

# Liberia

## April 2018

**32** Education staff supported by UNHCR in Bahn High Extension School, Tchien Public School and Little Wlebo Extension Elementary School

**407** Birth certificates have been shared with refugee parents from January-April 2018

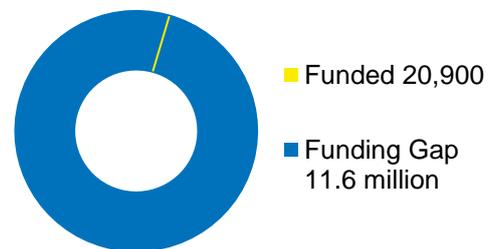
**11,263** Total number of refugees remaining in Liberia

### POPULATION OF CONCERN: 11,261

By country of origin

Cote d'Ivoire refugees	<b>10,793</b>
Various nationality refugees	<b>63</b>
Asylum seekers	<b>33</b>
Others of Concern (protracted Sierra Leonean refugees)	<b>374</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11,263</b>

### FUNDING (AS OF APRIL 2018) requested for the Liberia Operation



### UNHCR PRESENCE



#### Offices

1 Branch Office in Monrovia  
 1 Sub Office in Zwedru

#### Staff

50 National Staff  
 13 International Staff

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## CONTEXT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Liberia experiences an increase in cases of homicide**
  - According to reports, April 2018 has recorded 14 incidents of homicide across Liberia, including a reporter, mostly committed by youth population. The majority of the incidents occurred in Monrovia, where there is a high presence of police. Law enforcement agencies have arrested and charged some of the culprits.
- **UN Security Council renews support for Liberia**
  - On 19 April 2018, the United Security Council (UNSC) renewed its commitment to support the peace process in Liberia. The UNSC made the renewed commitment following its final meeting about security situations in the country.
  - The Council also received the final report of the Secretary General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia. Presenting the report, Assistant Secretary General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Alexander Zuev, described the moment as a historic milestone.
  - Zuev urged partners to remain engaged in efforts to finalise and implement the national development agenda, which will align with the Sustainable Development Goals.

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR works with the Government of Liberia through the **Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC)** and provides funding to **African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD)** and **Special Emergency to Restore Children's Hope (SEARCH)**.

These two NGOs provide protection and assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, including gender and child protection; education; infrastructure/ shelter, WASH; and livelihood activities.

- UNHCR Liberia signed the remaining 2 Project Partnership Agreements (PPAs) with SEARCH and LRRRC. The amended PPA with AIRD was also signed.
- UNHCR, LRRRC and AIRD took part on Cash Based Interventions training. The 49 participants included staff working in Monrovia, Zwedru, Saclepea and Harper. CBI modalities are being considered as part of the local integration strategy for refugees wishing to stay in Liberia.

## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Zwedru (Grand Gedeh) and Harper (Maryland)**
  - During the reporting period, UNHCR Liberia Representative, Madam Fatima Mohammed, and LRRRC Executive Director, Reverend Festus R. Logan, visited both PTP Camp in Zwedru (Grand Gedeh) and Little Wlebo Camp in Harper (Maryland), where they met refugees and their leadership.
  - In PTP Camp, the UNHCR-LRRRC joint mission visited local integration projects, including a women empowerment project supported by SEARCH with funding from the US Government, and shared key information on the local integration process.
  - In Harper, UNHCR and LRRRC met with the Development Superintendent and Admin Assistant, and discussed the local integration of refugees wishing to remain in Liberia. Fish Town, Rock Town, Middle Town and Little Wlebo Village agreed to enable the use of the land where Little Wlebo Camp is established for local integration purposes. UNHCR Representative commended the government's negotiating role in this key achievement.



(L and R) UNHCR Liberia Representative and LRRRC Executive Director meet with the refugee leadership of PTP Camp. ©UNHCR



(L) UNHCR Liberia Representative and LRRRC ED visit an achieke project lead by 60 refugee women. (R) UNHCR and LRRRC joint mission in Tchien Public School. ©UNHCR

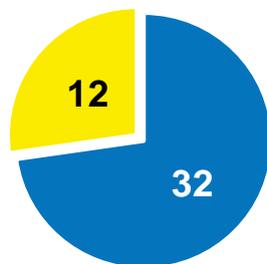
## LOCAL INTEGRATION

### EDUCATION TRANSITION

#### ■ Monrovia (Montserrado)

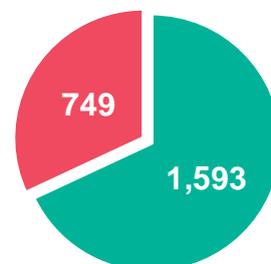
- On 19 April 2018, UNHCR Representative met with the Minister of Education (MoE), Professor Ansu Sonii, who agreed to retain the teachers placed on the government payroll.
  - UNHCR is currently supporting the payment of 32 teachers, while there are 12 teachers in the government payroll.

**Teachers paid by the government and by UNHCR in Bahn, PTP and Little Wiebo.**



- Supported by UNHCR
- Supported by the government

**Students enrolled in schools in the three camps: Bahn, Little Wiebo, PTP.**



- Ivorian Refugees
- Liberian Nationals

- **Zwedru (Grand Gedeh)**

- The County Education Officer (CEO), LRRRC and UNHCR visited the education infrastructures in PTP Camp. The CEO was satisfied with the renovation of classrooms and requested additional renovations in the teacher's quarters before the formal handover of all education infrastructures.

**HEALTH AND WASH TRANSITION**

- **Harper (Maryland)**

- Expanded programme on Immunization: 53 children were immunized and 384 households in Little Wlebo Camp (LWC) received mosquito treated nets, distributed by Plan International on behalf of the Government of Liberia (GoL).

**ALTERNATIVE TO CAMPS**

- **All locations**

- In line with the Alternative to Camps (ATC) policy, discussions are ongoing with the government in all locations in view to establish land allocated to refugees and their host communities for agricultural purposes and eventual transformation of the camps into village settlements. Positive recommendations have been received from the government.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

**Protection****Monrovia (Montserrado)**

- UNHCR Representative met with the House Chair on Relief, Repatriation and Readjustment, Hon. Lawrence Morris, to discuss issues related to the passage of key legislations aimed at addressing situations affecting persons of concern.
  - Central instruments discussed were the 1993 Refugee Act, the 1973 Alien and Nationality Law and the Statelessness Action Plan.



(L-R) Attendees to the meeting:  
LRRRC PI Officer, Samuel David;  
LRRRC ED, Rv. Festus Logan;  
UNHCR Liberia Representative,  
Fatima Mohammed;  
Hon. Lawrence Morris;  
LRRRC Project Officer, Sayoom  
Tubman. ©UNHCR

- Eight Liberian passports were sent to Nigeria for Liberians living there.
- UNHCR participated in the consultative meetings on the Spotlight Initiative, a global, multi-year initiative focused on eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls initiated by the EU and the UN. Attendees reviewed the objectives and outcomes of the initiative.
  - Participants included Civil Society Organizations, government officials and focal persons of the UN Joint programme to prevent and Respond to Sexual and Gender Based Violence.
- UNHCR conducted a verification exercise targeting the 374 former Sierra Leonean refugees living in Monrovia to verify their current situation. 95 families of 323 individuals were verified, while 11 families of 35 individuals were no show and 5 death cases were recorded.



## **Child Protection**

### Zwedru (Grand Gedeh)

- During the reporting period, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, with the support of UNHCR, distributed 60 births certificates in PTP Camp.