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Côte d'Ivoire Situation

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Presenting UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's latest report on the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), Mr. Choi Young-Jin, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOCI, cited the need for a "rapid restoration of law and order throughout the country as the pre-condition for other tasks to be carried out successfully."
- On 27 July, the United Nations Security Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) to July 2012, in order to assist the country in tackling the many challenges it faces following the recent post-election crisis.
- On 27 July, President Alassane Ouattara of Côte d'Ivoire sought to reassure the international community that his topmost priority was not to punish or seek revenge against his opponents. Speaking at the UN Headquarters in New York, Mr. Ouattara said that his government would strengthen State institutions, restore the rule of law, protect the human rights of all Ivorians, fight against impunity and ensure national reconciliation.
- UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon has announced his intention to appoint Mr. Bert Koenders of the Netherlands as his Special Representative for Côte d'Ivoire and the next Head of the UNOCI.



Nutrition screening of children in Egeyikrom Camp, Ghana. (UNHCR/Ghana/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	1,879	118	966	17,159	3,803	569	38	130	58	65	65	54
Liberia	The total estimated number of Ivorian refugees in Liberia stands at 153,995.											

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 28 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
TOTAL (*)	62,039,536
(*) In addition, Luxemburg donated USD 87,015 towards UNHCR's initial response in Côte d'Ivoire in December 2010.	

Country Operations

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

In Yopougon and Abobo Communes, most displaced persons have returned. Local institutions are functional except for the police, gendarmes and legal offices. Commercial activities have resumed in both communities, however some banks, the treasury and tax offices are not fully operational.

In Abobo Commune, most civil services are now operational although finding food is a problem as farm fields were destroyed during the civil conflict.



IDPs at the Duékoué Catholic Mission, Cote d'Ivoire. (UNHCR/Dewoelmont/2011)

• Protection

The Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster in Abidjan reported that the total IDP population was **31,067** in 62 sites as at 19 July. It also launched a website, www.cccmivoire.com, which will be linked to the EHAP website. In the Bas Sassandra region there are 10,503 registered IDPs (7,585 in Soubre, 1064 in Sassandra, 1,549 in San-Pedro, and 305 in Tabou).

A joint inter-agency assessment mission (including IDP representatives and local authorities) to analyse return conditions and the concerns of IDPs planning to return was carried out in the Bolequin region (Bolequin City, Kehibly village, Paris-Beoué, Ziglo, Zeaglo, Beoué and Geya localities). The mission found that with the exception of the Mayor's office, the local administration is yet to resume work. The socio-

economic system is not fully operational and health centres and schools pillaged during the conflict are not yet fully functional. Houses and food silos were damaged or burned down and there is lack of potable water.

• Humanitarian Assistance

Save the Children Fund (SCF) trained 40 Child friendly space educators in Yopougon and Dabou Communes with 2,532 children from seven IDP sites taking part.

Through its partners, UNICEF provided 880 children with psychosocial support in the Didievi, Beoumi and Mankono localities. UNHCR and the Service d'Aide et Assistance aux Réfugiés et Apatrides (SAARA) distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 1,909 IDPs.

LIBERIA

The security situation in Nimba and Maryland Counties remained calm during the reporting period. The Bishop Ferguson Transit Centre in Maryland closed on 21 July following the relocation of the last batch of 515 refugees to the Little Wlebo Refugee Camp. All remaining tents were removed.

• Protection

A total of 115 new refugee arrivals were registered in Grand Gedeh County, including 111 individuals in the Tojallah community and four in the Toe Town transit centre. All refugees were screened by the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC). By 23 July, the estimated total number of Ivorian refugees in Liberia was **153,995**.

In Nimba County, momentum to relocate to Bahn refugee camp picked up, with **279 individuals** relocated. Similarly, an additional **37 individuals** were relocated from the border to the Gblah relocation community. A total of **316 individuals** were relocated from the border areas. Protection monitors report more refugees awaiting relocation to Bahn camp.

In Gbeivonwea and Garplay communities, four children, including two unaccompanied minors (UAMs) and two separated children (SC) were identified by Plan-Liberia and referred to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) for appropriate interventions. IRC Child Youth Protection Department (CYPD) identified, verified and documented 33 UAMs and three SC in the Loguatu and Gborplay axis.

During the weekly relocation exercises from Bishop Ferguson to Little Wlebo camp, 72 separated children (SC) and 18 unaccompanied minors (UAMs) were identified, following an identification of UAMs and SC exercise in Bishop Ferguson.

Regular protection counselling sessions with refugees were also conducted in Little Wlebo and Cavalla communities.

• Humanitarian Assistance

In Nimba County, awareness-raising on domestic violence was carried out in Bahn Camp in three blocks. Some 159 refugees (129 female, 30 male) were targeted. Similarly, 17 persons (15 female, two male) benefited from a regular house-to-house awareness-raising on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in the Saclepea refugee camp. The awareness-raising programme also touched on the need for parents to educate children on teenage pregnancy.

CARITAS distributed five bales of used clothes to hosts and refugees in Glarlay Town during the period under review.

UNHCR Saclepea donated stationary and office equipments to the Loguatu Immigration post. The donation was meant to provide support to the Immigration Department in the discharge of their duties at the border post. In a related development, UNMIL also added an annex to the Loguatu Immigration to enhance their capacity.

The 37 refugees relocated from the border to Gblah Town in Zoe Geh District were assigned 13 shelters out of the 31 shelters constructed for the purpose.

Mercy Corps constructed an emergency water treatment kit in Old Yourpea.

IRC provided 40 desks for the refugee school in Karnplay. One bail of tarpaulin and 50 pieces of mats were distributed to the Child Friendly Space in Zorgowee and Sarkimpa. IRC also conducted a three-day healing classroom training for 36 refugee school teachers from Loguatu.

In Grand Gedeh County, Save the Children-UK (SC-UK) erected primary school facilities in the Duogee and Solo camps. In Duogee, 991 pupils attend school. UNICEF erected 6 school tents in Duogee camp. The school tents are currently not equipped with benches; children sit on the floor.

A new camp site called PTP camp was erected in Grand Gedeh County. Two semi-permanent structures have been built.

General food distribution to refugees is ongoing in the Ziah-Tempo axis targeting 6,185 beneficiaries.

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) screened 260 children in the Supplementary Feeding programme in the Janzon axis, and found 28 cases of minor acute malnutrition (MAM) and 35 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).

OXFAM-GB selected 100 refugees in the Solo and Duogee camps to participate in income generating projects during the reporting week.

In Maryland County, as a result of the relocation movement, the Little Wlebo tented camp continued to expand. UNHCR delivered additional 80 tents this

week to DRC. Additional NFIs were distributed targeting groups with specific needs including women, SC, UAMs and the elderly. NFIs distributed included 726 blankets, 726 sleeping mats, 92 buckets, 800 sanitary cloths, 2,900 soap cakes and 200 mosquito nets. The items in the targeted distribution package aimed at alleviating the effects of the present cold weather in Maryland. In total, 2604 beneficiaries were served during the distribution. The general food distribution in the refugee hosting community has been completed in Harper District. NFIs were distributed to 4,430 individuals in Harper City.

The Little Wlebo community Primary school has enrolled about 362 refugee children. Also, two tents were erected in the community to serve as classrooms.

Ivorian refugees who arrived in Liberia before the crises in Harper City received tailoring materials. The tailors will train other willing refugees in tailoring and use funds generated to revolve the project.

GHANA

In the western and central region, the general situation was calm. During the reporting week two convoys brought **262** individuals to Egeikrom camp. Food distribution was carried out in both Ampain and Egeikrom Camps. The number of Ivorian refugees in Ghana was **17,159** persons as at 27 July.

In the central region, asylum-seekers have raised the need for a refuse dump, electricity to charge phones, a place of worship, and containers to collect bath water, as bath house outlets are not properly fixed.

• Protection

In the Brong Ahafo region, the total number of Ivorian asylum-seekers is **889** persons (440 female, 449 male) in host communities and at the camp. Interviews were conducted for three new arrivals from Côte d'Ivoire. They have all been registered and issued temporary cards. Three attestations were distributed during the reporting period.

There were four new arrivals in Fetentaa camp. Two individuals from Yopougon Commune, one from Anyama Town located 10 km from Abidjan and one from Bondoukou Town in north-eastern Côte d'Ivoire and 400 km from Abidjan. The Fetentaa Camp population stands at **718**.

As at 22 July, the population at Eagle Star Reception Centre was **732** individuals.

In the central region, the population in Egeikrom was **262** individuals.

• Humanitarian Assistance

In the Brong Ahafo region the Catholic Bishop donated clothes to refugees on behalf of his parishioners. The

National Catholic Services (NCS) distributed food to eight new arrivals.

A new ambulance arrived in Fetentaa on 23 July. The number of pupils in primary school is 83 aged 4 to 13 years. In preschool there are 40 children aged two to five years.

UNICEF provided plastic sheets to be laid on the floor of the community centre nursery class as there are not enough mats on the floor.

In the western region, UNHCR held a meeting with nursery and primary school teachers. The teachers received samples of donated text books.

In the central region, a 10,000 litre water tank was installed and filled with drinking water. In Block 'A', three latrines were completed. In Block 'B', six latrines were completed.

NCS moved an ambulance from Buduburam to Egeikrom and provided some drugs to the medical team on 20 July. Also, NCS distributed sanitary pads, 68 coal pots, 60 cooking utensils, one month's supply of coal, four cakes of soap per person, 119 mosquito nets, one plastic pale per household and 103 jerry cans. Food items distributed, included rice, corn soy blend (CSB), beans, oil and salt. NCS purchased 50 pieces of sanitation bins. Twenty-eight of the bins (one per four tents) have been placed at vantage points for use by the beneficiaries. NCS purchased 42 drying lines to enable the beneficiaries to dry their washed clothing.

Street lighting is operating in blocks 'A' and 'B'.

GUINEA

The security situation in Guinea remained relatively calm after an attack on the residence of the Guinean head of state, Alpha Conde, in a suburb in Conakry on 18 July.

No new Ivorian refugees were registered during the reporting period. The total number of Ivorian refugees in Guinea was **1,879**.

Prior to planned verification of newly arrived Ivorian refugees in the Kouankan 2 camp, UNHCR and the *Bureau Régional pour l'Intégration et le Suivi des Réfugiés* (BRISR) met to discuss the verification process. The aim of the exercise is to update the database, produce reliable statistics and documentation on new arrivals of Ivorian nationals in Guinea. UNHCR and BRISR have briefed and raised awareness among refugees on the importance of the activity.

In collaboration with ICRC, three Ivorian unaccompanied minors were reunited with their families in Côte d'Ivoire. These children left the Kouankan 2 camp on 18 July for Sipilou in western Côte d'Ivoire.

TOGO

By 21 July, there were **3,803** Ivorian refugees in Togo, of whom 2,332 are in the camp and 1,788 in the Lomé urban area.

UNHCR and the Regional RSD officer met the Lomé ICRC head of office to discuss the issue of ex-combatants in Tropicana camp and family tracing. In total, 666 people have expressed their intention to return to Cote d'Ivoire.

The Regional RSD officer conducted a three-day training on RSD and the application of the "exclusion clause". Participants included members of the national eligibility commission and UNHCR Lomé amongst others.

• Humanitarian Assistance

Refugees in Tropicana camp received 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. Three hundred and forty two patients were treated. Two cases including one paediatric case was referred. Most patients suffered from malaria. Three cases of psychopathology were referred.

BURKINA FASO

Thus far, there are 18 Ivorian asylum-seekers in Burkina Faso.

During the reporting period, 14 asylum-seekers received 25 coupons for health consultations. One vulnerable person received financial assistance. Twelve families received NFIs, including 17 mattresses, six chairs, two tables, 20 dishes, 14 mats, two beds, two barrels and two bags of used clothing.

MALI

No new asylum-seekers were registered during the reporting period. By 25 July, there were **966** Ivorian asylum-seekers in Mali.

NIGERIA

Food distribution to Ivorian asylum-seekers continued during the reporting period. Thirteen individuals received two months' food rations of rice, beans, oil and salt. As such, 65 individuals received food rations during July. There were **130** Ivorian asylum-seekers in Nigeria as at 28 July.

BENIN

Eleven new Ivorian arrivals were registered in Benin. By 28 July, there were **375** Ivorian refugees and **194** asylum-seekers in Benin. The total number of Ivorian asylum-seekers and refugees was **569** persons in Benin.

SIERRA LEONE

There were **54** Ivorian refugees and 8 asylum-seekers in Sierra-Leone by 25 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 **38**.

THE GAMBIA

The Gambia Refugee Commission did not register any new Ivorian asylum seekers during the reporting week. The number of Ivorian refugees in The Gambia was **65**.

GUINEA BISSAU

No new arrivals from Côte d'Ivoire were registered 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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