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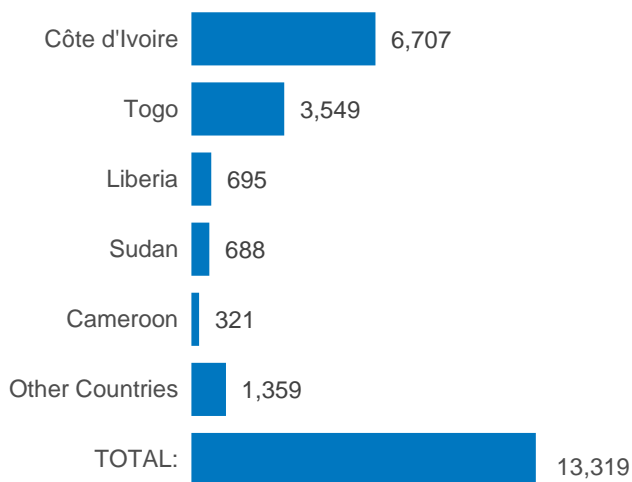
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UNHCR donates PPEs and hygiene products in support of national Covid-19 response efforts. **Items worth \$320,000 so far donated in 5 regions**

‘Masks for Refugees by Refugees’ project, a UNHCR Ghana initiative is taking off. Refugees to produce **35,000** face masks

Refugees from Ghana join UNHCR’s Made51 which allows them to harness their artisanal skills and produce for a global market

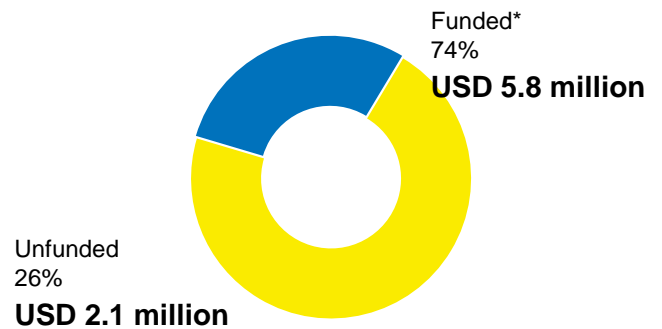
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FUNDING (AS OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2020)

USD 7.9 million

requested for the Ghana



* 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.

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 30 National Staff
- 02 International Staff
- 08 UNOPS

Offices:

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



Donation of PPEs by UNHCR Ghana to Health Facilities in Volta Region to help fight covid-19



Capacity training session for newly elected Refugee Leadership Council in Fetentaa

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

- To help address the risk of sexual abuse and exploitation of refugees in Ghana during Covid-19, UNHCR has organized a workshop on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) for 30 partner staff assigned to the Fetentaa refugee camp in the Bono Region. The key objective was to enhance the participants' knowledge as well to give practical training on how to prevent and respond to SEA while providing protection and assistance to persons of concern.
- Between July-August 2020, a total of four SGBV incidents were recorded in the four camps. Survivors received psychosocial counselling and health services. UNHCR continues to work with GRB and other partners in the camps to ensure that water points as well as other WASH interventions are done in a sensitive manner to reduce the risk of SGBV. UNHCR and partners continue to provide financial assistance for refugees who are the most vulnerable and need support to meet their basic needs. UNHCR also provides various livelihood support to assist refugees to become self-sufficient.
- Cash was transferred to refugees through Cash-Based Intervention (CBI) to 716 households who are beneficiaries of a variety of programs, including basic assistance and livelihoods. The transfer was for the second quarter (April-June).
- UNHCR in collaboration with the Ghana Refugee Board organized a capacity training session for members of the newly elected Refugee Leadership Council in Fetentaa. The objective is to promote peaceful coexistence among refugees and their host communities, as well as enable them to identify and amicably resolve conflicts.
- The Ghana Refugee Board adjudicated 81 Refugee Status Determination (RSD) cases using a virtual platform with UNHCR technical and logistical support. This has reduced the number of cases pending and has allowed Board members and eligibility officers to continue with their role in the RSD process even in the midst of the COVID-19.

Health

- In support of the national Covid-19 response efforts, UNHCR donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) and hygiene products to eight health facilities in the Volta Region. The region hosts mostly Togolese refugees and asylum seekers in Ghana. Earlier, the Representation had made similar donation of items to some selected health facilities in Accra as well as to District and Municipal health facilities in communities hosting refugee camps in Ghana. In all, items worth \$320,000 dollars have been donated in 5 regions.

Livelihoods

- The Ghana operation has joined UNHCR's 'Made 51'. Made 51 brings select refugee manufactured products to the international marketplace. Two main activities were approved: basket weaving and embroidery in Ampain and Krisan camps. Two Local Social Enterprises (LSEs), ie. Indego Africa (embroidery making) and AAKS (basket weaving) are expected to spearhead activities of these refugee groups. This project is an opportunity for training in artisanal skills and a sustainable livelihood.
- To support the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and to provide livelihoods support to refugees, UNHCR Ghana has initiated a project 'Masks for Refugees by Refugees'. The project is expected to harness the skills of refugee tailors and seamstresses in the production of reusable face masks. In all, about 100 refugees from the various camps and urban areas are expected to participate in the production of about 35,000 face masks. The masks will be distributed to refugees and asylum seekers in Ghana and a percentage will be sold by selected refugees to earn a living.

Solutions

- Voluntary repatriation movements have been on hold during the reporting period as a result of border closures in relation to Covid-19.

Community Services

- UNHCR Ghana has handed over a newly constructed two-bedroom accommodation to the Ghana Police Service, Berekum Divisional Command at Fetentaa Refugee Camp. The accommodation is part of UNHCR's efforts to enhance the capacity of the police to promote security in the camps.
- A former Togolese refugee who used to live in Krisan and was resettled to Australia donated 10,000 cedis to purchase bags of rice and oil for the refugee community in Krisan.

Education

- The Ghana Education Service in partnership with the USAID have supplied workbooks nationwide to children in public including refugee children in camp and host community schools who are currently at home as a result of Covid-19 related school closures. The workbooks are specifically to support distance learning via radio.
- Four satellite television sets and accessories have been installed at Krisan camp to facilitate access to distance learning. The television sets were a donation from UNHCR to the Krisan community to help school children access distance learning in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic which has led to the closure of schools for almost 6 months.
- Ahead of the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) in September, UNHCR has distributed mathematical sets, pens, rulers, erasers and pencils to refugees and host community students in their final school year in Ampain and Krisan. This is aimed at adequately equipping the children for the final exams. A total of 121 refugees and host community students in Ampain and Krisan benefitted.

SPECIAL THANKS TO DONORS THAT PROVIDED FUNDING TO THE GHANA OPERATION IN 2020

United States of America 3.5 million

BROADLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Germany 62.7 million | United States of America 46.8 million | United Kingdom 24.8 million | Denmark 14.6 million | Canada 10.2 million | Private donors USA 7.7 million | Private donors Australia 7.4 million | Private

donors Japan 4.4 million | Spain 3.4 million | Ireland 3.3 million | Sweden 3 million | France 2.8 million | Private donors Germany 2.4 million | Private donors United Kingdom 2.2 million

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