



HIGHLIGHTS

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UNHCR secured ID cards issued so far this year

24

Persons with specific needs identified since start of the year

28

Refugees submitted for resettlement consideration

20

New births registered since start of the year

Population of concern

A total of **7,940** people of concern

By country of origin

Gambia	Total PoC
Senegal	7,470
Cote d'Ivoire	192
Sierra Leone	120
Others	158
Total	7,940

UNHCR Presence

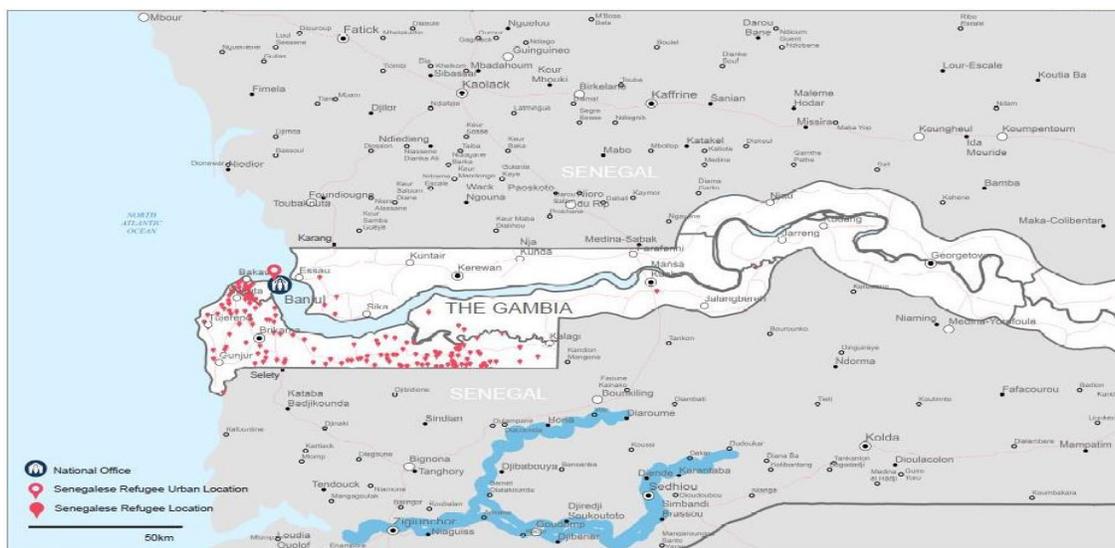
Staff:

07 national staff

03 national UNV

Offices:

01 office located in Banjul



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Sources: Government, UNHCR.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR works with 2 implementing partners, Gambia Food and Nutrition Association (sub-project with urban refugees) and The Ministry of Interior and The Gambia Commission for Refugees (protection of refugees). UNHCR is a member of the UN Country Team (UNCT) and regularly attends the UNCT weekly meeting where UN activities are discussed whilst also collaborating on various fronts with other UN agencies soliciting support and cooperation in highlighting refugee issues.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- The monthly protection monitoring of rural refugees undertaken by UNHCR in collaboration with Gambia Commission for Refugees and Gambia Food and Nutrition Association was conducted from 6th to 11th February 2017. A total of sixteen (16) satellite/cluster villages were visited where refugees from nearby villages attended. Issues discussed include security, livelihoods, education, documentation, health, durable solutions, and the impact of the political impasse experienced in The Gambia during the months of December 2016 and January 2017. The issue of food insecurity in the rural areas was a point of concern by rural refugees and hosts.
- Five (5) PoCs with specific needs (2male/3female) were recommended for Cash Based Intervention livelihood support. The support will enabled the beneficiaries to undertake various business and other income generation activities to augment their socio-economic status for self-reliance and also meet urgent family constraints.
- GAFNA Counseling and Education Officers participated in a sensitization meeting for urban refugees that discussed various issues ranging from security, livelihoods, education, documentation, health, durable solutions, and the impact of the political impasse experienced in The Gambia during the months of December 2016 and January 2017. Eighty six (86) refugees from all nationalities attended the meeting that was facilitated by the Protection section of UNHCR Gambia.

Education

- Both rural and urban refugees were sensitized on the DAFI scholarship that is aimed at promoting self-reliance and empowerment of sponsored students and their family through gainful employment opportunities.

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