

Côte d'Ivoire

July 2017

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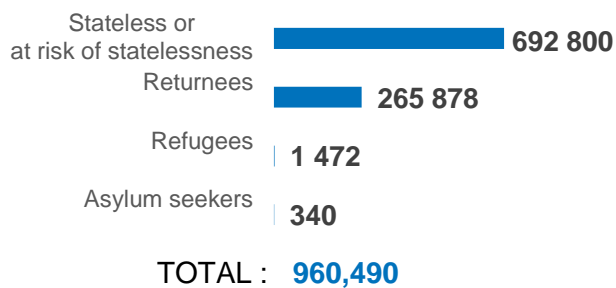
returns of Ivorian refugees facilitated in July 2017

Youth mobilization to raise awareness for **statelessness** during the 8th Francophone Games

Construction of **273 houses** as part of UNHCR's reintegration activities

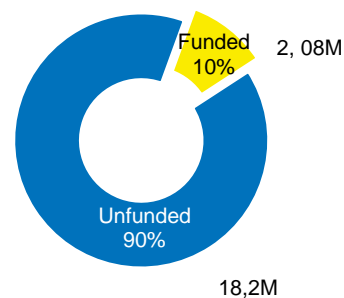
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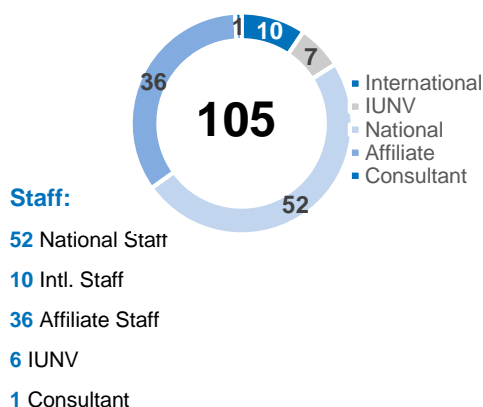


FUNDING (AS OF 31 JULY 2017)

requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



UNHCR PRESENCE



Offices:

- 1 Branch Office in **Abidjan**
- 1 Field Unit in **Tabou**
- 1 Sub Office in **Guiglo**



Activities - Highlights

Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

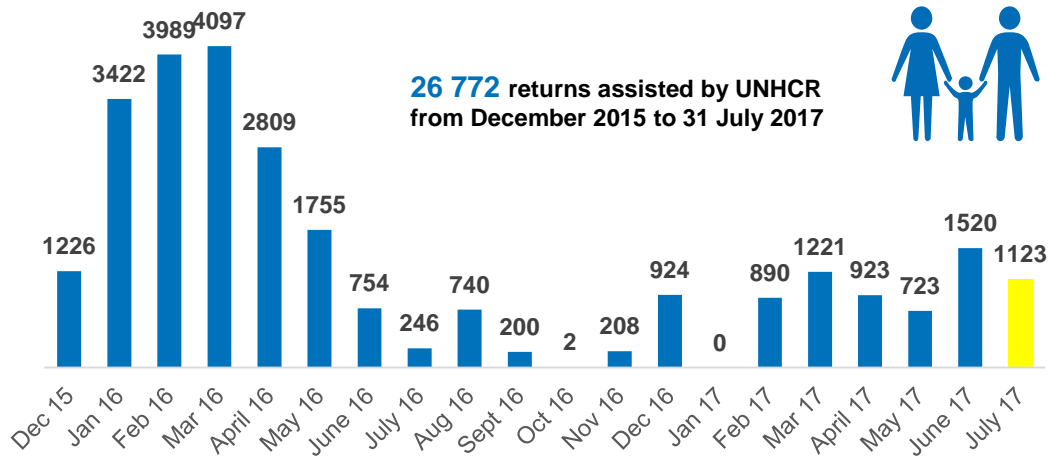
- Since 2015, a total of 26,772 Ivorian refugees have returned to their home country with support from UNHCR and its partners. The majority - 25,964 men, women and children - arrived from Liberia, while 812 returned from other countries such as Togo, Mali, Gambia and Senegal. In July 2017 alone, UNHCR facilitated 1,123 voluntary returns.



Arrival of a convoy at the transit center Toulepleu on 11 July 2017.

- On 12 July 2017, UNHCR welcomed a convoy of 92 Ivorian refugees from Mali at the “Zegoua” border, between Cote d'Ivoire and Mali. Since January 2017, a total of 196 people have returned from Mali through the UNHCR Voluntary Repatriation program.

Monthly Breakdown of Facilitated Returns since December 2015



Refugees

- After visiting the **transit center** run by ASAPSU in Marcory Anoumabo in the South of Abidjan, UNHCR’s protection staff recommended to reinforce the security of the center and to create a recreational space to strengthen the social cohesion among inhabitants and residents. The center has eight rooms with a total capacity of 38 people. It accommodates refugees with health problems, and is also used for repatriations as needed.
- UNHCR, together with its partners SAARA and ASAPSU, continues to facilitate the administrative process for refugees and asylum seekers through a **one-stop shop in Abidjan**, launched in January 2017. At the shop, refugees can seek support regarding questions related to education,

repatriation, health and Income Generating Activities (IGAs) as well as issues related to protection and security concerns. In July 2017, over 140 people solicited the shop for various reasons.

Reintegration Activities (Highlights)

- **Social Cohesion.** UNHCR continued its awareness-raising campaign on social cohesion and peaceful conflict resolution. The fourth out of six participatory theater workshops planned in 2017 was held in Gatouo, in the West of Cote d'Ivoire. It addressed the causes and consequences of land disputes and encouraged non-violent solutions.
- **Shelter.** The selection of beneficiaries for a UNHCR-funded shelter project has been completed. A total of 273 houses will be constructed in different localities in the West and South-West of Cote d'Ivoire. UNHCR's implementing partner Caritas has set up shelter committees and started distributing construction toolkits to the beneficiaries.
- **Rehabilitation.** The construction and rehabilitation of classrooms in Zeagle, Tuambly and Doualeu is ongoing. The rehabilitation of a health center in Diboke is about to be completed.

Resettlement

- As part of the resettlement process in Tabou, 28 cases of 86 refugees have been submitted for resettlement and are currently awaiting the decision of the resettlement countries. The identification of new cases for possible resettlement is ongoing.

Gender Based-Violence (GBV)

- Theater plays in Glangleu and Petit Guiglo in the South West addressed the causes and consequences of Gender Based Violence among the population. Particular focus was put on the sexual abuse of minors.

Statelessness

- UNHCR, along other organizations, is actively engaging with the "NGO coalition to combat statelessness" to enhance the coordination among non-state actors and thus tackle the issue of statelessness more efficiently. In July 2017, the coalition adopted its charter, elected auditors and chose the NGO "Association des Femmes Juristes" to chair the coalition during the first year.
- Together with the legal clinic of Guiglo, UNHCR animated two radio shows with the objective of raising awareness for birth registration and statelessness. The shows were aired on local and regional radio channels.
- During the 8th edition of the Francophone Games, which were held in Abidjan from 21 to 30 July 2017, UNHCR mobilized a group of 50 young supporters to draw attention to the risk of statelessness. At the same occasion, UNHCR animated a stand, together with other UN agencies, to sensitize visitors to HIV/AIDS.



Awareness-raising for HIV/AIDS (stand) and the fight against statelessness (group mobilization) during the 8th Francophone Games.
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