

CONSOLIDATED REPORT # 8

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF IVORIAN REFUGEES

I – HIGHLIGHTS
15 to May 31 st, 2016



- Côte d'Ivoire has made undeniable progress since the crisis experienced in 2010. This real progress has incentivized many Ivorian refugees (around 300,000 people) to voluntarily repatriate to their country of origin.
- As of May 31, 2016, more than **256,404** refugees have returned to Côte d'Ivoire with approximately **16,072** people who returned home in 2016. There are still **44,249** Ivorian refugees in exile. These statistics indicate that the majority of the refugees displaced by the crisis have been repatriated as of today's date.
- The sensitization mission on voluntary repatriation voluntarily return refugees has begun to bear fruit both in Guinea, Ghana and Togo. Guinea has recently submitted return intentions for Conakry as well as for Kouankan II camp (07 persons in Conakry and 186 in Kouankan II camp). UNHCR Branch Office in Abidjan extended a letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting the approval for the opening of humanitarian corridors at the Sipilou/Guinea border for safe repatriation transport convoys to start taking place pending the formal reopening of borders.
- In June 2016, UNHCR will be organizing a cross border meeting in order to discuss the ongoing repatriation between Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire. Following six (6) months of joint activities between the two countries e believed that a mid-term review is timely in order to measure our performance and improve our repatriation operations and work on lessons learned from both sides.

A regional meeting on the repatriation of Ivoirian refugees is also planned to take place in Abidjan on 27, 28 and 29 of June 2016. The objective being to discuss, update and harmonize UNHCR approach/assistance about the return and remaining caseloads issues. It will also allow information sharing with relevant stakeholders on the situation of the Ivoirians in exile. All country representations in the sub-region that host Ivoirian refugees (Liberia, Guinea, Mali, Togo, Mauritania, Gambia), as well as UNHCR Regional office in Dakar, UNHCR Geneva desk, relevant governments officials, and main donors, are invited to take part..

- The American Government, through its Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration (PRM), has called for applications for reintegration projects in the area of returning Ivoirians from exiled countries amounting to \$2,500,000 for NGOs based in Côte d'Ivoire. The selection process has ended and WFP, SFCG, and DRC/IRC have been retained and granted the funding for reintegration activities in our areas of return. These funds should be available in the course of June 2016.

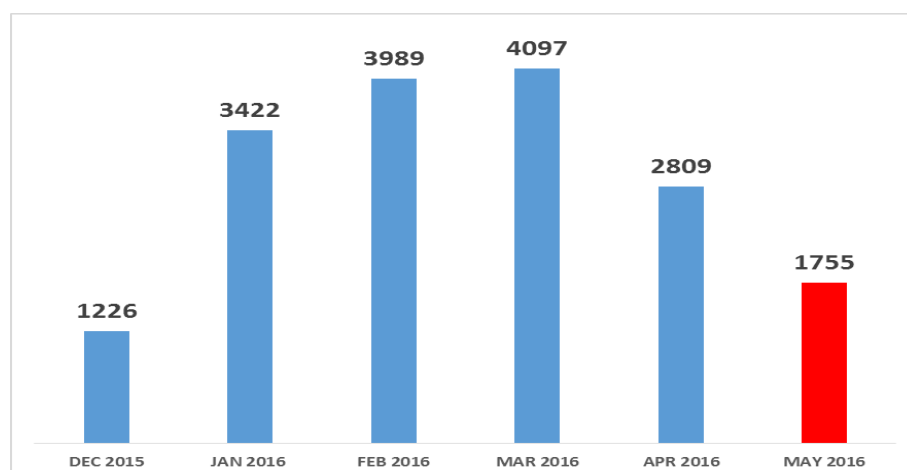
II - STATISTICS - 2016

II .1 – SUMMARY OF THE MONTH OF MAY 2016

GUIGLO				TABOU			
DATES	CONVOYS	PEOPLE	HOUSEHOLDS	DATES	CONVOYS	PEOPLE	HOUSEHOLDS
May 3, 2016	1	405	144	May 6, 2016	1	105	35
May 5, 2016	1	102	32	May 20, 2016	1	190	48
May 12, 2016	1	304	125	May 25, 2016	1	167	62
May 26, 2016	1	252	116				
May 31, 2016	1	226	63				
TOTAL GUIGLO	5	1289	480	TOTAL TABOU	3	462	145

TOTAL	CONVOYS	PEOPLE	HOUSEHOLDS
Liberia	8	1751	562
Sub-region	1	4	3
TOTAL	9	1755	565

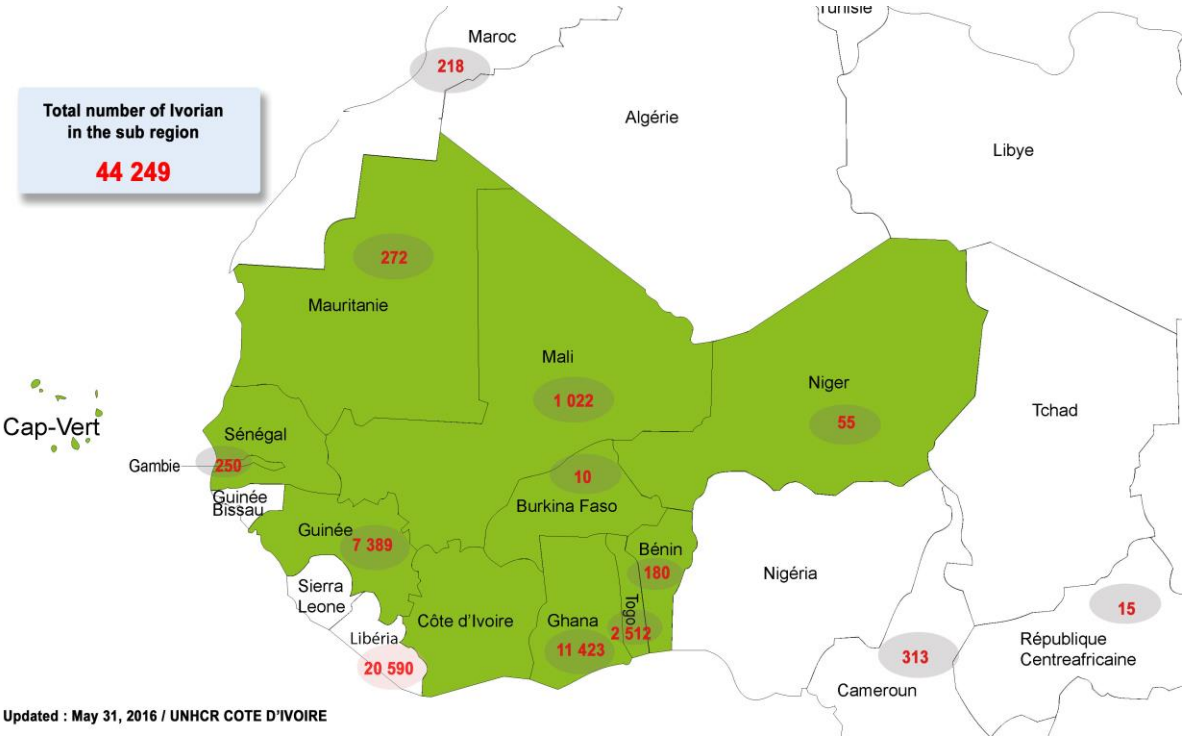
II .2 – MONTHLY SUMMARY





II.3 – REPATRIATION OF IVORIAN REFUGEES FROM COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

Countries of Asylum	Number of refugees	%
Liberia	20590	46.03%
Ghana	11423	25.26%
Guinea	7389	16.34%
Togo	2512	5.55%
Mali	1022	2.28%
Cameroon	313	0.70%
Mauritania	272	0.61%
Gambia	250	0.56%
Morocco	218	0.49%
Benin	180	0.40%
Niger	55	0.12%
CAR	15	0.03%
Burkina Faso	10	0.02%
Total	44 249	100.00%



III – MAJOR CHALLENGES

- Securing Guiglo and Tabou transit centers during the arrival days of convoys.
- Escorting refugees from transit centers to their final destinations.
- Low enrollment of Ivorian refugees from Ghana and Togo on voluntary repatriation lists. This rate will hopefully increase following the ministerial visit to the countries of Liberia and Ghana.
- Resource Mobilization from the Ivorian government and development agencies.
- The rainy season, which is a major challenge in the repatriation process for refugees living in the forest areas of Liberia and Guinea.
- A significant degradation of the roads on the Liberian side and the Ivorian side.
- Decrease in the number of refugee candidates for return. This is due to the beginning of the rainy season and farming activities.

TOTAL NUMBERS OF REPATRIATION :

December 2015 : **1226** people

1st of January to May 31, 2016 : **16 072** people

Total : 17 298 people



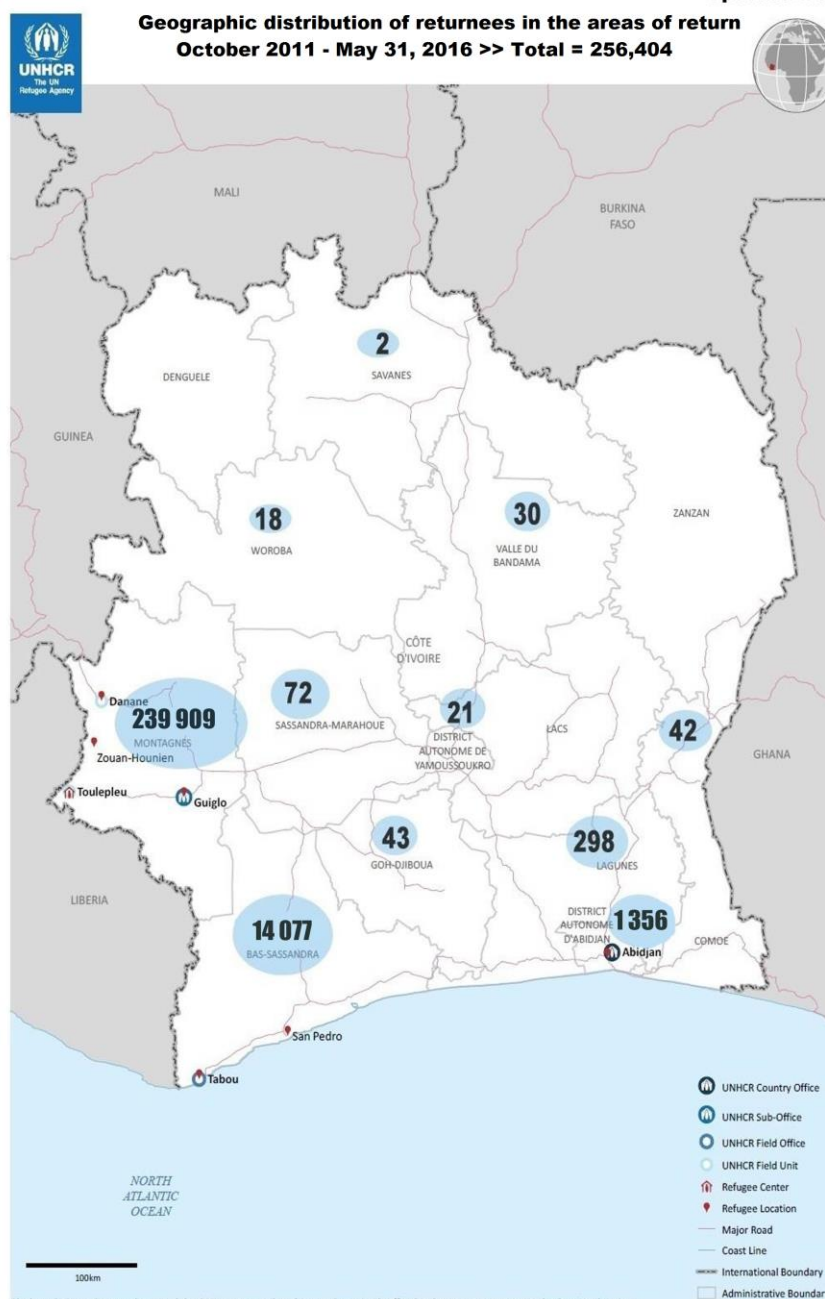
LIST OF PARTNERS IN THE REPATRIATION PROCESS



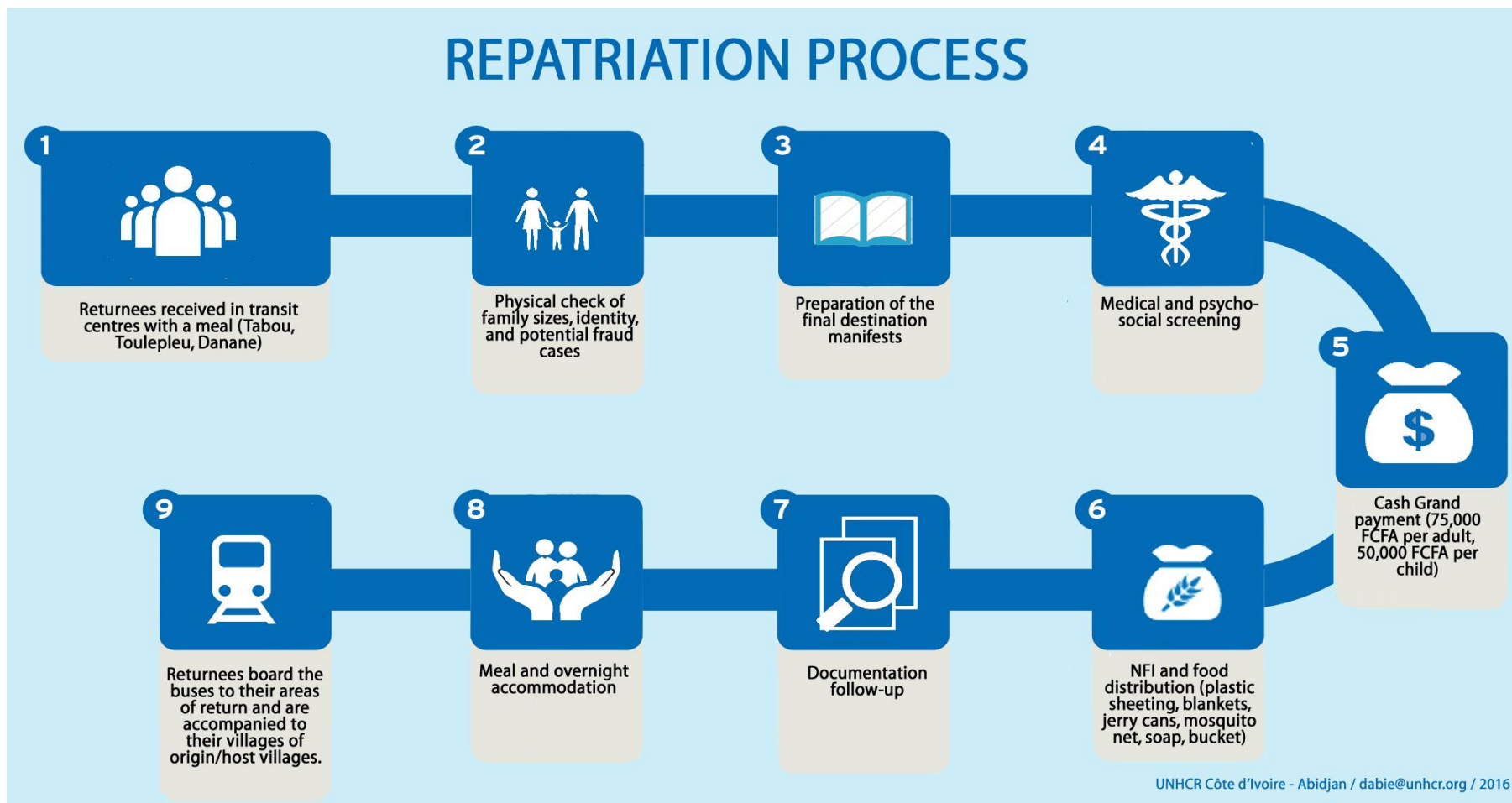
IV – REPATRIATION RETURN ZONES IN THE TERRITORY

Updated May 31, 2016

Geographic distribution of returnees in the areas of return
October 2011 - May 31, 2016 >> Total = 256,404



V – REPATRIATION PROCESS IN COTE D'IVOIRE



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