

Annexe I: Country-specific achievements proposed at technical level

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Following the meeting, each delegation was requested to revert to the Statelessness Unit in Dakar with their finalised roadmaps integrating the comments made in plenary after their presentation in Abidjan. This report represents a compilation of roadmaps, as submitted to the Statelessness Unit in Dakar, except for countries from which the Statelessness Unit in Dakar did not receive roadmaps integrating comments made by the Unit and DIP, in Abidjan. For the few countries who did not submit their roadmaps (namely Benin and Sierra Leone), the roadmap below was filled in by the Statelessness Unit in Dakar, based on the secretariat notes, and shared with respective focal points in-country.

Benin (based on Secretariat notes)

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1. Accession to the Statelessness Conventions Action 9 of the Global Action Plan					
2. Border with Niger has been demarcated (on Lété Island) Action 5 of the Global Action Plan					
3. Civil registration authorised by way of derogation Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
3,500,000 individuals involved, procedure in four stages, the establishment of birth certificates is currently ongoing					

Burkina Faso

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1. Accession to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness on 3 August 2017					
Action 9 of the Global Action Plan					
	Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation				
2. Adoption of a National Action Plan on the Eradication of Statelessness in Burkina Faso 2017-2024 on 19 September 2017 and establishment of a Technical Country Team on Statelessness (Equipe Technique Apatridie Pays, ETAP) on 7 December 2017					
Actions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Global Action Plan					
	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Human Rights, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation	Ordinary session held on 5 March 2019			
3. Preliminary study on statelessness and risks of statelessness in five regions of Burkina Faso conducted in 2018					
Action 10 of the Global Action Plan					
	Ministry of Justice				

Cameroon (only represented by UNHCR)

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1. Procedures to accede to the Statelessness Conventions started					
Action 9 of the Global Action Plan					
Authorisation of the Head of State for accession to the Statelessness Conventions formally obtained in December 2018	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Territorial Administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prime Minister		Assessment of the Conventions for comments on possible reservations	Ministry of Foreign Affairs ensures follow-up with the other Ministries involved	Technical support from UNHCR
2. Regularisation of the situation of persons without civil registration documents					
Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
Decision/regulation of the Government in March 2019 to facilitate the establishment and delivery of civil registration documents to those who do not possess such documents	Ministry of Territorial Administration, National Civil Registration Offices		Follow-up on the implementation of the decision	Development of a reporting framework	

Central African Republic (only represented by UNHCR)

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3. Nomination of a National Focal Point on statelessness					
Action 1 of the Global Action Plan					
Designation of a high-ranking official of the Ministry of Justice as National Focal Point on statelessness	Ministry of Justice and Human Rights				
4. Organisation of a national workshop on statelessness in December 2018					
Action 1 of the Global Action Plan					
Information and awareness-raising workshop on the eradication of statelessness in the Central African Republic for 45 participants that represented the Government, Parliament, UN agencies, NGOs and an academic institution	Ministry of Justice and Human Rights in collaboration with UNHCR				

Chad (only represented by UNHCR)

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		that achievement is presented at HLS	HLS, with specific deadlines for each action	specific deadlines for each action	presented at HLS, with specific deadlines for expected support
1. Comprehensive evaluation of the national civil registration system					
Adoption of a Law on the Organisation of Civil Registration in Chad, setting out the universal and mandatory nature of civil registration free of charge Comprehensive evaluation of the national civil registration system conducted with an evaluation report and a strategic action plan to improve the civil registration system in five years (2018-2022)	Ministry of Territorial Administration, Public Security and Local Governance		Workshop to mobilise technical and financial partners held in July 2018; coordination meetings will be held every two months from June 2019 onwards		Bilateral meetings of UNHCR and Ministries to share information on the actions to eradicate statelessness and the preparation for the HLS; joint UNHCR-UNICEF advocacy; preparatory meetings with the Chadian delegation attending the HLS from August onwards
2. Delivery of civil registration documents free of charge					
Action 7					
Delivery of 70,000 birth certificates to refugee children born in Chad as well as free late birth registration for 120,000 refugee children born in Chad and IDPs in the Lake Province, including local populations, in 10 areas in Northern, Southern and Eastern Chad as part of the project for access to nationality and prevention of statelessness (2017-2019)	Ministry of Territorial Administration, Public Security and Local Governance		Sharing of information on the project activities, coordination meetings held every two months from March 2019 onwards	Joint missions of the Ministry of Territorial Administration, Public Security and Local Governance, UNHCR and the Ministry of Justice to follow up on the implementation of project activities (1 mission per month); monthly compilation of statistics on the delivery of birth certificates by the competent authorities of the 10 localities	Bilateral meetings of UNHCR and the Ministries; joint UNHCR-UNICEF advocacy; preparatory meetings with the delegation attending the HLS

Nomination of focal points, establishment of the inter-ministerial committee for the fight against statelessness and analysis of the national legal framework (N'Djamena Initiative)					
Designation of a National Focal Point on statelessness in March 2019 and designation of an alternate, establishment of the inter-ministerial committee for the fight against statelessness in Chad (expected in June 2019)	Ministry of Territorial Administration, Public Security and Local Governance / General Government Secretariat		Training for Statelessness Focal Points as well as members of the inter-ministerial committee from June to August 2019; analysis of the legal framework for the prevention and reduction of statelessness by September 2019	Joint missions of the Ministry of Territorial Administration, Public Security and Local Governance, UNHCR and the Ministry of Justice to follow up on the implementation of project activities (1 mission per month); monthly compilation of statistics on the delivery of birth certificates by the competent authorities of the 10 localities	Technical and financial support from June onwards; bilateral meetings of UNHCR and the Ministries; High Commissioner's letter to the President of the Republic of Chad (August-September 2019); preparatory meeting with the delegation that will be attending the HLS in September 2019

Ivory Coast

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1. Ensure that no child is born stateless Action 2 of the Global Action Plan					
Delivery of 11 nationality certificates to foundlings	UNHCR	Workshops organised for the preparation by the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights (MJDH) of a draft circular relating to the delivery of nationality certificates to foundlings (UNHCR/ MJDH project “Preventing statelessness”) based on Article 3 of the Nationality Code, which sets out the supremacy of international norms (all States have in their nationality laws a provision stipulating that the nationality is granted to foundlings; this has not been the case for Côte d’Ivoire since 1972).	Monthly report on the implementation of the circular established by the UNHCR/MJDH project “Preventing statelessness”, which is transmitted to UNHCR	Data collection from the registries on the number of certificates delivered to foundlings in the course of the UNHCR/MJDH project “Preventing statelessness” once the circular is adopted and disseminated	Regular field controls by UNHCR Protection Associates to examine the effectiveness of the delivery of nationality certificates to foundlings who have been identified and presented a request for the delivery of their Ivorian nationality document.
2. Grant protection status to stateless migrants and facilitate their naturalisation					

Action 6 of the Global Action Plan					
3. Ensure birth registration for the prevention of statelessness					
Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
<p>1. Development of two draft laws to improve birth registration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft law relating to civil status that incorporates new actors in the organisation of civil registration services to bring these closer to the populations, to facilitate and increase birth registration. The new legal framework sets out another major innovation regarding the modes for registering declarations of births and for delivering civil registration documents by allowing the use of electronic procedures. This innovation will progressively lead to the digitalisation of events and civil registers, which will among others considerably reduce the time required to establish birth certificates. - The draft law establishing a special procedure for the declaration of births, the restoration of identity and the transcription of birth certificates. The draft law is equally designed as an amnesty to encourage the holders of false documents to ask for their cancellation to establish regular documents and for persons who are using the documents of 	<p>Ministry of Justice and Human Rights</p> <p>Ministry of the Interior</p>	<p>Adoption and promulgation of the two laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law n° 2018-862 of 19 November 2018 relating to civil status - Law n° 2018-863 of 19 November 2018 establishing a special procedure for the declaration of births, the restoration of identity and the transcription of birth certificates. <p>30,000 persons having produced false birth certificates as identified in the course of the operation of the acquisition of nationality by declaration.</p> <p>629.000 declarations as of 30 April 2019</p>	<p>Seminars and information workshops for persons in charge of the implementation of the laws on the economy and innovative procedures these laws set out.</p>	<p>Data collection from the registries and civil registration centres on the number of persons having used the new procedures to obtain valid birth certificates</p>	<p>Involvement of UNHCR protection staff in the field and other partners to assist individuals who can potentially benefit from the special procedures to regularise their civil status registration</p>

<p>others to have their own birth certificates established.</p> <p>2. Continue the special registration measure for children in school who do not have birth certificates.</p>					
4. Deliver nationality certificates and other nationality documentation to persons with entitlement to them Action 8 of the Global Action Plan					
<p>To allow beneficiaries to establish their Ivorian nationality easily to receive nationality certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation and distribution in each jurisdiction of a digital archive of all naturalisation decrees - Creation and distribution in each jurisdiction of a digital file of all persons having acquired Ivorian nationality by declaration as a result of the application of the special law of 2013 	<p>Ministry of Justice and Human Rights (UNHCR/MJ DH project)</p>	<p>Regular update of the databases</p> <p>Information for minor children that they have the right to the Ivorian nationality acquired by their parents (862 in the period of the first quarter of 2019 have received a nationality certificate on this ground)</p> <p>Information on the possibility to appeal a refusal to deliver a nationality certificate or the rejection of a request to acquire the nationality by declaration (600 administrative reviews submitted with the Ministry of Justice by petitioners who have not received a positive response to their request for acquisition of the Ivorian nationality by declaration)</p>	<p>Preparation of monthly statistics</p>		

5. Improve quantitative and qualitative data on stateless populations					
<i>Action 10 of the Global Action Plan</i>					
Conduct of a profiling exercise for stateless persons and persons at risk of statelessness (CAPRA Project)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DAARA)	1,016 persons at risk of statelessness identified			
	Ministry of Justice and Human Rights (UNHCR/MJ DH project “Preventing statelessness”)				
	National Institute of Statistics				
	UNHCR				

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1. Confirmation of nationality and Issuance of birth certificate and a Gambian Passport					
A lady was identified as a person at risk of statelessness during the national survey on statelessness in 2017; birth certificate and national passport were issued on 17 December 2017 and 24 April 2018 respectively	Ministry of Interior (Gambia Commission for Refugees) and UNHCR	Statelessness Unit at RRWA informed through a report			UNHCR RRWA to include information into HLS presentation
2. The Gambia ratified both the 1954 and 1961 Conventions on Statelessness <i>Action 9 of the Global Action Plan</i>					
Ratification of 1954 and 1961 Conventions in 2014	Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice	The Statelessness Unit at RRWA was duly informed			UNHCR to support advocacy for the domestication of the Statelessness Conventions; the Gambia is not a dual State where acceding to international conventions automatically

					becomes binding, but instead requires other processes for domestication
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Ghana

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1. Birth Registration and documentation Actions 2 and 7 of the Global Action Plan					
Issuance of birth certificates to children under 1 year and registration of children above 1 year	Births and Deaths Registry (Ministry of Local Government) in collaboration with UNICEF and UNHCR (particularly for refugees)	Continuous collaboration between Government, UNICEF and UNHCR to continue birth registration processes throughout Ghana	Establish stronger relationship with UNICEF and Birth and Deaths Registry in order to monitor the process	Liaise with UNICEF and the Births and Deaths Registry to obtain figures for registered births since 2014	Ministry of Interior together with UNHCR prepares briefing notes on achievements by the end of September 2019 for the HLS
2. Issuance of national Identity Documents Action 8 of the Global Action Plan					
Issuance of National ID cards to 716,722 individuals as of 3 rd June 2019, in the context of the ongoing mass registration and documentation exercise	Government of Ghana in collaboration with the Ghana Refugee Board and UNHCR	Monitoring the registration process throughout the country and carrying out sensitization activities in the refugee camps and the host communities to be included in the process	Process continues till 2020	Liaise with the National Identification Authority and the Ministry of Interior to obtain figures by end of September 2019	The Ministry of Interior, National Identification Authority and UNHCR to prepare briefing notes of total population covered in the registration process

Guinea

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1. Accession to the 1961 Convention on Statelessness Action 9 of the Global Action Plan					
Guinea acceded to the two Statelessness Conventions (of 1954 and 1961) in 1962 and 2014 respectively.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Ministry of Justice	N/A	Ensure that the instruments of accession are available for the representatives of Guinea	N/A	N/A
2. Ensure birth registration for the prevention of statelessness Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
Adoption of the national strategy (2018-2022) for the reform and the modernisation of the civil registration system in Guinea in March 2018	Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation, Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Justice	Advocacy	Ensure that information is available for the representatives of Guinea - Designation of Focal Points by all actors involved - Meetings to exchange and share information	Ensure that information is available for the representatives of Guinea - Designation of Focal Points by all actors involved - Meetings to exchange and share information	Technical and financial support for meetings as well as trainings (capacity-building) for actors Deadline: June-September 2019
On 20 June 2018, secure civil status	Ministry of Territorial Administration and	Advocacy	Ensure that information is	Ensure that information is	Technical and financial support for

<p>registers were officially launched by the Ministry of Territorial Administration in the context of a pilot support programme for the modernisation of the civil registration system, co-financed by the European Union and UNICEF. They came into effect on 1 July 2018 in the region of Nzérékoré.</p>	<p>Decentralisation, Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Justice</p>		<p>available for the representatives of Guinea - Designation of Focal Points by all actors involved - Meetings to exchange and share information</p>	<p>available for the representatives of Guinea - Designation of Focal Points by all actors involved - Meetings to exchange and share information</p>	<p>meetings as well as trainings (capacity-building) for actors Deadline: June-September 2019</p>
<p>On 17 April 2019, in the context of the implementation of the strategy for the modernisation of the civil registration system, a two-year project that aims to increase the level of birth registration for children under 5 years of age in the <i>Labé</i> regions and in Conakry was launched by the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation, in the presence of the Italian Ambassador to Guinea and the Director of the Italian</p>	<p>Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation, Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Ensure that information is available for the representatives of Guinea - Designation of Focal Points by all actors involved - Meetings to exchange and share information</p>	<p>Ensure that information is available for the representatives of Guinea - Designation of Focal Points by all actors involved - Meetings to exchange and share information</p>	<p>Technical and financial support for meetings as well as trainings (capacity-building) for actors Deadline: June-September 2019</p>

development cooperation agency.					
3. Adoption of the National Action Plan and nomination of a Government Focal Point					
Adoption of the National Action Plan by Presidential Decree in 2017 setting out the national programme for the eradication of statelessness	President of the Republic, Ministry of Justice	N/A	- Designation of Focal Points by all actors involved - Meetings to exchange and share the information of the different bodies involved in the implementation of the National Action Plan	- Designation of Focal Points by all actors involved - Meetings to exchange and share the information of the different bodies involved in the implementation of the National Action Plan	Technical and financial support for meetings as well as trainings (capacity-building) for actors Deadline: June-September 2019
4. Removal of gender discrimination from nationality law Action 3 of the Global Action Plan					
Removal of gender-based discrimination regarding birth declarations: Article 194 of the current Civil Code only gives the father the right to declare the birth of the child. Article 202 of the law (yet to be promulgated) gives the same rights to the father and the mother.	Ministry of Justice, Law Commission of the National Assembly	Advocacy has been conducted with the Ministry of Justice and the Law Commission of the National Assembly to also give women the right to declare the birth of her child.	The new Civil Code was adopted by the National Assembly in May 2019 and needs to be promulgated by the President of the Republic	N/A	N/A
Acquisition of nationality by marriage: It is essential to note that Articles 69 to 73 of the draft law repeal	Ministry of Justice, Law Commission of the National Assembly	Advocacy has been conducted with the Ministry of Justice and the Law Commission of the National Assembly to	The new Civil Code was adopted by the National Assembly in May 2019 and needs to be promulgated by	N/A	N/A

<p>Articles 50 to 53 of the present Civil Code regarding the acquisition of the nationality by marriage. For example, Article 69 stipulates that marriage does not create any automatic effect on the nationality. Article 70 offers the possibility for a foreigner who marries a Guinean woman or a Guinean man to acquire Guinean nationality after a period of 2 years. This period does not apply if a child is born for whom parentage is established for both spouses. Article 73 stipulates that the annulment of the marriage does not have any effect on the nationality of the children from this marriage.</p>		<p>facilitate the acquisition of the nationality by a foreigner who got married to a Guinean man or woman.</p>	<p>the President of the Republic</p>		
<p>5. Prevention of denial, loss or deprivation of nationality on discriminatory grounds Action 4 of the Global Action Plan</p>					
<p>Serious illnesses, which constitute an obstacle for naturalisation</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice, Law Commission of the National Assembly</p>	<p>Advocacy to this end has been conducted with the Ministry of Justice and the Law</p>	<p>The new Civil Code has been adopted by the National Assembly in May</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>according to Article 79 (al. 1 and 2) of the current legislation have been found discriminatory in view of international conventions. This is why they have been removed as obstacles for naturalisation in the Civil Code yet to be promulgated.</p>		<p>Commission of the National Assembly.</p>	<p>2019 and needs to be promulgated by the President of the Republic.</p>		
<p>6. Ensure that no child is born stateless Action 2 of the Global Action Plan</p>					
<p>Acquisition of nationality by children born in the territory: Article 34 of the present Civil Code only provides for the situation of a child born in Guinea whose parents are unknown. In the new Civil Code, Article 58 also includes children of stateless or foreign parents if they could not benefit from another nationality at their birth.</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice, Law Commission of the National Assembly</p>	<p>Advocacy to this end has been conducted with the Ministry of Justice and the Law Commission of the National Assembly.</p>	<p>The new Civil Code has been adopted by the National Assembly in May 2019 and needs to be promulgated by the President of the Republic.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Acquisition of nationality for foundlings: Article 35 of the present Civil Code only grants</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice, Law Commission of the National Assembly</p>	<p>Advocacy to this end has been conducted with the Ministry of Justice and the Law</p>	<p>The new Civil Code has been adopted by the National Assembly in May 2019 and needs to be</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>nationality to new-born foundlings, which is not in accordance with international law. This is why Article 59 of the new law does not only grant nationality to new-born foundlings, but also grants the nationality “until proof to the contrary to every child found in Guinea who cannot provide precise information on the identity of his or her parents or their place of birth”.</p>		<p>Commission of the National Assembly.</p>	<p>promulgated by the President of the Republic.</p>		
<p>Establishment of birth certificates for foundlings: Article 205 of the new law addresses the shortcoming of Article 197 of the present Civil Code, which does not specify how the civil registration official should establish the birth certificate of a foundling.</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice, Law Commission of the National Assembly</p>	<p>Advocacy to this end has been conducted with the Ministry of Justice and the Law Commission of the National Assembly.</p>	<p>The new Civil Code has been adopted by the National Assembly in May 2019 and needs to be promulgated by the President of the Republic.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Guinea-Bissau (only represented by UNHCR)

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1. Naturalisation of all refugees in database willing to be naturalised					
Action 8 of the Global Action Plan					
Ongoing Naturalisation of 7,000 refugees found active in the UNHCR database through a simplified process with reduced costs (from almost 1,000.00 XOF to 150.00 XOF)	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior	Issuance of 4,196 Bissau-Guinean national ID Cards; issuance of late birth certificates to 582 children and 1,373 adults	Issuance of all 7,000 ID Cards for naturalised refugees in the field through a joint mission including SEMLEX, Ministry of Justice and the National Commission for Refugees	Follow-up meetings of Government Focal Point with delegation to inform about and present concrete and exact figures of achievements	Support/Ensure presence/participation of Government in the HLS
2. Adoption and Signature of the National Action Plan					
Action 1 of the Global Action Plan					
Signature of the National Action Plan by the Minister of Justice, in November 2018	Ministry of Justice	Advocacy meetings held in order to validate the NAP by multi-functional team (chief of Mission, Head of Statelessness Unit at RRWA, Executive Secretary of National Commission for	Implementation of the selected activities for 2019 in line with NAP in partnership with Government Focal Point and UNICEF	Follow-up meetings of Government Focal Point with delegation to inform and present concrete and exact figures of achievements	Follow-up, financial support

		Refugees and Minister of Justice)			
3. Accession to the Statelessness Conventions					
Action 9 of the Global Action Plan					
Accession to the Statelessness Conventions in September 2016	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Presidency		Follow-up meetings with Government Focal Point in order to inform and present concrete and exact figures of achievements to delegation participating in the HLS; Divulgence of the Statelessness Conventions to judicial authorities, magistrates and pub ministry through training and continuous sensitisation	Follow-up meetings of Government Focal Point with delegation to inform and present concrete and exact figures of achievements	Support/Ensure presence/participation of Government in the HLS; Technical support
4. Study on statelessness in Guinea-Bissau conducted					
Action 10 of the Global Action Plan					
Study on the risks of statelessness in Guinea-Bissau		Validation of the study	Follow-up with Ministry of Foreigner Affairs to facilitate publication of the study	Follow-up meetings of Government Focal Point with delegation to inform and present concrete and exact figures of achievements	Support/Ensure presence/participation of Government in the HLS

5. Ensure birth registration Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
Ensure universal birth registration	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, collaboration with UNICEF	Validation of the national civil registration strategy; Creation of mobile registration services in the south of the country; Registration of children in the main hospital of the capital Bissau as well as in some health centres	Follow-up meetings with Government Focal Point in order to inform and present concrete and exact figures of achievements to delegation participating in the HLS		Support/Ensure presence/participation of Government in the HLS

Liberia

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1. Issuance of Nationality Documentation to those with entitlement to it Action 8 of the Global Action Plan					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Government of Liberia has established the National Identification Registry, which has started issuing National Identification Cards to citizens and eventually to foreign nationals; - County Service Centers have been established around the country to provide civil documentation, mainly birth, marriage and death certificates; - Currently in the process of conducting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Identification Registry; - Liberia Immigration Service; - Ministry of Health – National Vital Statistics; - UNFPA; - UNICEF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issuance of National ID cards has commenced since October 2017 for nationals; - The National Identification Registry (NIR) has begun the registration and provision of biometric identification (ID) cards to non-Liberians living in the country since April 2019. 		Support for payment of administrative costs	

<p>verification in locally integrated former Sierra Leonean refugee settlement to complete their legal documentation process for over 1,027 individuals;</p> <p>- In keeping with the Banjul Plan of Action, the Government of Liberia in 2018, presented naturalisation certificates to 307 former Sierra Leonean refugees who locally integrated and decided to become Liberian citizens.</p>					
2. Establishment of and support to birth registration centres Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
<p>- Have enhanced birth registration of former Sierra Leonean refugees and host community children living in integration communities. These activities resulted in the registration of over 354 children in hard to reach communities by health workers since</p>	<p>- Liberia Refugee, Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC);</p> <p>- Liberia Immigration Service;</p> <p>- Ministry of Health – National Vital Statistics;</p> <p>- UNFPA;</p>	<p>- MOU signed between UNHCR and UNICEF in 2018 to prevent childhood statelessness;</p> <p>- Have provided birth certificates in areas where certification is low. So far, about 350 certificates issued. This targeted former Sierra</p>			

<p>the Saly meeting in 2018;</p> <p>- Work with County Health Team (CHT) to provide birth certificates to returning Ivorian refugees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNICEF; - Liberia National Police; - UNHCR; - IOM; - Church Aid (CSO) 	<p>Leonean refugee communities.</p>			
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Mali

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1. Accession to the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Conventions Action 9 of the Global Action Plan					
Advocacy activities, trainings for key actors, including the National Assembly, for concurrent accession to the two Conventions	Ministry of Justice	Accession took place in 2016			
2. Access to nationality for persons at high risk of statelessness Action 8 of the Global Action Plan					
Steering committee for naturalisation requests set up 04 Mauritanian refugees in Kayes were naturalised 1,161 refugees from Mauritanian origin born in Mali had their nationality confirmed through individual assistance for the	Ministry of Justice	The refugees from Mauritanian origin have been exempted from submitting their criminal records (in accordance with the procedure) to be naturalised A letter of understanding has been signed between the Ministry of Justice and UNHCR to	Frequent meetings and bilateral working sessions between UNHCR and the Department of Justice Renewal of the partnership is ongoing to perpetuate the achievements and facilitate the access to Malian nationality		Possibility to review and increase the target in case of additional financial support

acquisition or confirmation of nationality		facilitate access to Malian nationality	for 1,000 refugees from Mauritanian origin, deadline: June 2019 for the MoU between the Ministry of Justice and UNHCR		
3. Establishment of a inter-ministerial committee on statelessness					
After the meeting that resulted to the Abidjan Declaration 2015, an inter-ministerial committee on statelessness was established by Decision 0191/ MJDH – SG of 17 November 2014 on the creation of the inter-ministerial committee on statelessness in Mali, bringing together the key Ministries and stakeholders	Ministry of Justice		Mali is among the first ECOWAS Member States to establish such a structure and shared its experience with other countries in the sub-region		
4. High-level validation and signature of a National Action Plan to Eradicate Statelessness in Mali by the Minister of Justice					
A ceremony to validate and sign the National Action Plan was organised by the inter-ministerial committee with the involvement of civil society, academics and journalists with nationwide media coverage	Inter-ministerial committee on statelessness		Experience shared with other countries		

Niger

Composition of the HLS delegation (to be confirmed): Minister of the Interior, Public Security, Decentralisation and Customary and Religious Affairs, Minister of Justice, UNHCR delegations (to be confirmed)					
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1. Removal of gender discrimination in Nationality Law					
Action 3 of the Global Action Plan					
Niger adopted Law N°2014-60 of 5 November 2014, modifying the Nationality Code of 1984, that removed gender discrimination with regard to the conferral of nationality to the non-Nigerien husband and introduced a provision authorising double nationality	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, Public Security, Decentralisation and Customary and Religious Affairs	Advocacy as part of the preparation of the authorities for the HLS	Advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS (ongoing)		Support for advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS (ongoing)
2. Accession to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons					
Action 9 of the Global Action Plan					
Niger acceded to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons on 7 November 2014	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, Public	Advocacy as part of the preparation of the authorities for the HLS	Advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS		Support for advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS (ongoing)

	Security, Decentralisation and Customary and Religious Affairs				
3. Adoption of a National Action Plan to fight against statelessness (ongoing and likely to be done before the HLS) Actions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Global Action Plan					
<p>In October 2017, Niger finalised and adopted the text of its National Action Plan to fight against statelessness. The Action Plan which is yet to be signed by the Minister of Justice, was developed by an <i>ad hoc</i> committee established by the Minister of Justice. The Action Plan is in the process of being adopted.</p>	Ministry of Justice	Advocacy as part of the preparation of the authorities for the HLS	Advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS		Support for advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS (ongoing)
4. Reform of the civil registration system in Niger (ongoing and likely to be done before the HLS) Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
<p>Council of Ministers adopted texts modifying Law 2007-30 of 3 December 2007 on the civil registration system in Niger and its application decree n°2008-189 of 17 June 2008 as well as the national policy document. The National Assembly</p>	Ministry of the Interior, Public Security, Decentralisation and Customary and Religious Affairs	Advocacy as part of the preparation of the authorities for the HLS	Advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS		Support for advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS (ongoing)

will afterwards examine the text.					
5. Regularisation of civil registration acts as part of the project of the Independent National Electoral Commission					
Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
In 2018, the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI), in collaboration with the relevant technical Ministries, organised information and sensitisation activities as well as mobile courts to deliver civil registration documents all across the national territory. Up until 2019, <u>5,107,000 births</u> , 103,100 deaths and 81,500 marriages have been registered free of charge through mobile courts.	Ministry of the Interior, Public Security, Decentralisation and Customary and Religious Affairs	Advocacy as part of the preparation of the authorities for the HLS	Advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS		Support for advocacy with the delegation that will be representing Niger at the HLS (ongoing)

Nigeria

Composition of delegation: Minister of Interior, Federal Commissioner (National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs), National Statelessness Focal Point (Ministry of Interior)					
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1. Accession to the Statelessness Conventions in the context of the global campaign					
Action 9 of the Global Action Plan					
2. Increased birth registration including IDP and returnee children in conflict areas for the prevention of statelessness					
Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
<p>Delivery of 234,890 birth certificates to IDPs and returnee children in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States, to prevent statelessness among displaced population in Nigeria.</p> <p>Since January 2011, the National Population Commission has been implementing decentralised monitoring, using the mobile-phone based platform RapidSMS;</p>	National Population Commission	<p>Delivery of birth certificates is ongoing for IDP and returnees in Borno, Yobe, Adamawa</p>	<p>- Update statistics of birth certificates issued to displaced persons in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa by National Population Commission</p> <p>- Total number of children registered in Nigeria 2014-2019 to determine % increase post #IBelong Campaign</p>	<p>- Liaise with UNICEF/ National Population Commission to update statistics by the end of June 2019</p>	

<p>operational in 33 states (686 Local Government Authorities (LGAs); 2,887 registrars/ registration centres). The system is designed to identify in real-time, centre-by-centre birth registration disparities; prompt and facilitate appropriate action.</p>					
3. Issuance of indigene certificates to and enrolment in the National identity database of displaced persons/returnees Action 8 of the Global Action Plan					
<p>Delivery of national identity cards to - 108,591 IDPs and returnees in Borno and Cross Rivers States enrolled and issued national identity numbers</p>	<p>National Identity Management Commission</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand catchment to update statistics for Adamawa, Yobe and Cross Rivers States - Sensitisation of displaced population NIN enrolment and registration centers - Advocacy to National Identity Management Commission to expand coverage to displaced population in affected states 		
4. Submission of the National Action Plan to the Council of Ministers for adoption (ongoing, expected to be adopted before Oct.)					

Senegal

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1. Facilitation of access to Senegalese nationality for refugees					
Delivery of documents in lieu of birth certificates for refugees, which were then allowed to be submitted in naturalisation procedures	Ministry of Justice; National Refugee Committee	Identification of the refugees concerned; about fifteen refugees are referred to in the latest naturalisation decree presented for signature to the President of the Republic and more than sixty files are pending; validation of the multi-year and multi-partner strategy for the protection of and durable solutions for refugees			
2. Ensure birth registration for the prevention of statelessness <i>Action 7 of the Global Action Plan</i>					
Organisation of mobile courts free of charge (119,000 judgments delivered in 2018) for late birth documentation	Ministry of Justice				

Sierra Leone (based on Secretariat notes)

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1. Reform of the Nationality Law to remove gender discrimination Action 3 of the Global Action Plan					
Discriminatory section of the Nationality Law was amended in 2017 to allow women to transfer their nationality to their children					
2. Issuance of birth certificates to stateless children Action 7 of the Global Action Plan					
It can be expected that by 2023, every child born in Sierra Leone will be registered	National Civil Registration Authority				

Togo

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1. Accession to the 1954 Convention Action 9 of the Global Action Plan Note: As the process of acceding to the 1954 Convention is more advanced, Togo considers depositing its instruments of accession to that Convention, at the HLS, which might then be an achievement. Instruments of accession to the 1961 Convention will be deposited at a later stage.					
The law authorising the accession of Togo to the 1954 Convention has already been approved and is currently at the stage of promulgation	Ministry of Justice Ministry of Foreign Affairs	1. Transmission of the law to the Office of the President for promulgation	Follow-up with the General Secretariat of the Office of the President	UNHCR advocacy during meetings with the authorities	
2. Designation of a Statelessness Focal Point and establishment of a National Commission for the Fight against Statelessness in Togo					
The Government proceeded with the designation of a Statelessness Focal Point and the nomination of members of the Commission	- Ministry of Justice as lead ministry - Other ministries involved: Foreign Affairs, Social Action, Security and Civil Protection, Territorial		Periodic meetings of the members of the Commission		

	Administration, Higher Education - Civil society: National Human Rights Commission, Togolese Human Rights League				
3. Late birth registration and delivery of nationality certificates through mobile courts <i>Action 7 of the Global Action Plan</i>					
The Government regularly conducts late birth registration through mobile courts (thousands of judgments). In 2018, approximately 3,000 births were registered during one mobile court session among others	Ministry of Justice		Continue mobile courts	Technical and financial support from UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA. Civil Society and other partners	
4. Drafting, validation and adoption of the National Action on Statelessness					
Technical adoption of the National Action Plan on the Eradication of Statelessness in 2019, though the NAP is yet to be signed by the line Minister	- Ministry of Justice (lead ministry and presiding Commission) - Other ministries involved: Foreign Affairs, Social Action, Security and Civil Protection, Territorial Administration, Higher Education - Civil society: National Human Rights Commission,				

	Togolese Human Rights League				
5. Elaboration and validation of the draft law modifying the Togolese Nationality Code					
<i>Action 3 of the Global Action Plan</i>					
Technical validation of a draft law modifying the Nationality Code in April 2019. The Draft law is yet to be tabled to parliament	Ministry of Justice	Validation workshop held	Follow-up on the adoption process	UNHCR advocacy	Nationality Code adopted

ECOWAS

Composition of delegation: ECOWAS President, Commissioner Social Affairs and Gender, 2 Officials (to be confirmed)					
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1. Adoption of the Abidjan Declaration (2015) and the Banjul Plan of Action (2017) <i>Actions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Global Action Plan</i>					
Both the Abidjan Declaration and the Banjul Plan of Action contain commitments/concrete actions that cut across the 10 Actions of the Global Action Plan. The adoption of these two frameworks is a clear demonstration of the region's resolve to end statelessness by 2024.		Collaboration with UNHCR to raise further awareness of the subject matter; Strategise with ECOWAS Ambassadors on how to use the Mediation and Security Council to address the issue of statelessness in the region	Embark on advocacy visits to Member States yet to sign and ratify the two Statelessness Conventions, with the support of UNHCR		1. There is an urgent need to develop bespoke training curriculum for the different stakeholders we engage with; 2. More work has to do be done to collect data to convince policy makers of the reality of the issue.
2. Nomination of National Focal Points in 14 Member States <i>Actions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Global Action Plan</i>					
In collaboration with UNHCR, ECOWAS developed Guidelines for the appointment of Focal Points and			ECOWAS to follow up on the nomination of the Focal Point for Cabo Verde and		

development of National Action Plans			adoption of National Action Plan		
3. Three Annual coordination meetings co-organised by ECOWAS and UNHCR <i>Actions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Global Action Plan</i>					
Institutionalization of the Annual Coordination meetings of Statelessness Focal Points (03 held so far since the Banjul Plan of Action in 2017). The Forum has proven to be a very effective mechanism for peer review and stocktaking on progress made in the fight against statelessness in the region.					

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