



HIGHLIGHTS

Conference on the reduction of statelessness	Meetings with urban refugees in the maritime region	893 Students were assisted for the 2016-2017 academic year	The official launch of the agro-pastoral project.
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Population of concern

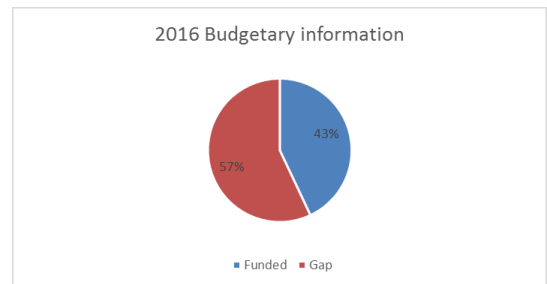
A total of **13812** people of concern

By country of origin

Togo	Total PoC
Ghana	9608
Cote d'Ivoire	2235
Central Africa Rep.	428
Other Countries	660
Asylum Seekers	881
Total	13812

Funding

USD 5,227,232 requested



1. UNHCR Presence

Staff:

- 17 national staff
- 02 international staff
- 01 international UNV
- 03 interns

Offices:

- 01 Representation office located in Lomé



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR works closely with the Government of Togo to improve the quality of asylum and enhance the search for durable solutions. To that aim, UNHCR signed a Sub-agreement with CNAR (*Coordination Nationale d'Assistance aux Réfugiés*) for protection and assistance aspects; UNHCR collaborate as well with the government eligibility committee, namely CNR (*Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés*) in order to improve the capacity of its members. With regard to providing assistance, UNHCR signed a Sub-agreement with ATBEF (*Association Togolaise pour le Bien-Etre Familial*), a national NGO which is the UNHCR main implementing partner. UNHCR jointly with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) developed and signed a memorandum of understanding to better address the needs of urban and rural refugees in three main fields: Reproductive health, SGBV and HIV/AIDS.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection Statelessness

Statelessness:

- A conference on statelessness was held in Lomé from October 18th to 20th to bring the Togolese government to make additional effort to meet the commitments made at the Abidjan conference regarding statelessness issues in Togo. Togo has not adherence to the two statelessness conventions. However, the government has appointed a national statelessness focal point in accordance with the commitment made at the Abidjan conference in 2015. This renewed interest in the issue observed recently should encourage UNHCR to vigorously pursue the already initiated advocacy work.

Durable Solutions:

- UNHCR Togo and its partners ATBEF and CNAR held discussion meetings throughout the month October with urban refugees in the maritime region. The discussions led by the Protection Officer focused mainly on durable solutions in preparation for the operation downsizing.

Local Integration

- The Official Launch of the agro-pastoral project to support the economic empowerment of refugees in Togo was held on October 28. The UNHCR Representative in Togo, Mrs. Mariam Diallo conducted the ceremony which was graced by government partners such as the Ministry of Social Action, Advancement of Women and Literacy and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Water. FAO and UNICEF Representatives were also present as members of United Nations System in Togo to show their support at this event. The agro-pastoral project initiated by UNHCR aim to support the Togolese government in finding durable solutions for refugees in Togo. Refugees will become more independent and will participate more in the development of their host country.



Education

■The 2016-2017 Academic year resumed on October 17. Parents received financial support and school kits to allow them send their children back to school. A total of 893 students from pre-school, primary and secondary school including 57 in kindergarten were assisted.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

The UNHCR Representative in Togo, Mrs. Mariam Diallo chaired a lunch debate at the Patio restaurant in Lomé on October 27, to communicate and exchange with government partners, the United Nations System in Togo and diplomatic representations, such as the US Embassy and the European Union on the agro-pastoral project initiated under the search for refugees' durable solutions in Togo.

■The monthly monitoring and evaluation mission of the partners' activities in northern Togo took place from 16 to 20 October in Tandjouare. The team held working sessions with partners and refugee committees at the Tandjouare camp and in Maproug. They also attended two days training program on small-scale poultry production organized for the pilot project beneficiaries. The project is progressing well, refugees intend to use the techniques learned during the training to improve their livestock production and thus reap the benefits to support themselves and their families.

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