

# Update No. 25

## Côte d'Ivoire Situation

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- On 17 July, West African leaders urged the United Nations and ECOWAS to step up monitoring of the Liberia-Côte d'Ivoire border after reports of the presence of mercenaries surfaced. The call came in the aftermath of talks among leaders of the Mano River Union countries, which include Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.
- During a state visit to Côte d'Ivoire on 15 July, French Prime Minister Francois Fillon indicated that France will offer 3 billion euros (USD 4.2 billion) in aid and debt relief to Côte d'Ivoire. The aid and debt relief package will take effect in mid-2012 in addition to 400 million euros pledged to date, of which 350 million euros has been paid out.
- In a statement on 18 July, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) warned Ghanaian authorities of arms used recently in the Côte d'Ivoire conflict being smuggled into Ghana ahead of the 2012 elections.



An Ivorian asylum seeker and her children carry NFIs distributed in Egeikrom Camp (UNHCR/Ghana/2011)

## Population Movement

Country	Guinea	Burkina Faso	Mali	Ghana	Togo	Benin	Niger	Nigeria	Senegal	Guinea Bissau	Gambia	Sierra Leone
Refugees/Asylum seekers	2,397	118	955	17,159	3,803	303	79	104	58	65	65	54
Liberia	The total estimated number of Ivorian refugees stands at 145,230.											

*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
<b>TOTAL revised requirements</b>	<b>\$ 226,307,683</b>

2011 Contributions Towards UNHCR's Activities in West Africa at 27 July 2011	
Donor	Contribution (USD)
African Union	125,000
Australia	4,167,435
Belgium	1,430,615
Canada	2,335,363
CERF	3,707,857
Denmark	3,828,572
EC/ ECHO	3,939,090
ECOWAS	500,000
Finland	1,808,808
France	549,452
Germany	1,027,413
Ireland	544,959
Japan	1,231,072
Liechtenstein	108,460
Netherlands	2,500,000
Norway	1,431,127
OPEC fund for Intl. Dev.	339,234
Private donors	895,934
Rep. of Korea	300,000
Switzerland	637,767
UN Population Fund	119,840
United Kingdom	7,211,538
United States of America	23,300,000
<b>TOTAL (*)</b>	<b>62,039,536</b>
(*) In addition, Luxembourg donated USD 87,015 towards UNHCR's initial response in Côte d'Ivoire in December 2010.	

## Country Operations

### CÔTE D'IVOIRE

As at 22 July, there were **204,417** IDPs. In Abidjan, reports indicated that parts of the city were stabilised and displaced people were gradually returning to their areas of origin. However, pockets of insecurity and community tensions remained. Several armed checkpoints, arbitrary arrests, armed robberies were rife.

The UN Country Team (UNCT) advocated for increased presence of UNOCI troops to organize patrols to ensure security of humanitarian personnel and civilians following renewed waves of banditry.



Water sachet cue, Ampain Camp, Ghana.  
(UNHCR/Buckenmeyer/2011)

### • Protection

As at 13 July, the estimated number of IDPs living in 65 sites in Côte d'Ivoire stood at **29,732** persons, a reduction from 500,000 reported in June, due to spontaneous returns. Reportedly, an estimated 350,000 persons in Côte d'Ivoire will be in urgent need of NFIs, shelter, rehabilitation materials, immediate food and farming kits as spontaneous returns to initially deserted villages in the west continue.

In Abidjan, two IDPs transit centres were identified. The first one in the Angre/Chateau neighbourhood hosts 25 families (112 persons) while the second in Lagunes and Sud-Comoe, hosts 82 households (351 persons). IDPs who had until 16 July been living in Saint Laurent Church of Yopougon were transferred to the new site at the Maison Carreé d'Adiopodoume in Yopougon.

A pre-identification campaign of separated children was piloted with the support of UNICEF, Save the Children Fund (SCF), CARITAS, International Rescue Committee (IRC), ICRC, the Ivorian Red Cross and the Directorate of Social Welfare. The number of separated children was 211. As part of this initiative, IRC announced that it will activate the inter-agency Identification, Documentation, Tracing and Reunification (IDTR) database throughout the country.

In the south, the situation was fairly calm in Tabou, but there were reports of increased robberies along the roads. A reinforcement of the UNOCI Moroccan battalion arrived in Tabou, and the security assessment was adjusted from phase 3 to phase 2. IDPs were gradually returning to their homes in Tabou and San Perdo areas although the UNHCR Tabou office reported emergent sites in San Pedro.

#### • Humanitarian Assistance

Save the Children trained 40 Child friendly spaces educators in Yopougon and Dabou. In seven IDP sites, 2,532 children took part in activities organized by educators. Through its partners, UNICEF provided 880 children with psychosocial support in the Didievi, Beoumi and Mankono localities.

Commencing in July 2011, several Gender Based Violence (GBV) activities were launched in Abidjan District, including a six months ECHO funded project and another 12 months OFDA funded project. Both projects are managed by the IRC. These interventions aim to provide victims of violence with better access to holistic care. In the west (Man, Bouléquen, Zouan-Hounien, Danané and Duékoué), IRC, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and FSCF undertook awareness-raising campaigns to prevent GBV and provide widespread information on available services. Also, IRC trained medical service providers in the region on clinical care of sexual assault victims. According to UNFPA, at least 200 cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) were reported in central Côte d'Ivoire. The weakness of rule of law institutions and absence of law enforcement authorities facilitate the continual occurrence of this harmful practice.

In the South Zar zone, the first distribution of NFIs to IDPs took place at the Red Cross Centre. 196 IDPs received assistance.

## LIBERIA

As at 18 July, the estimated total number of refugees in Liberia was **145,230**. The security situation in Nimba, Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties remained calm and in spite of on and off presence of security personnel at border entry points, no security related incident was reported.

#### • Protection

In Nimba County, 23 individuals in eight families were moved from the border to the Zorgowee transit centre. At the Saclepea refugee camp, there were 30 new born babies. Registration was carried out to ensure processing of birth certificates by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

In Grand Gedeh County, 215 individuals were relocated from the Garley border to Solo camp. The population of Grand Gedeh currently was **74,253** individuals.

#### • Humanitarian Assistance

In Nimba County, UNHCR Supply Unit sent NFIs to Harper, Zwedru and to Bahn Camp. The Unit also allocated four trucks for food distribution in the Buutuo Axis (Old and New Yorpea).

Mercy Corps reported that it began water and sanitation (WATSAN) activities in Nimba and Grand Gedeh Counties and constructed five latrines in Old Yourpea Town, five in Kparblee Town, eight in Dewoblee and rehabilitated two hand pumps in Yourpea old town.

15 refugees were referred to hospitals in Nimba County. Also, eight were rescheduled for visitation and surgical procedures and 19 were discharged. 1,854 mosquito nets were distributed to 3,366 individuals in Bahn Camp.

In Bahn camp, the Early Childhood Care Development (ECCD) programme, run by Plan-Liberia and Save the Children Fund (SCF), enrolled 160 pupils (59 boys, 101 girls). Some 334 children (156 boys, 178 girls) were enrolled in the Southern Axis and 249 children (134 boys, 115 girls) in the Northern Axis. In the Central Axis, 745 children (363 boys, 382 girls) were enrolled in primary school, 568 children (330 boys, 238 girls) in the Northern Axis, 559 children (323 boys, 236 girls) in the Southern Axis and 771 children (381 boys, 390 girls) in Bahn Camp.

The Gbeivonwea community refugee children will have a permanent school building, which will host the ECCD programme. 254 bags of cement, 200 sheets of zinc, 70 steel rods and nails were provided Plan-Liberia for its construction.

SCF registered 3,461 children in the Child Friendly Spaces programme and 87 new starts. Both Refugee and Liberian children have equal access to recreational activities. Five (four boys, one girl) separated and unaccompanied (one girl) children were identified.

In Maryland, a total of 120 tents were dispatched and pitched up in the Little Wlebo tented area to accommodate relocated refugees. Food was distributed to refugees living in host communities. 20,960 individuals received one month food ration,

including pulses, Corn-Soy Blend (CSB), rice and vegetable oil. UNHCR (via DRC) distributed NFIs to 609 individuals that did not receive NFI packages before relocation to Little Wlebo. 112 latrines and 58 bathrooms were completed in the tented camp where relocated refugees were temporarily sheltered. 65,000 litres of clean treated water are provided on a daily basis to the tented camp.

## GHANA

The number of Ivorian asylum-seekers in Ghana was as at 22 July was **17,159**.

The security situation in Ghana as at 20 July was calm. In the western region, the population at the Eagle Star reception centre was **1,074** (276 women, 600 men and 198 children). Eight new persons from Soubre, Transua, Boudoukou and Yopougon in Côte d'Ivoire arrived in the Brong Ahafo region during the reporting period. The total population was **716** persons.

In Brong Ahafo, there were 124 pupils in the school as at 19 July. Food donated by action AID was distributed to the vulnerable. Some 67 open sandals donated by Action Aid were delivered to the school administrator for distribution.

In the central region, tents and surrounding areas of Eyeikrom were fumigated on 19 July. In addition, 18 tent frames were made available, a generator was installed within the camp, and street lighting was put in place around blocks 'A' and 'B'.

## GUINEA

No new Ivorian refugees were registered during the reporting period. The total number of Ivorian refugees in Guinea as at 15 July was **2,397**.

Twelve Ivorian refugees left Kouankan I camp for resettlement in Canada (seven) and the USA (five). These refugees fled Côte d'Ivoire before the electoral crisis and were identified as having resettlement needs before the recent influx.

Field community service units in collaboration with UNFPA distributed the last batch of dignity kits to 110 Ivorian refugee girls and women in Kouankan II aged 15 to 55 years.

Four Ivorian refugee girls took part in the 2010-2011 Baccalauréat exams.

## TOGO

The total number of Ivorian refugees in Togo as at 14 July was **3,803** persons.

During the reporting period, there were 127 new arrivals, 52 of them were female. 115 special needs refugees were relocated.

## • Humanitarian Assistance

Non-food items, including 200 mats, 150 pots, 300 plates, 200 kg of detergent, 200 ladles, 900 bars of soap, 500 towels and 20 bags of coal were distributed to refugees. 342 patients were treated. 02 cases including 01 paediatric case was referred. Most patients suffered from malaria. 03 cases of psychopathology were referred.

## BURKINA FASO

The number of Ivorian asylum-seekers in Burkina Faso was **118**.

## MALI

No new asylum-seekers were registered in Mali during the reporting period. The number of Ivorian asylum-seekers was **955 persons**.

## NIGERIA

There were no new arrivals during the reporting period. The number of Ivorian asylum-seekers in Nigeria was **104 individuals**.

Food distribution for Ivorian asylum-seekers was carried out during the reporting period. 29 individuals received two months rations. A total of 52 individuals received food rations. Rice, beans, oil and salt were distributed.

## BENIN

Ten Ivorian-asylum seekers were registered during the reporting period. There were **303** Ivorian asylum-seekers in Benin during the reporting period.

## SIERRA LEONE

There were **54** Ivorian refugees in Sierra-Leone as at 18 July.

## NIGER

There have been no new arrivals in Niger. Two asylum-seekers were recognised and one was rejected. The number of newly arrived Ivorian asylum-seekers/refugees in Niger was **79 individuals**.

## THE GAMBIA

All Ivorians asylum-seekers were issued with refugee ID cards in The Gambia. As at 22 July, there were **65** Ivorian refugees in The Gambia.

## GUINEA BISSAU

No new arrivals from Côte d'Ivoire were reported in Guinea Bissau during the reporting period. The number of Ivorian asylum-seekers was **65**.

For a map of operations in the West Africa region with updated statistics, please visit:  
<http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4d831f586.html>

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