

# Cote d'Ivoire

August 2017

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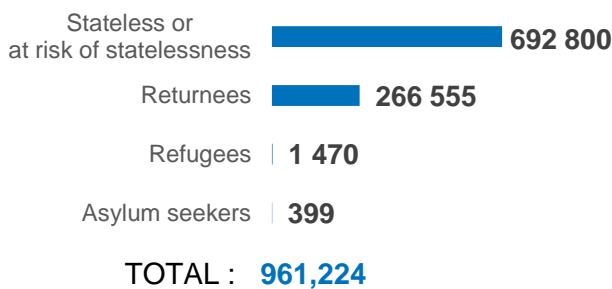
returns of Ivorian refugees were facilitated in August 2017

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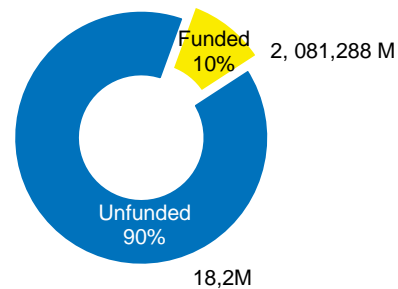
## POPULATION OF CONCERN :

### Côte d'Ivoire



## FUNDING (AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017)

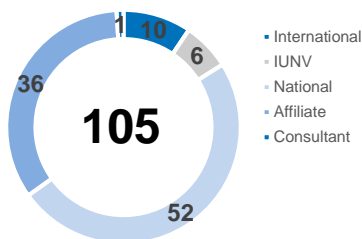
requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



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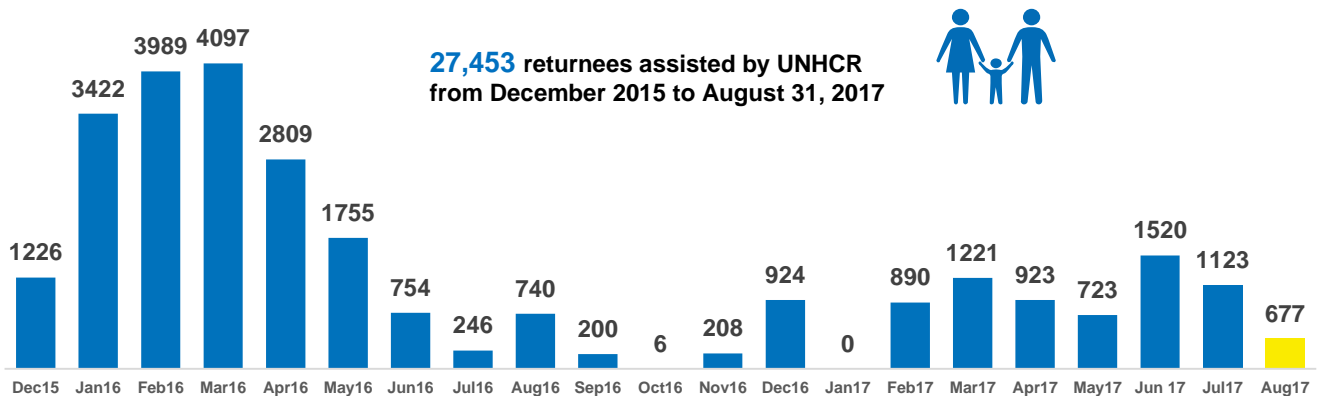
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# Main Activities

## Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

- Since 2015, a total of 27,453 Ivorian refugees have returned with support from UNHCR and its partners, 26,397 of whom from Liberia and 1,056 from other countries such as Togo, Mali, Gambia and Senegal. In August 2017 alone, UNHCR facilitated 677 voluntary returns.
- Since January 2017, a total of 380 Ivoirians have been able to return from Mali, 58 from Togo, 29 from Guinea, 12 from Ghana, 7 from Gambia and 7 from Senegal to Cote d'Ivoire through the UNHCR Voluntary repatriation program.

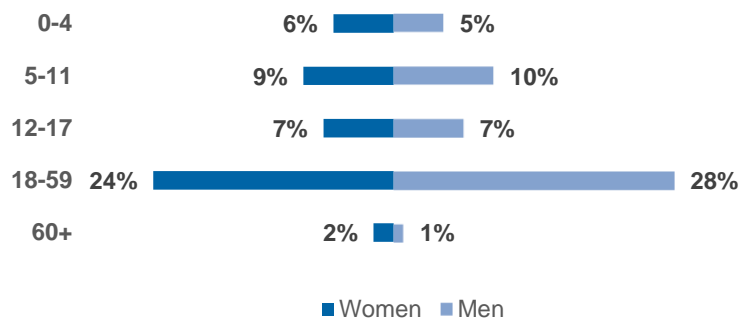
### Monthly breakdown of returns facilitated by UNHCR from December 2015 to August 31, 2017



## Refugees

- **One-Stop Shop:** 28 refugees of various nationalities (RCA, Liberia, Rwanda, DRC, Congo Brazza and South Sudan) were assisted during this reporting period, including 8 women and 20 men, as well as one Ivorian returnee. Assistance was provided in terms of education, social, financial, medical and protection.
- 15 resettlement cases (2 in Abidjan; 5 in Guiglo; 8 in Tabou / San Pedro) previously submitted to the UNHCR Regional office in Dakar are still being processed at this time. Also, various interviews with refugees in order to update their resettlement files were conducted during this month.

### Breakdown of refugees in Côte d'Ivoire by age and sex



### Reintegration activities

#### ▪ Social Cohesion

01 awareness campaign on Social cohesion and resolution of conflicts was organized in Guiamapleu through participatory theater; "The causes and consequences of land conflicts" and "alternatives to violence in the event of conflict" were the chosen themes.

#### ▪ Shelter Project

205 households were selected in the departments of Bloléquin, Zouan Hounien and Danané for the shelter project. These households selected among the most vulnerable in 23 localities of these three departments have already received construction toolkits. During this month, UNHCR implementing partner *Caritas* has begun the construction in Bloléquin. 06 shelters have their foundations completed at this stage in Keibly and Douandrou.

#### ▪ Rehabilitation / Construction

The construction of a classroom in Zeaglo and 2 other classrooms in Doualeu are ongoing at this time while the health center in Diboke is being finished. The rehabilitation of the Diboke (Guiglo) Health Center has been completed meanwhile construction on the Bohobly's maternity center has resumed.

#### ▪ Education

The rehabilitation and/or construction of schools in the department of Bloléquin and Goulaleu is currently ongoing; 65.66% of the work has been completed at this time.

### 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 continues.

### Statelessness

- As part of the identification process, the Protection Field Assistants in Tabou were able to identify 69 people at risk of statelessness during this month. These cases are being reviewed

by the Stateless unit at this time.

- The SAARA (Service d'Aide et Assistance aux Réfugiés et aux Apatrides) handed over 35 late birth certificates to the 2016 applicants.
- At the end of August, a workshop was held in Yamoussoukro (political capital) on reforming the legal and institutional framework for civil status and identification. The main objective of this workshop was to examine the texts governing civil status and identification and eventually update the existing legal and institutional framework.
- UNHCR was invited to the official presentation of a film on statelessness funded by PBSO (Peace Building Fund) entitled "*Declarons nos enfants*", the ceremony was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abidjan, Plateau.



*"Declarons nos enfants"* film projection – 16 August, Abidjan. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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