

# Côte d'Ivoire

September 2019

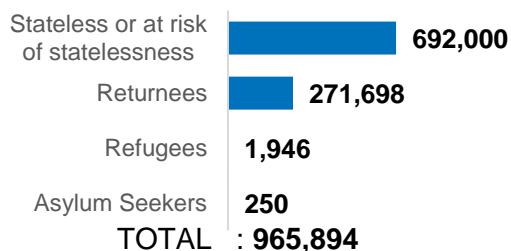
A training was conducted with regards to **UNHCR-UJLoG Daloa Project**

**Cross border meeting** in San - Pedro

Since 31<sup>st</sup> January, **UNHCR assisted with the voluntary repatriation of 1823 Ivorians**

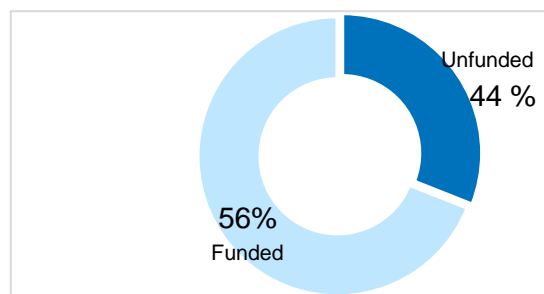
## POPULATION OF CONCERN :

### Côte d'Ivoire



## COTE D'IVOIRE AS OF 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

**\$16.6 MILLION** UNHCR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2019\*

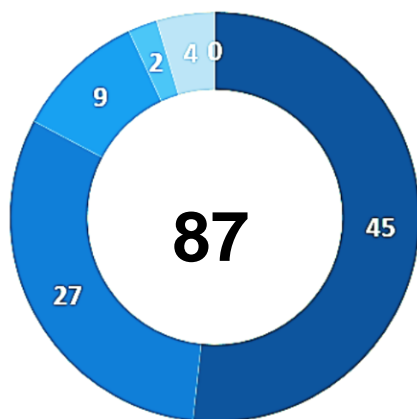


\*The financial requirements for Côte d'Ivoire are those of the operation's regular programme.

## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 45 National Staff
- 27 National UNV
- 9 International Staff
- 02 IUNV
- 04 Interns
- 00 Consultant



### UNHCR office:

- 1 Branch Office in **Abidjan**
- 1 Sub Office in **Guiglo**



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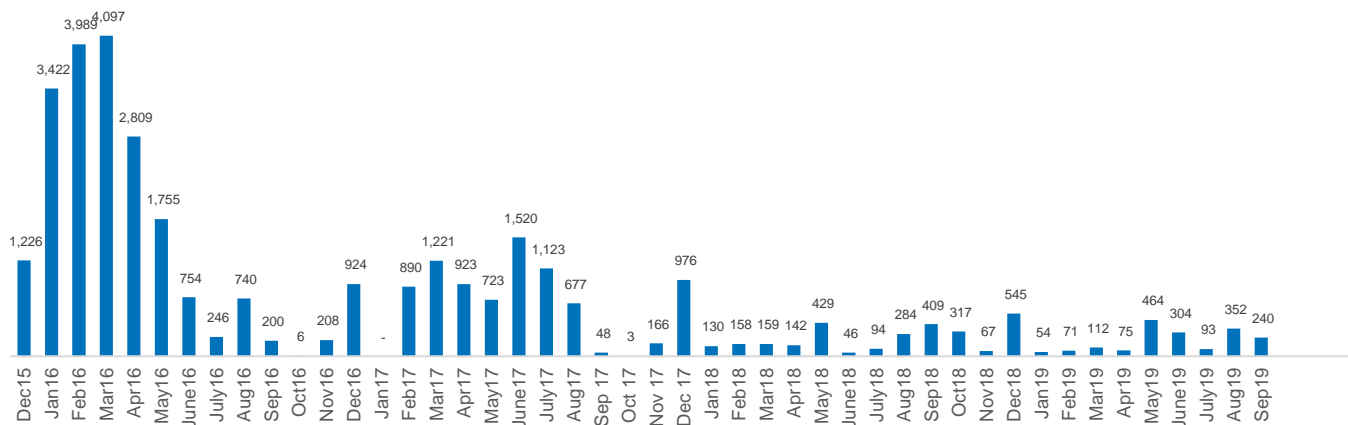
## OUR PARTNERS

UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire works in close partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, *Caritas-CI*, *World Food Program (WFP)*, the *United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV)* and *Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI)*.

## Assisted Voluntary Returns from December 2015 to September 30<sup>th</sup>



**33,191** returnees assisted by the UNHCR from December 2015 to October 2019



## Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees

### ■ VolRep –Recap September 2019

Date	CoA	Total Assisted	Returns	Household	NoC*
Monday, September 9, 2019	Liberia	54	54	13	0
Thursday, September 26, 2019	Ghana	185	185	83	0
Thursday, September 26, 2019	Benin	1	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL FOR DECEMBER ,2019</b>		<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>

\* **NoC** (Not of Concern) refers to returnees relatives accompanying their Ivorian families

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

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Upon the invitation of the Ministry of Planning and Development, UNHCR Field Protection Assistants of MAN, SAN-PEDRO and GUIGLO participated, took part in the assessment of the National Development Plan 2016-2020 and preparatory work for the NDP 2021-2025 in their respective duty stations.

## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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### Cross Border Meeting

A Cote d'Ivoire-Liberia cross-border meeting was held from 24 to 25 September in the city of San Pedro. The main objective of the meeting was the mid-term evaluation of the progress made in the process of voluntary repatriation of Ivorian refugees from Liberia, in a context of promotion of such repatriation. Twenty-six (26) participants took part in the meeting, including UNHCR staff (CIV and LIB), representatives of the two governments (DAARA and LRRRC) and a representative of WFP Côte d'Ivoire. The meeting resulted in the adoption of several recommendations, some of which will also be discussed at the ministerial meeting on durable solutions to the situation of Ivorian refugees in the sub-region, scheduled for 30 September and 1 October in Accra, Ghana.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### ■ PROTECTION Refugees

#### ➤ Livelihoods

- 05 vulnerable refugee households in Daloa were supported with income-generating activities via bank accounts created and credited in a microfinance center. The projects include hair salon, motorcycle taxi management, a shop selling various articles, catering and retail sales. Among the beneficiaries are two survivors of SGBV.

#### ➤ Medical assistance

- In Tabou, 25 assistance towards 20 refugees was provided as follow : 09 to 100% and 11 to 80%.
- 05 assistance at 100% for 04 refugees (women) from Danané and 01 a refugee from Guiglo for the purchase of medicines and medical care was provided.
- 09 refugees (04 women, 05 men) of whom 05 in Tabou and 04 in San Pedro benefited from 09 assistance (03 to 80%, 06 to 100%).

#### ➤ Protection/ SGBV

- 09 protection committees(PC) were supported with equipment (bicycles, mobile phones, office supplies, etc.) in Guiglo, Bolequin and Binhouyé for their functioning.
- An incident regarding social cohesion was identified by the Prolo PC. This involved the contestation of the authority of the chief of the village by the youth, who demanded his dismissal. However, thanks to the mediation of the administrative authorities, the village notables and with the strong involvement of the protection committee, order and calm have been restored.
- The Olodio Protection Committee held an extraordinary general assembly which resulted in the adoption of its Statutes and Rules of Procedure.
- 02 mass awareness sessions on social cohesion and peace were carried out through participatory theatre and public animation in the localities of Zéaglo (Bolequin) and Dayouhoké (Tabou). The themes addressed were "peaceful settlement of land conflicts" and "Peace". About 660 people (405 men and 255 women) attended the sessions.
- 02 local awareness campaigns on birth registration and the protection of human rights were carried out by the Zebly CP. 56 people (22 men and 34 women) were targeted.
- 01 local awareness campaign on prostitution was carried out by Troya CP. 35 women were targeted.
- 1 local awareness-raising session on domestic violence conducted by the Ranoueké CP for 29 households of 145 people, including 100 women and 45 men.

### ➤ Education

- Assistance in education has started in the west for primary and secondary school children and in skills training. This includes online registration, payment of ancillary fees, uniforms and school kits. The multifunctional team decided to provide occasional transport assistance to an under-age girl from Daloa, who is at risk of GBV because of the very long distance she has to travel to and from her school and house. The amount 27,000 CFA francs for the year will be used to cover her school pick-up bus.
- A Baccalaureate refugee residing in Tabou, beneficiary of a DAFI scholarship in 2019, was received with his father at the partner's office, in order to prepare him for his trip to Abidjan, for registration in the university of his choice. The DAFI scholarship covers study costs, accommodation and transportation for the entire academic period of the scholarship.

### Statelessness

#### ➤ Prevention

- UNHCR Field Protection Assistants and DAARA partner statelessness focal points deployed in the Sub-Delagation's coverage area trained and sensitized a total of 249 persons, including 88 persons from the Liberian community, on the importance of birth registration and the causes and consequences of statelessness, 257 persons on the declaration of births, including 102 on the modalities of acquisition of Ivorian nationality and 229 persons on statelessness .



*Family photo of the 88 Liberians sensitized on statelessness at the CFP-HCR in Tabou. Photounhcr@tabo*

- Awareness raising on statelessness and birth registration was organised in Doropo among leaders of the Federation of ECOWAS Nationals of the Peuhl community (historical and contemporary migrants and their descendants). There were 35 participants from Senegal, Burkina Faso, Mali, Guinea, Togo, Benin and Niger.

#### ➤ Identification

- UNHCR Field Protection Assistants identified 123 persons at risk of statelessness as follow : 10 in Tabou, 3 in Soubré, including 2 foundlings, 05 in Danané, 27 in San-Pédro, 25 in Man, 17 in Agboville and 36 in Boundiali.

- Within the framework of the UNHCR-UJLoG Daloa Project, a training and orientation session for Daloa University Master 2 students in law conducting research on statelessness in Côte d'Ivoire was held.

➤ **Reduction**

- AFJCI assisted an applicant at the court of San Pedro in obtaining a certificate of nationality.
- Two persons at risk of statelessness were identified and referred to the AFJCI partner by the UNHCR Field Protection Assistants obtained their nationality certificates from the Bondoukou Court after the issuance of supplementary judgments.



**Integration / Reintegration**

➤ **Shelters**

Progress of shelter and latrines

- The partner has completed the construction of 53 shelters/105 and 71 latrines/105. This represents an implementation rate of 50% for the shelters and 68% for the latrines.
- **Difficulties:** Some masons in Diboké and Zéaglo (Bloléquin) are abandoning the construction of the shelters for other occupations; these masons will be replaced in the course of the week.
- The locality of Petit-Guiglo is inaccessible due to flooding from recent rains, preventing work from starting on the poultry farm. A solution is being sought to remedy the situation.

➤ **IGRs**

- The construction works of 01 pig farm in Tuambly /Bloléquin, 01 fish farm in Klobly (Toulepleu) and 01 poultry farm in Yocobo 2 (Tabou) are in progress.
- Technical support has been provided to the groups ABLEDE in Tuambly (Pig farming), ABEWE in Klobly (Fish farming) and WA KOUNOUGBE in Yocobo 2 (Broiler farming) in the development of their status and rules of procedure.
- The construction of 03 hair salon for women in Goulaleu / Zouan-Hounien, Zéaglo / Bloléquin and Yocobo 2 / Tabou and 01 local sale of "Garba" in BinHouyé is underway.
- 11 individual IGAs of people with special needs (09 women and 02 men) were monitored, including Yoya/Bloléquin ( retail sale), Doké/Bloléquin (retail sale) and Zouan-Hounien ( sale of plastic shoes).
- 08 household chiefs including 04 in Abidjan, 02 in Bassam, 01 in Maféré and 01 in Anyama received a start-up kit (goods) for the implementation of their IGAs. all these beneficiaries have started their activity.

- The work on the fish farm of the ABEWE group in Klobly (Toulepleu) is underway. 01 pond/3 has been completed.



ABEWE group in Klobly working on their fish pond. Photo@UNHCR

### ➤ Professional trainings

- Vocational training for 160 learners (08 Liberian refugees, 67 returnees, 85 hosts) from the Tabou Vocational Training Centre in the different programmes is ongoing.



### Communication

- UNHCR's Field Protection Assistant based in Gagnoa hosted a programme on "The quarterly review of UNHCR activities in Gagnoa" on 27 September 2019 on Prestige Gagnoa radio.
- As part of the good collaboration with UNHCR and its partners, Kits comprising a t-shirt, 01 cup, posters and stickers were handedover to the Sous-Prefet and the President of the Boundiali Court Section

## EXTERNAL / DONOR RELATIONS

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