPS
- 01 Refugee Point Deployee

### Offices:

- 01 Country Office in Accra
- 01 Field Office in Takoradi



Open day interactions with new arrivals in Egyeikrom Camp. © UNHCR Ghana



A happy nursing mother who just received face masks for her family at Ampain Camp. © UNHCR/PFolley

## 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 expanded partnership opportunities with the Private Sector and other development partners.

## Main Activities

### Protection

- **Cash-based Intervention (CBI):** A post Distribution Monitoring exercise was conducted in all 4 camps and in one urban location at Aflao in the Volta Region to assess the impact of the intervention on the socio-economic lives of the beneficiaries who are largely vulnerable. It was also to ascertain challenges, draw lessons to inform programming and also to better improve on the service. Interviews were conducted with 95 randomly selected beneficiaries of CBI Basic Needs.
- **Urban Refugee Assistance:** Under the urban protection coordination, seventeen refugees in the urban areas (those not in camps) were supported with subsistence allowance to address urgent family and individual needs. Ninety children were also supported with school uniforms and educational materials to enhance their education after the reopening of schools.
- **Counselling:** UNHCR continues to provide on-the-phone and virtual counselling in line with the COVID-19 working protocols. A total of 56 Refugees were counselled and provided with the appropriate support within this period. Cases that require further attention were referred to partners for additional support.
- **Refugee Status Determination (RSD) Interviews:** The Government continues to implement virtual RSD interviews in accordance with the observance of the COVID-19 protocols. A total of 70 RSD interviews have been conducted so far between January and February 2021.

### Livelihoods

- Skills assessment and livelihood profiling exercises have been conducted for new asylum seekers from Ivory Coast who are above 18 years of age. The purpose of the exercise was to ascertain their interests, skills and career aspirations to enable UNHCR and other partners implementing livelihood programs to fashion out projects that would be useful for their self-reliance. A total of 259 persons were profiled in 3 camps.
- In a related development, livelihood open days were held for the new arrivals in Ampain, Egyeikrom and Fetentaa Camps. Officials from UNHCR and ADRA shared information about various livelihood projects implemented by ADRA, job opportunities in host communities among others. Asylum seekers also had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarifications about some of the projects and mode of implementation.
- A livelihood beneficiary endline survey for 2020 beneficiaries have been undertaken in all 4 camps. The survey is part of the enhanced monitoring tools introduced in 2017 by UNHCR to monitor output. Both in-camp and urban livelihoods beneficiaries who were surveyed for the baseline have been surveyed for the endline

obtaining various socio-economic information such as number of persons in household, household income, livelihood activities engaged in, how the assistance received has improved income and savings of persons of concern among others. In all 148 beneficiaries which included refugees and host community people participated in the survey.

- Under the UNHCR Ghana Mask for refugees' project, refugees from all the various camp locations and urban areas in Ghana have been receiving free face masks produced by refugees. All persons of concern above 5 years receive 3 reusable masks each to help with their compliance with the Covid-19 safety protocols.

### Education

- Basic and Senior High Schools across the country officially reopened on 18 January 2020 amidst concerns by some parents about the possible spread of Covid-19. A visit to the camp showed that majority of children from camp and host community have reported to school with new admissions in progress. UNHCR supported with the distribution of face masks to school children under the 'Masks for Refugees by Refugees' project. This was later enhanced with the supply of PPE by the Ghana Education Service through the District Education Office to all schools to help curb the spread of Covid-19 as part of a nationwide exercise.
- Distribution of learning materials begun in the Ampain camp a week after schools re-opened. As at the end of January, a total of 4,420 exercise books had been distributed. Other items distributed included mathematical sets, pens, rulers, pencils, erasers, sharpeners and drawing boards. These materials are expected to help the children in school. Distribution is still ongoing in other camps.
- Construction and rehabilitation of classrooms have started in Ampain, Egyeikrom, and Fetentaa. An ICT center is under construction at Krisan. Rehabilitation of the Junior High School blocks at Egyeikrom is in progress. These constructions when completed are expected to among others deal with overcrowding in the classrooms.

### Financial Information:

**UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.**

### EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS

**United States of America 3.5 million**

### SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS

**Germany 62.7 million | United States of America 46.8 million | United Kingdom 24.8 million | Denmark 14.6 million | Private donors Australia 11.4 million | Canada 10.2 million | Private donors USA 8.7 million | Private donors Japan 4.5 million | France 4 million | Private donors Germany 3.9 million | Spain 3.4 million | Ireland 3.3 million | Sweden 3 million | Private donors United Kingdom 2.6 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 2.5 million | Private donors Lebanon 2.1 million | and other donors**

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