



HIGHLIGHTS

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Refugee families were legally assisted

89

Naturalization new files were constituted

50

Birth registration books were produced for the community-based registration

7

Vulnerable families (first batch) benefited with the land ownership legalization

Population of concern

A total of **8572** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Senegal	8484
Cote d'Ivoire	21
Burundi	13
Sierra Leone	21
Others	33
Total	8572

Funding

Budget embedded in the ExCom approved budget of the Regional Office in Dakar

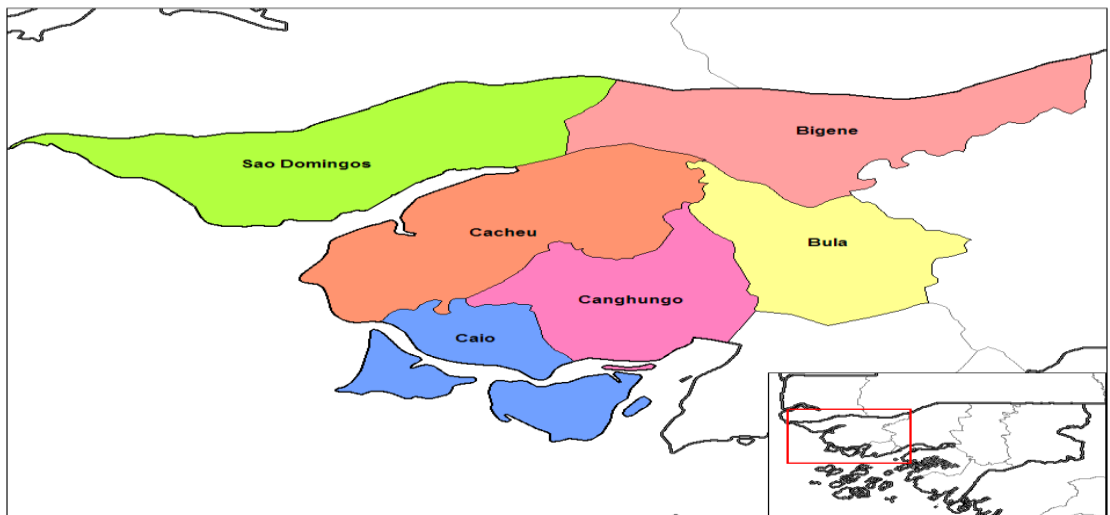
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

- 07 national staff
- 01 international staff,
- 02 United Nations Volunteers

Offices:

- 01 office located in:
Bissau



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR plays an active role in the UN Country team. The office contributes to joint efforts of the country team not only by bringing its financial contribution to common services but also by contributing to joint coordination efforts under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator. UNHCR Bissau actively participates in UNCT joint coordination bodies such as the Strategic Planning Group (SPG), the Operations Management Team, and thematic working groups (water and sanitation, human rights, HIV/AIDS, environment/water & sanitation, disaster prevention and management). Joint actions are undertaken on a yearly basis with FAO for the benefit of rural refugees and discussions on joint ventures with other organizations are underway.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- Civil registration: 50 birth registration books were produced and are ready to be sent to the villages for use. 20 civil registration officers were trained. These officers will be distributed across the five areas of asylum at the rural area covering around 70% of PoC. CNRD got additional funding from UNICEF in order to implement this pilot activity.
- Access to the land: 2 topographic missions were held and 7 land legalization files were concluded. Statistically, 7 vulnerable families/49 persons have documents attesting their ownership. Additional project was elaborated and funded by UNHCR (implementation CNRD) under Seed for Solutions Project scheme; it is expected to benefit 20 vulnerable refugee families.
- Rural refugee monitoring: Monitoring mission to village of Djendem was held in order to confirm the information about the resident refugee's spontaneous return to Casamance, Senegal. It was observed that only 6 families of 25 found during the last verification exercise still in place. The 6 families correspond to 29 persons of 81 living in Djendem.

Education

- 40 Pre-schooler children and host community of Tarreiro Village now equipped with benches.
- 40 teachers at refugee hosting villages strengthened their capacity on pedagogies of learning through UNHCR funded workshops.

Health

- 9 community are aware on hygiene and reproductive health through sensitization campaigns and distribution of posters;
- 7 refugees hosting villages have the motorcars to facilitate the evacuation of sick persons to central hospitals with cellphones for communication.

Food Security and Nutrition

- 40 Refugees and 10 Nationals from 5 different villages (Carabane, Sedengal, Tarreiro, Sancoma and Pelundo) are already to improve agriculture techniques after getting trained in Agriculture Techniques;
- The agriculture perimeter of 8 villages is fenced and 640 refugees and host community women from (Tarrero, Mandina, Sancoma, Caruei, Sedengal, Campada, Liman and Carabane) have now their space for cultivating.
- Refugee women and host community from villages of Djacumundo, Tarreiro, Sancoma, Arame, Liman, Djambam, Caruei, Campada and Carabane saw their physical efforts reduced through 9 wells for irrigation in their agriculture perimeters, 9 rice huskers and 3 palm oil presses.
- 9 agriculture perimeters from 9 communities have cultivate the sweet potato rope, corn horse through the partnership between UNHCR and FAO that's contribute to diversify the agriculture production in a zone.
- The rice seeds and peanut seeds are donated to the villages of Pelundo, Djambam, Aschelem, Erame and Sancoma to become secure in terms of food;
- 14 refugees from Djendem villages were trained on salt extraction.

Water and Sanitation

- 14 refugee hosting villages have now access to potable water through the availability of 14 boreholes for consumption.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- 18 persons from 9 villages (Sancoma, Carabane, Tarreiro, Pelundo, Papia, Djambam, Bachil, Djemdem and Bigene) are able to repair the rice huskers and basic repair after receiving training.
- 15 persons are cutting and sewing after receiving 20 days training and start up kits from villages of Sedengal, Carabane, Bigene, Djambam, Tarreiro, Pelundo e Caruai.
- 35 persons from Carabane, Sedengal, Tarreiro, Sancoma and Pelundo are now aware on leadership and basic accounting after receiving training.

Durable Solutions

- Meetings in order to inform and sensitize the main national authorities on durable solutions (challenges, opportunities/prospects) were held. In this respect, the Prime-Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Internal Administration and the Minister of Justice were met.
- Access to alternative status, nationality/permanent residence: 89 new processes for naturalization were constituted and sent to the competent authorities for analyses.
- 7 cases were identified and 4 of them were submitted for resettlement under women and girls at risk category.

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