

# Ghana

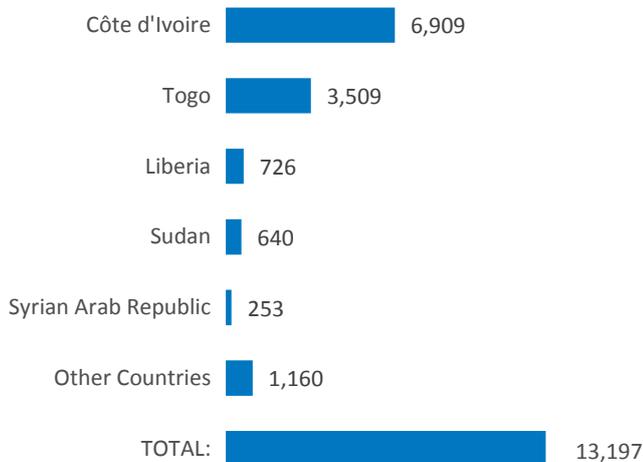
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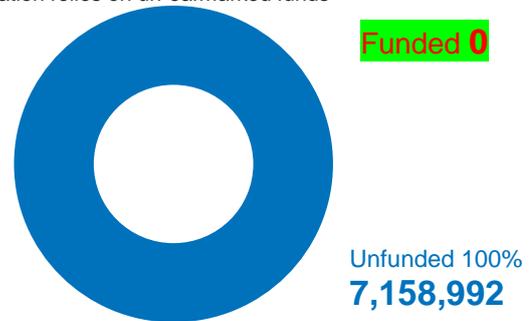
## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS AT FEBRUARY 2019)



## FUNDING (AS AT FEBRUARY 2019)

**USD 7,158,992**

requested for the Ghana situation. 0 % funded means that the operation relies on un-earmarked funds



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 31 National Staff
- 03 International Staff
- 07 UNOPS
- 03 Interns

### Offices:

- 01 Country Office in Accra
- 01 Field Office in Takoradi



UNHCR Rep cutting the tape for the opening of a 3-unit classroom block in Egeyikrom Camp



Children in Fetentaa Camp School with the eReaders

## 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 partnership opportunities with the Private Sector and other development partners.

## Main Activities

### Protection

- UNHCR Ghana has conducted a socio-economic survey for refugees living in urban areas. The aim is to collect information and assess their current socio-economic situation to enable the office plan targeted support where necessary. About 183 households were covered in the exercise.
- Sudanese refugees who picketed at the front of the UNHCR Branch Office were successfully relocated to Krisan Camp.

### Solutions

- UNHCR in partnership with the Ghana Refugee Board in January assisted 54 Ivorian refugees in Ghana, including 6 former Ministers of former President Laurent Gbagbo, to voluntarily repatriate to Cote d'Ivoire. This comes after the Ivorian government granted amnesty to all political prisoners in August 2018 which was soon followed with the acquittal of former President, Laurent Gbagbo. The returnees say their aim was to go back to help build their country. They had been in Ghana since 2011 as a result of post-election violence.

### Education

- To help bridge the textbook and story book gap, UNHCR has presented 50 eReaders to Children at the Fetentaa Camp School. The eReaders were supplied in partnership with Worldreader. With this development, 3 out of 4 camp-based schools in Ghana have access to electronic books via the eReaders.
- UNHCR has handed over a 3 unit classroom and an office at the Egyeikrom Camp to the Ghana Education Service. The new building is to serve as the Junior High School (JHS) block. This latest development makes the school a full basic school and children who complete the primary level at the camp school can now proceed to the JHS level in the same school. The camp schools have been integrated into national systems and serve both the refugees and the host community.

### Private Sector Fundraising

- Through its LuQuLuQu campaign, UNHCR (Regional Service Center, Nairobi and UNHCR Ghana) supported the organization of a charity concert in Accra in support of families forced to flee. The concert dubbed the 'Greatest Gift' Charity Concert was initiated by Giovanni Caleb, a media personality in Ghana and UNHCR LuquLuqu Supporter. An array of top musicians were there to lend their voices in support of families forced to flee.

### Programme

- In order to support government efforts and assist community policing, the country operation donated 3 motorbikes to police in refugee hosting areas (2 in Ampain and 1 in Egyeikrom). UNHCR Representative, Ms. Esther Kiragu together with the Executive Secretary of the Ghana Refugee Board, Dr. Kofi Anani presented the bikes to the police.

**Inter-agency**

- UNHCR, as part of UN Inter Agency Working Group on Emergencies (IAWGE), participated in a joint mission with NADMO, (the Government entity that is tasked to deal with natural disasters and internal displacement) to Northern Ghana to assess the extent to which tribal conflict over the ownership of a piece of land between two ethnic groups namely Chokosis and the Konkonbas had affected some 21 communities. The mission assessed the initial response and areas where the UN Country Team could support the government in ensuring that peace is retained within the communities.

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