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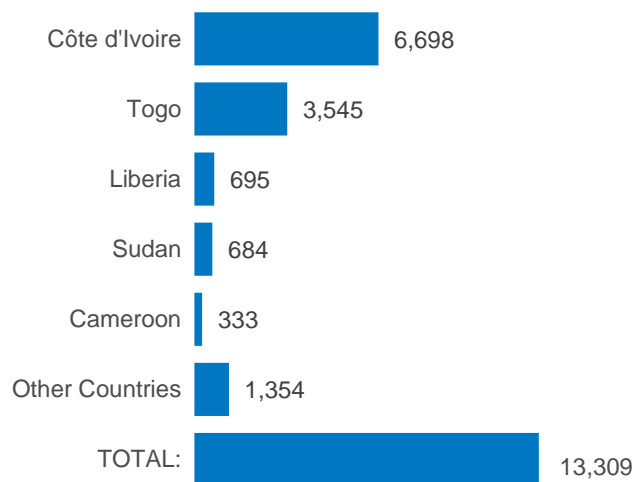
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UNHCR and Ghana Refugee Board **embark on advocacy drive for refugee protection** as it joins the world to observe World Refugee Day 2020

Refugees and asylum seekers both in-camp and out-of-camp receive **donation of food items** from UNHCR on World Refugee Day

10 Ivorian refugees undergo training on pig farming organised by the Department of Agriculture

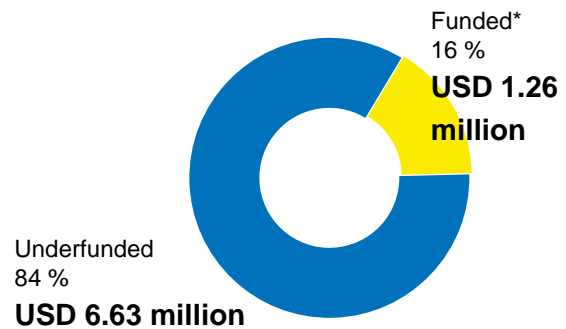
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Some refugee school children in Fetentaa Camp educating their peers about how to protect themselves from covid-19



One-time food donation by UNHCR to refugees to mark World Refugee Day. Pix from Egeyikrom

Working with Partners

- **Government Partners:** The Ministry of the Interior, the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB), and other relevant government departments and ministries such as Ghana Education Service, Ghana Health Service, Ghana Immigration Service, Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice, and Ghana Police Service to mention a few.
- **Partners:** Christian Council of Ghana (CCG), National Catholic Secretariat (NCS) and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).
- **UN Agencies:** UNFPA, IOM, UNAIDS and UNICEF.
- **Private Sector Partnerships:** UNHCR Ghana is exploring expanded partnership opportunities with the Private Sector and other development partners.

Main Activities

Protection

- As part of activities to commemorate World Refugee Day 2020, UNHCR Ghana and the Ghana Refugee Board embarked on an advocacy drive on refugee protection, solutions and inclusion via various media channels while calling for support towards persons of concern and vulnerable people in general in line with the global theme of *'Everyone can make a difference. Every action counts'*.
- In the spirit of World Refugee Day, the Representation made a one-time donation of food items to refugees and asylum seekers both in and out of camps to help alleviate the plight of most refugees whose livelihoods have been adversely affected due to covid-19. The distribution of the items also served as a good demonstration of observing all the health protocols to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Health

- Some school children at the Egyeikrom and Fetentaa Camps as part of activities to mark World Refugee Day embarked on sensitization activities to educate their peers about covid-19 and the need to observe all safety protocols.

Livelihoods

- 5 refugees have benefitted from a three day training programme organized by the Ministry of Agriculture's Women in Agriculture Development project. Participants were taken through healthier ways of fortifying gari and bread using orange flesh sweet potatoes which has nutrients to compliment one's health. The group has expressed interest to establish their own cassava plantation to enable them get constant raw material for their produce. This they believe will help them make more profit
- Ten refugee beneficiaries selected for pig farming have undergone 3 days training focusing on Good Husbandry Practices (GHPs) in pig production under deep litter system. This was facilitated by the Municipal Animal Production Officer of the Department of Agriculture at the. KEEA Municipal Assembly. Among the topics treated were: Overview of pig production in Ghana, Enterprise selection, Housing for pigs, Breed improvement, Nutrition, Health management, Record keeping, Marketing of pigs, Management of liquid manure and Deep litter system of pig farming.
- The Youth Leader at the Egyeikrom Camp, in his quest to assist the youth in the camp, has singularly set up an interest-free small loan facility from which young PoCs aged between 18 and 35 years can borrow to engage in useful ventures to occupy them and minimize anti-social vices in the camp. Up to 20 interested refugees can borrow between GHS20 and GHS150 payable within one- and two-months' period. Applicants

are required to provide their names, house and phone numbers for accounting purposes. During the reporting period, 5 Persons of concern benefitted from the interest-free loan facility out of which 4 of them have refunded fully to the benefactor. This has protection dividends against idleness especially now when learning institutions are closed.

Solutions

- Voluntary repatriation movements were put on hold during the reporting period as a result of border closures in relation to covid-19.

Community Services

- As a result of the need to improve sanitation and personal hygiene especially in the wake of the corona virus pandemic, soap was distributed to the entire camp population. Refugees received double allocation for a period lasting 4 months to enable them properly observe hygiene protocols. The distribution of the soap went along with sensitization activities to encourage Persons of Concern on the need to observe regular hand washing with soap and water as one of the surest ways of preventing infection with the virus.
- To help reduce the incidence of malaria in the Fetentaa camp, especially with the onset of the rains, the camp management distributed a total of 450 long lasting insecticide nets to a total of 225 households within the camp. The goal was to ensure that every person living in the camp was protected against malaria. Special attention was given to pregnant women and elderly persons
- Continuous education is given to members of the various camps on prevention and fight against COVID-19. The aim is to ensure the camp population were protected from covid-19. At the Fetentaa Camp, the 'Camp Tailoring Group' through support from UNHCR Partner, NCS, produced 500 face masks to support members of the camp. At the Egyeikrom Camp, the Camp Manager with support of staff and friends donated 1,000 pieces of reusable face masks to refugees at the camp. Still in Egyeikrom, the Youth Council in the camp also donated about 100 masks to the vulnerable persons in the camp. In another development, UNHCR Partner, Christian Council of Ghana also donated some 300 pieces of face masks to UNHCR to be distributed to refugees as part of protective measures.

Education

- To help improve the literacy of refugee children in camps during the COVID-19 pandemic which has seen schools shut down, school children in all camps are making use of e-readers procured by UNHCR. The Representation has engaged the services of volunteer teachers who ensure that children spend at least 2 hours a day reading.

Shelters

- The Ghana Refugee Board with funding from the British High Commission in Ghana has completed the rehabilitation of 10 shelters at the Krisan Refugee Camp expected to be used in hosting refugees being relocated from different parts of Ghana. The project is pending final inspection and hand-over

Financial Information

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