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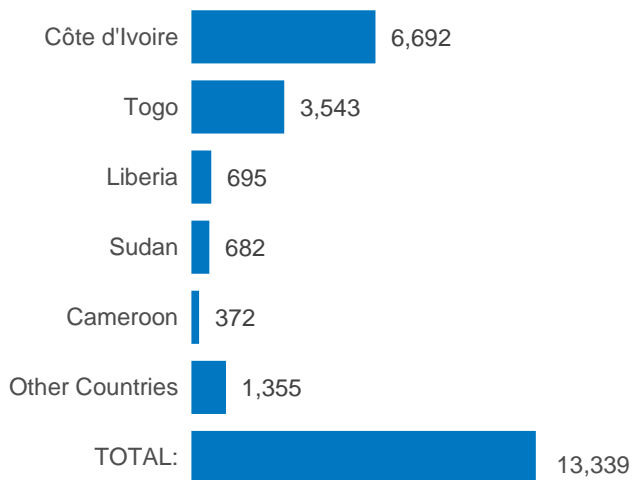
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UNHCR donates to District and Municipal Health facilities in communities hosting refugees in Ghana as part of efforts supporting gov't to battle covid19

117 POCs to benefit from government support project to micro, small and medium enterprises

Public education intensifies to ensure POCs have adequate information on Covid-19 and how to prevent it

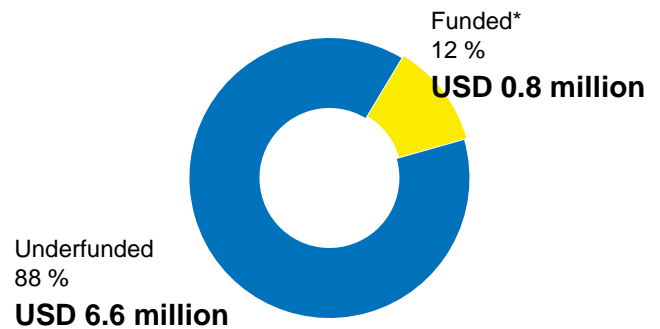
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FUNDING (AS OF 29 APRIL 2020)

USD 7.4 million

requested for the Ghana operation's comprehensive needs



* The contributions earmarked for Ghana shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contribution. No contribution earmarked to the Ghana operation was received so far.

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A refugee practising good hand hygiene at one of the hand washing stations in the Egyekrom Camp



Some participants at the workshop on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

Working with Partners

- **Government Partners:** The Ministry of the Interior, the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB), and other relevant government departments and ministries such as Ghana Education Service, Ghana Health Service, Ghana Immigration Service, Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice, and Ghana Police Service to mention a few.
- **Partners:** Christian Council of Ghana (CCG), National Catholic Secretariat (NCS) and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).
- **UN Agencies:** UNFPA, IOM, UNAIDS and UNICEF.
- **Private Sector Partnerships:** UNHCR Ghana is exploring expanded partnership opportunities with the Private Sector and other development partners.

Main Activities

Protection

- UNHCR Ghana donated some personal protective equipment and other items to District and Municipal Health facilities in refugee camps and communities hosting refugees in Ghana. The objective is to strengthen the country's response and prevention efforts at the district levels in combatting the covid-19 pandemic. Items included surgical masks, examination gloves, disposable bed sheets, disinfectants, hospital beds, alcohol-based hand sanitizers and dispensers and 'veronica buckets' for hand-washing.
- In early March, a workshop was held on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) for Partners and refugee leaders in Ampain, Krisan and Egyeikrom refugee camps. The objective was mainly to inform participants of the standards of conduct as listed by the UN Secretary General as well as to build their capacity to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse while rendering services to persons of concern. Participants included staff from the Ghana Refugee Board, Camp Management and Camp Clinic staff, ADRA, Ghana Police Service, Fire Service and the Department of Social Welfare. Some teachers from various refugee camps and hosting areas also participated in the workshop.
- To help educate POCs on COVID-19 and prevent the spread of the disease, UNHCR shared relevant information and educational materials with POCs in all camps

Health

- As part of measures to reduce the spread of covid19, hand-washing stations have been made available at vantage points within all refugee camps to facilitate regular hand washing with soap under running water which is one of the ways in helping reduce the spread of the virus. 'Veronica buckets' have also been strategically placed at the entrance to all the camps to ensure all visitors to the camp properly sanitize before entry.
- Staff from the Ghana Health Service (KEEA Constituency) and Environmental Protection Agency have been embarking on sensitization activities in Egyeikrom camp to educate the population on the prevention of COVID-19 and ensure compliance of the COVID-19 protocols in the camp. This is done through daily radio announcements by health staff supported by the Environmental Officer, Sanitation Volunteers and NEWAT PoC assigned to the radio room in the camp.

Livelihoods

- In line with fighting the global pandemic (COVID-19) by delivering much needed locally manufactured sanitation products to the market, the National Board for Small Scale Industries in partnership with MasterCard Foundation's Young Africa Works in collaboration with the Food and Drugs Authority, Access Bank and

UNICEF are creating opportunities for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises and potential entrepreneurs in the sanitation sector to start, grow and formalize their businesses. The project seeks to provide support for business registration and product licenses and certification acquisition with the relevant authorities as well as skills training for start-ups interested in sanitation related products. 5 Persons of Concern have applied to benefit from this initiative.

- Various camp-based trade/livelihood associations as well as a few from the urban areas were in April 2020 introduced to the National Board for Small Scale Industries to be included in a government support project for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. In all, 8 groups (with a total of about 177 PoCs) comprising soap makers, gari processors, attieke producers, dressmakers, crop farmers and micro-live stock farmers were included. This intervention of economic inclusion is expected to boost economic activities of PoCs and improve their livelihood outcomes within the national system.

Solutions

- Within the reporting period, 15 POCs requested to for voluntary repatriation to Cote d'Ivoire but due to closure of borders by the President as part of measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, those requests have been put on hold until such time that the borders are opened to allow for movement.

Community Services

Soap was distributed to all PoCs in the camp; a total of 968 persons received 400 grams each. The decision to increase the cakes of soap supply was for PoCs to have adequate soap during this period of the pandemic. Social distancing measures were put in place during the distribution. A total of 7,744 pieces of soap were distributed.

Education

- 148 textbooks were distributed to SHS students in Ampain. The textbooks covered core subjects such as Mathematics, English, Integrated Science and Social Studies As well as Elective subjects covering various subjects. Plans are underway to procure more subjects textbooks based on the elective subjects to be distributed to first year students
- As part of response efforts towards the covid-19 pandemic, UNHCR Ghana is deploying 350 e-readers procured from Worldreader to be used in the camp and host communities to enhance literacy skills of children. In addition to this, 20 television sets are being procured to enable refugees have access to distance learning in line with government strategy. Twenty refugee volunteer teachers in 3 camps and four DAFI students in Krisan will be assisting as facilitators for the sessions.

Financial Information

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