

# Côte d'Ivoire

June 2019

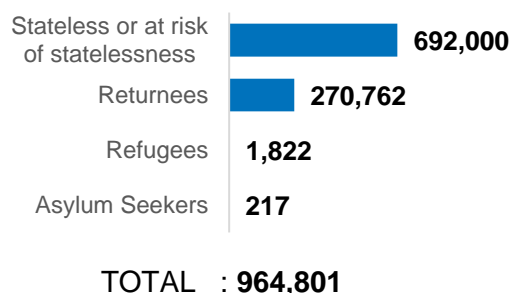
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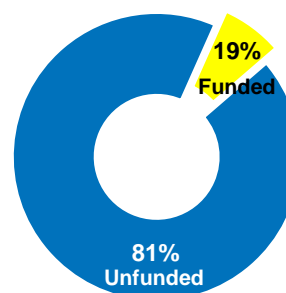
## POPULATION OF CONCERN :

### Côte d'Ivoire



## FUNDING (AS OF 24 JUNE 2019)

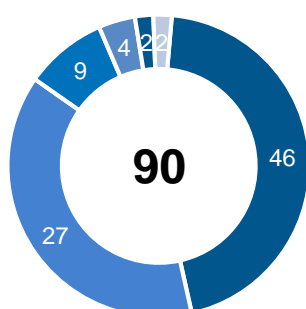
**19.6M USD** requested for the Côte d'Ivoire situation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 46 National Staff
- 27 National UNV
- 09 International Staff
- 04 IUNV
- 02 Interns
- 02 Consultant



### UNHCR office:

- 1 Branch Office in **Abidjan**
- 1 Sub Office in **Guiglo**



## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire works in close partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, *Caritas-CI*, *World Food Program (WFP)*, the *United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV)* and *Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI)*.

# MAIN ACTIVITIES

## Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

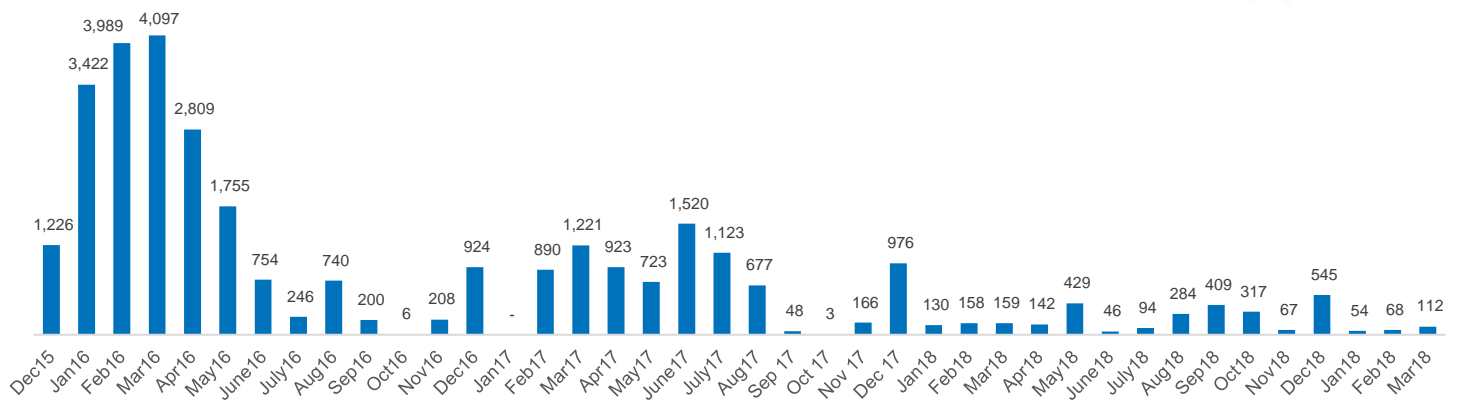
- VolRep Recap – June 2019.

Date	CoA	Total Assisted	Returnees	Household	NoC*
Thursday, June 06, 2019	Benin	7	7	0	1
Thursday, June 13, 2019	Liberia	163	151	12	37
Wednesday, June 19, 2019	Liberia	79	79	0	34
Thursday, June 25, 2019	Ghana	66	66	0	37
<b>TOTAL UP TO JULY 1st ,2019</b>		<b>315</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>109</b>

\* NoC (Not of Concern) refers to returnees relatives accompanying their Ivorian families

- From January 31- June 1, a total of **1076** Ivorian refugees were repatriated with the support of UNHCR.
- Come and tell missions were carried out at Zwedru and Janzon in Libéria from 24 -26 and from 26-27 in Togo.
- June 19, a convoy of **79** Ivorian refugees from Liberia was welcomed in Toulepleu, marking the return of the **1000<sup>th</sup>** returnee since the beginning of the year.

## Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019



### Joint mission of the German embassy, UNDP and UNHCR

- A joint high-level mission visited from 12 -15 June, the achievements of the reintegration and social cohesion projects, funded by the German Embassy in favor of displaced/returnees in Tabou. The objective of this mission was to assess the results achieved and the project's contributions to the social and economic reintegration of returnees and host communities in the areas of return. It involved all stakeholders in the implementation of the project; **Ministry of Solidarity, Social Cohesion and Poverty-Alleviation** , **German Embassy, UNDP, UNHCR, DAARA, ONP**, implementing partners, administrative authorities, elected officials and managers in the region.
- June 13, marked the voluntary repatriation of 151 Ivorian refugees from the Liberia to Prolo (Tabou department). The returnees were welcomed by Minister Mariatou Koné, UNHCR officials, the German Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire, UNPD and Tabou's administrative and political authorities.



The Joint mission delegation at the prefecture of Tabou (left) and at Prolo to welcome the 151 Ivorian refugees Photo ©Daouda Guirou UNHCR

### World Refugees Day

Côte d'Ivoire, in line with the international community recalled the World Refugees Day through the theme “with refugees” on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>. In this respect, activities were carried out in Abidjan, Guiglo, Toulepleu and San-Pedro

- Some of UNHCR staff members undertook a 28km cycling as part of #StepWithRefugees challenge on the 09<sup>th</sup>;
- A football match was held between Policemen, Refugees and UNHCR and partners on the 15<sup>th</sup>;
- Prevention campaign against violence towards children was conducted from 17-20 in Guiglo and on social cohesion in San-Pedro;
- On the 19<sup>th</sup>, a convoy of 79 Ivorian refugees from Liberia was welcomed in Toulepleu, marking the return of the **1000<sup>th</sup>** returnee since the beginning of the year;
- On the 20<sup>th</sup>, the WRD was celebrated in Toulepleu, in presence of 300 people amongst which the 1000<sup>th</sup> repatriated person from Liberia, the Resident Representative of UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire, Prefectural, Municipal and village authorities. Simultaneously, refugees were being celebrated at the University of Cocody in Abidjan in presence of General Secretary of The Ministry of Foreign affairs, the Deputy Representative of UNHCR, partners and other eminent personalities.



Refugees taking a walk accompanied by a brass band on the 20 in Abidjan (left). ©F.Haidara UNHCR

Photo frame for the WRD celebration in Toulepleu with Mrs. .Klagnon Kpahou, 1000<sup>th</sup> returnee (right). ©D.Guirou UNHCR

### Distribution of nationality certificates

On June 21 a symbolic ceremony was held to hand over Ivorian Nationality certificates to **20 children (15 foundlings and 05 abandoned orphans)** in the orphanage yard of "Tomorrow's Hope" in Daloa. The ceremony was presided by the Prefect of the Haut-Sassandra Region, Prefect of the Daloa Department, in the presence of the UNHCR Representative in Côte d'Ivoire.



Issuance of nationality certificates in Daloa., at Tommorrow's hope orphanage © Daouda Guirou, UNHCR

## Refugees

- 03 refugees, 1 in Daloa and 2 in Danané, were granted funding as part of their projects for empowerment.
- 5 refugees in Tabou were granted food aid.
- 22 people received up to 80% to 100% in medical assistance in the localities of Tabou and Danané.

## Reintegration

- 85 household-chiefs selected for shelters and 67 members of shelter committees were trained in basic shelter construction techniques.
- 07 beneficiaries and 10 members of 02 shelter committees were trained on basic shelter construction techniques in two localities of Tabou. Additionally, they received construction material and 02 committees sheltered tool kits composed of wheelbarrows, picks and shovels in two localities of Tabou.
- 01 grouping for cassava production in Binhouyé and an association of people for women's hairdressing in Goulaleu have been selected to benefit an IGA development support, aiming at their empowering and the strengthening their livelihoods.
- 14 repatriated household chiefs, People with Special Needs (09 women and 05 men) were selected, including 11 in Abidjan and 03 in Aboisso, to discuss on the real needs of their IGAs to be implemented.
- **Training**
  - The Carpentry, Plumbing and Electricity programs are at the theoretical course level.
  - The Sewing, Hairdressing and IT programs are at the practical course level.
  - The literacy programme started with 46 learners including those from other training programmes.

## Statelessness

- **Identification**
  - During the reporting period, a total number of **298** persons at risk of statelessness were identified and registered in the localities of Transua, Odiene, Touba, Meagui, Danané, Zouan-Hounien, Bolequin, Sassandra and Man.
  - **76** persons were referred to competent entities for the preparation of their documents (supplementary judgment and certificate of nationality).
- **Prevention**
  - **457** persons attended awareness-raising meetings on statelessness, nationality and the importance of birth declaration in Touba, Soubre and Odiene.
  - Mass awareness-raising campaign on statelessness and civil status were carried out in the localities of Tanda, Korhogo, Sandegue and Bondoukou with a total participation of **3190** persons.
  - **850** persons were sensitized on SGBV and marital assault through a puppet show in Bolequin and Ranouinke.
  - **250** persons were sensitized on social cohesion through a participatory puppet play on the World Refugees Day at Toulepleu.
  - Awareness outreach campaigns reaching **220** persons were conducted in Tanda, Doropo, Bondoukou and Korhogo.

## ■ Reduction

- Birth certificates were handed to 9 foundlings at Abobo sos village and 52 supplementary judgments were delivered to children at risk of statelessness at Bedy Goazon.

## Communication

- UNHCR Protection Assistants took part to several radio broadcast on non-declaration of births and its consequences.
- 08 members working at Zuenoula radio benefited of a training on statelessness.
- Dialogue with the community leaders of Sogaleu, Diamanpleu and Dongouiné (Danané) took place in order to set up protection committees to address statelessness.
- During a mission to Soubre, UNHCR protection staff exchanged with the Honorary Consul of Burkina Faso, the Presiding judge of the court, DAARA and AFJCI partners, as well as the heads of the High Council of Mali and the Compassion Esther orphanage.

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