

Update No. 22

Côte d'Ivoire Situation

30 June 2011



HIGHLIGHTS

- The security situation in Côte d'Ivoire continues to show improvement permitting the return of some parts of the population to their areas of origin. On the other hand, the lack of security in other areas of the country and the level of destruction of houses, schools, health centres and administrative offices slow down the capacity of people to return home.
- The Ivorian President, Alassane Ouattara, recently made an announcement for the creation of a National Inquiry Commission to examine the war crimes committed by both factions that claimed the lives of almost 3,000 persons following the presidential run-off held last November.
- The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has requested authorization to open an investigation into war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed in Côte d'Ivoire.
- The Director of the ONUCI Division of Human Rights, Guillaume Ngefa, announced that the UN Human Rights Council has nominated an independent expert to assist the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to implement the recommendations of the Inquiry Commission and the UN Human Rights Council.



Refugee children, Ampain Camp, Ghana (UNHCR/Buckenmeyer/2011)

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YEARS



Population Movement

Country	Guinea	Burkina Faso	Mali	Ghana	Togo	Benin	Niger	Nigeria	Senegal	Guinea Bissau	Gambia	Sierra Leone
Refugees/Asylum seekers	2,385	117	955	16,877	6,272	503	79	104	64	34	65	4
Liberia	The total estimated number of Ivorian refugees stands at 144,229.											

In view of the volatile situation in Côte d'Ivoire, UNHCR is not yet in a position to provide exact figures. Some explanations are provided below.

Financial Information

UNHCR's financial requirements for West Africa	
Executive Committee approved budget (with adjustments)	\$ 100,313,854
Regional supplementary budget	\$ 125,993,829
TOTAL revised requirements	\$ 226,307,683

2011 Contributions Towards UNHCR's Activities in West Africa at 30 June 2011

Donor	Contribution (USD)
African Union	125,000
Australia	4,167,435
Belgium	1,430,615
Canada	2,335,362
CERF	3,155,737
Denmark	3,828,573
EC/ ECHO	3,939,090
ECOWAS	500,000
Finland	1,808,808
France	549,451
Germany	1,027,413
Ireland	544,959
Japan	1,231,072
Liechtenstein	108,460
Norway	1,431,127
OPEC fund for Intl. Dev.	339,234
Private donors	596,676
Rep. of Korea	300,000
Switzerland	637,767
UN Population Fund	119,840
United Kingdom	7,211,538
United States of America	19,300,000
TOTAL (*)	54,688,157

(*) In addition, Luxembourg donated USD 87,015 towards UNHCR's initial response in Côte d'Ivoire in December 2010.



Refugee women, Ampain Camp, Ghana.
(UNHCR/Buckenmeyer/2011)

Country Operations

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

In Tabou, western Côte d'Ivoire, the World Refugee Day 2011 commemoration took place in Tabou IV with the inauguration of a school built with funds from the governments of Spain and the United States. In addition, a donation of 50 hospital beds and 20 delivery beds was made to the District Health Department.

While the total number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Côte d'Ivoire is estimated by the Humanitarian Country Team to be close to 500,000, the latest figure for IDPs in western Côte d'Ivoire stands at 43,485 in 16 sites. On 17 June, the first returns of 481 IDPs from Danané to Teapleu took

place. In total 1,200 IDPs (80% of the total number of IDPs in Danané) will be assisted to return under this operation. In addition, the latest list for the number of IDPs of Duékoué and Guiglo is being verified by IOM.

• Protection

The Protection Cluster's advocacy group led by UNHCR produced a document for the Policy Committee on the protection of civilians in Côte d'Ivoire, including a series of recommendations for the security of the country. The document mainly targets the prioritization of stabilization and security efforts by UNOCI, action for the starting of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) activities in

the west of the country, support for reconciliation efforts and for activities that support the search for durable solutions.

Increased movement of spontaneous returns have been observed. However, while security has improved for the axis Teapleu-Zouan Hounian and Bangolo, the villages on the axis Bangolo-Duékoué are still facing problems of insecurity, access to livelihoods and shelter needs. Requests for assistance to return made by IDPs in sites are being followed up with a first convoy to Toulepleu. The Cluster is currently responding to similar requests to return to Bangolo. The fourth joint mission to evaluate conditions of returns in Toulepleu and surrounding villages recorded spontaneous returns of IDPs and refugees from Liberia to Toulepleu and Boléquin. Returnees, however, still mention fears of insecurity linked to the fact that many armed men can still be seen in towns, villages or in surrounding plantations or forests. Checkpoints are still numerous (more than 15 from Guiglo to Toulepleu) and are an impediment to return. Returnees are still in dire need for support in terms of emergency shelter, food and medical assistance. The Cluster is advocating for the continuous presence of UNOCI in Toulepleu and a similar presence in Boléquin to reinforce security, as well as the reinforcement of the presence of civilian authorities and of international organizations in these areas. A fifth joint mission took place on 22 June on the axis Duekoué-Bagohouro.

Regarding protection of IDPs in sites, the first detailed site reports of Abidjan IDP sites indicated a serious lack of protection actors working with IDPs, with significant gaps noted regarding support of families with specific needs. In the western region, the Protection Cluster has made numerous interventions with the local authorities, the FRCI and IDPs themselves with regards to the respect of the civilian character of IDPs camps. Since the beginning of June, no further incursions by armed elements in camps have been recorded. However, the Cluster reiterates the need for a DDR program to start looking at situations in IDP camps in Duékoué and Guiglo. The members of the sub-Cluster on Child Protection are continuing activities of prevention and identification of unaccompanied and separated children, including through radio programs. The trauma experienced by many children during the conflict needs to be addressed through increased psychosocial activities, and a mapping and reinforcement of these activities are ongoing. In Yamoussoukro, a Gender-Based Violence (GBV) training of 22 GBV capacity promoters started on 20 June.

• Humanitarian Assistance

In western Côte d'Ivoire, work is ongoing on the first block of the Nahibly site. The first relocation of IDPs from the Catholic Mission site will be done once the final list of IDPs is received. The Moroccan Battalion is already stationed at the site presently taking care of the security of the infrastructure and later the security of the IDPs to be relocated. The UNHCR-led Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster

organized a training in Man for 30 national staff from 15 agencies and local authorities.

LIBERIA

The overall security situation in Liberia remains relatively calm. Despite the relative peace that prevails in Côte d'Ivoire, new Ivorian refugees continue to cross the border in Maryland and Grand Gedeh counties. The new arrivals mainly report ongoing violence as the reason for their flight. As of 23 June the estimated total Ivorian refugee number in Liberia stands at **144,229**. Grand Gedeh is estimated to host 73,638 refugees; Nimba County is estimated to host 45,000 refugees (as a working figure); Maryland is hosting an estimated 22,473 Ivorian refugees and River Gee is estimated to have 3,180 refugees.

• Protection

According to the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), several hundred cases of unregistered refugees including both "old" and as well as "new" arrivals from Côte d'Ivoire were discovered during the border protection monitoring activities in Nimba. EQUIP conducted training for 10 Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization (BIN) and 10 Liberia National Police (LNP) officials in Toweh Town on Gender Based Violence (GBV) referral pathways. This is intended to ensure the confidentiality of the survivors in reporting GBV cases. The International Relief Committee (IRC) mobile team conducted an awareness-raising campaign on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) in Bahn, Zorgowee and Karnplay. The awareness campaign focused on SEA consequences, human rights and domestic violence. Additionally, 24 adolescent girls were trained on the GBV concept in Bahn camp. As part of action against SEA allegations in Dougee camp, NRC brought in their GBV consultants, who conducted SEA/GBV training for their 35 staff, including refugee workers. Similarly, UNHCR is finalizing plans for a code of conduct and SEA training for all agencies' staff.

• Humanitarian Assistance

From 1 to 27 June, WFP, in conjunction with partners, distributed close to 1,406 metric tons of assorted food commodities to 84,433 refugees in Nimba, Grand Gedeh and Maryland counties. Food distribution to host communities is also ongoing in Nimba and Maryland counties. In June, 49,495 members of host communities have benefited from this one-off general food distribution. In addition, WFP provided assorted food commodities to 6,350 host community beneficiaries in Nimba and Grand Gedeh counties under FAO/ECHO-sponsored Seed Protection Projects.

The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare has started to implement the sixth round of the polio National Immunization Days (NIDs) targeting over 950,000 children less than five years of age, both refugees and nationals. UNHCR is supporting the campaign by providing logistics support. In response to the increasing cases of malaria in refugee affected

counties, UNHCR provided 10,000 Insecticide-Treated mosquito Nets (ITNs) in Nimba County while 40,000 ITNs are expected to assist refugees in Grand Gedeh and Maryland counties. UNHCR provided one generator to Bahn Health Centre to improve the delivery of health services and dispatched one more new ambulance for the Grand Gedeh County operation. UNHCR has developed standard operating guidelines to facilitate refugee referrals to Monrovia. During the past week, 1,148 children (half of them refugees) were screened for malnutrition at the 21 outpatient therapeutic sites. 85 severely malnourished children (including 44 refugees) are currently undergoing treatment. Ninety-four severely malnourished children were cured and discharged while 600 are still receiving nutrition rehabilitation.

A total of 919 shelters have been constructed at Bahn camp. Of these, 856 are occupied while 63 are currently empty. In a related development, the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has completed 562 shelters in 8 refugee relocation communities, while the American Refugee Committee (ARC) also completed 396 shelters with 111 under construction in 8 refugee relocation communities. The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has pitched 20 light weight family tents in Little Wlebo refugee camp to provide emergency shelters for refugees being relocated from Bishop Ferguson transit centre.

UNICEF is supporting WASH activities in more than 70 communities, transit centres and “way stations” in all four counties affected by the refugee crisis. The WASH sector is providing 148,370 people living in way stations, transit and refugee camps and more than 90 border villages with water and 55,570 with sanitation services (calculated as per SPHERE standards). EQUIP-Liberia has completed the construction of 2 new hand pumps and the rehabilitation of 3 hand pumps in Beatuo Town. Additionally, they have dug 4 hand pumps and 140 family latrines in the relocation communities of Toweh and Zuatuo towns.

In Bahn camp, there is an increase in the enrolment of students in the afternoon session due to the relocation of refugees from border communities. In the Gborplay and Loquatuo axes, students’ enrolment in the afternoon sessions has increased due to the spontaneous relocation of refugees from bordering communities for education purposes. In Mah-Diplay, Plan Liberia conducted training for 20 refugee teachers and 45 Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE) animators/caregivers on child protection, psychosocial case management and referral.

GHANA

The total number of Ivorian asylum-seekers in Ghana stands at **16,877**. In the western region, the total population of Ampain camp is **6,605** persons, whilst Eagle Star has a population of **708** persons. UNHCR, in collaboration with IOM, continues to transfer asylum-seekers from Eagle Star to Ampain camp based on availability of space in Ampain. In the Brong Ahafo region, the camp population at Fetenta now stands at **565** individuals.

• Protection

In the western region, UNHCR protection section continues to monitor the situation at the border and at the camps. Both screening at Eagle star and counselling at Ampain are ongoing. Movements continued to be organized and coordinated with IOM and services are provided as asylum-seekers arrive at the camp. Protection continued to respect the principle of family unity and a total of 5 reunifications took place during the reporting period. 17 separated children and 28 unaccompanied minors have been recorded and six cases of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) have been identified in Ampain. A total number of 16 vulnerable cases were moved from Eagle Star to Ampain on 20 and 21 June. 8 of the 16 vulnerable cases were sick and needed medical assistance. In addition, one pregnant woman and two unaccompanied minors, aged 16 and 17 years were also transferred.

• Humanitarian Assistance

UNICEF, in collaboration with UNHCR Protection section, started a two-day training of volunteers to work in the children-friendly spaces. 40 asylum-seekers from the Ampain camp community were targeted. Tullow Oil Company, in collaboration with the Ghana Health Service, organized a health screening exercise on 25 June in the Ellembele District. Ampain Camp was one of the zones that benefited from this programme. In total, approximately 600 adults and 300 children were screened and de-wormed.

In the Brong Ahafo region, the number of new arrivals slightly increased this week and it is estimated that there will be a need to complete the “G zone” and also an alternative location at the rear of the Fetenta camp to cater for the new arrivals. A distribution of food, charcoal, soap and non-food items for all new arrivals took place on 24 June. Construction of one block of six units of latrines is completed. Construction works on two blocks of four units of bath shelters are ongoing.

In the central region, as of 24 June, there were 102 emergency shelters in Egeikrom. The base of 30 single toilets and 10 bathrooms have been completed, four boreholes drilled, 2 poly-tanks each with a capacity of 10,000 litres have been set up and 4,000 mud bricks prepared for the construction of semi-permanent structures.

GUINEA

As of 26 June, the total number of Ivorian refugees in Guinea stands at **2,836**.

Seventy-five Ivorian refugees were transferred from N'Zérékoré to the Kouankan II refugee camp on 24 June. This group of refugees received food and non-food items upon arrival at the camp. UNHCR Community services provided learning assistance for 3 weeks to 75 Ivorian students in order to prepare them for the national CEP (primary school certificate) exam held from 23 to 25 June.

TOGO

The total number of Ivorian refugees in Togo stands at **6,272**. Tropicana refugee camp is currently host to **2,531** of them.

• Protection

Arrangements are being made for the completion of the registration of all Ivorian refugees in Togo. Briefing notes have been posted and refugees were officially informed of the operation. The registration will take place from 4 to 8 July. Ivorian refugees at the camp have been sensitized on their rights and duties and the consequences of the exploitation of girls and sex work.

• Humanitarian Assistance

At the Tropicana camp, sanitary napkins were distributed to 405 women; soap and toilet paper to 805 people and additional food was distributed to 28 people with special needs. 401 patients have been treated in the camp during the reporting period. Among them, 4 serious cases had to be evacuated.

BURKINA FASO

The number of Ivorian asylum-seekers in Burkina Faso stands at **117**.

MALI

Two asylum-seekers have been registered by the Commission Nationale Chargée des Réfugiés (CNCR) during the reporting period, bringing the total number of Ivorian refugees in Mali to **955**.

NIGERIA

No new arrivals from Côte d'Ivoire were reported in the course of the week. Thus far, **104** Ivorian asylum-seekers have been registered in Nigeria.

BENIN

There are **503** Ivorian asylum-seekers in Benin thereby indicating an increase of 23 new arrivals registered by the Commission Nationale d'Assistance aux Réfugiés (CNAR) in the reporting week. The eligibility committee held its regular session and examined the situation of 48 Ivorian nationals.

SIERRA LEONE

No new arrivals from Côte d'Ivoire reported in the course of the week. The number of Ivorian asylum-seekers in Sierra Leone stands at **4**.

NIGER

Thus far, **79** Ivorian asylum-seekers have been registered in Niger.

THE GAMBIA

The number of Ivorian asylum-seekers in The Gambia stands at **65**.

During the past few weeks, many Ivorians approached UNHCR for assistance with voluntary repatriation. However, until further notice, UNHCR does not facilitate repatriation of Ivorian refugees.

GUINEA BISSAU

There are **34** Ivorian asylum-seekers registered in Guinea-Bissau.

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Number of refugees

As of 29th June 2011



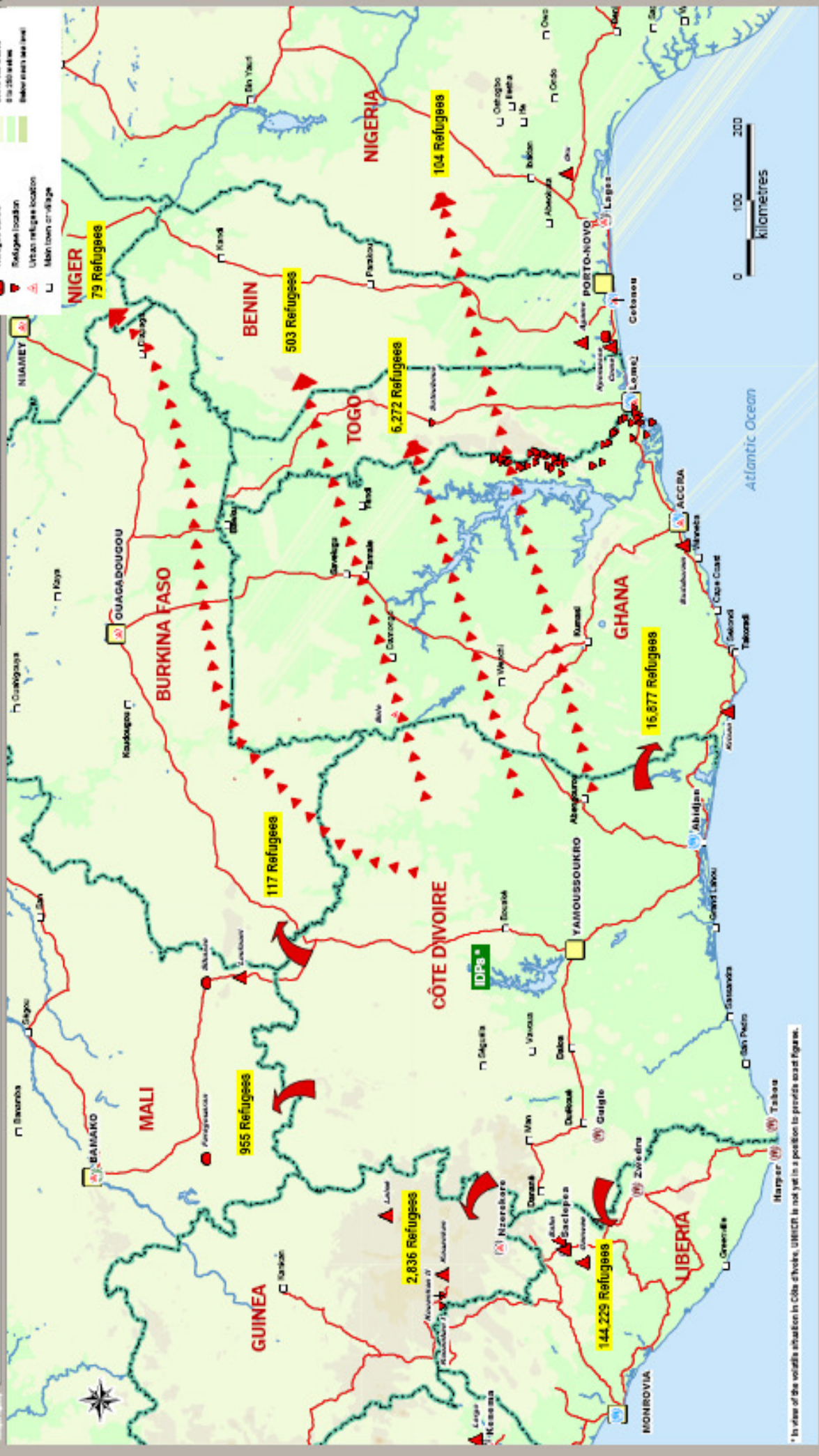
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The locations and names of sites
 are not intended to imply a
 commitment by UNHCR to
 accept or accommodate refugees
 or returnees to the sites.

Legend:

- International boundary
- Main road
- Elevation (above sea level)
 - 2,000 to 4,000 metres
 - 1,500 to 2,000 metres
 - 1,000 to 1,500 metres
 - 500 to 1,000 metres
 - 200 to 500 metres
 - Below mean sea level
- Capital
- UNHCR Country Office / Liaison Office
- UNHCR Sub-Office
- UNHCR Field Unit
- UNHCR Field Unit
- Refugee settlement
- Refugee camp
- Refugee centre
- Refugee location
- Urban refugee location
- Main town or village



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