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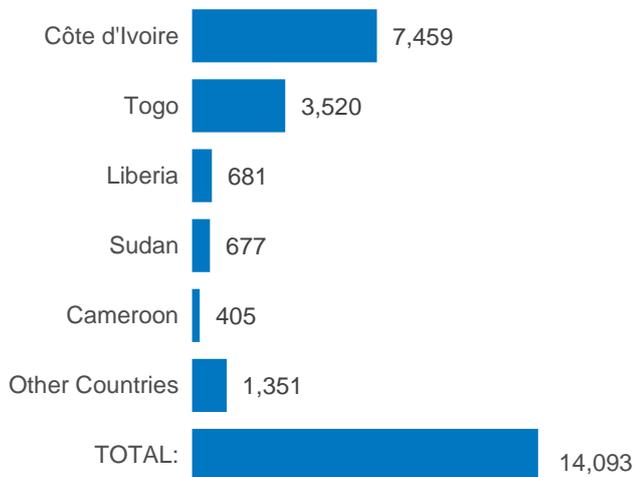
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Biometric Registration of refugees takes off in Ghana

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UNFPA Ghana welcomes the inclusion of **refugees in national SGBV response**

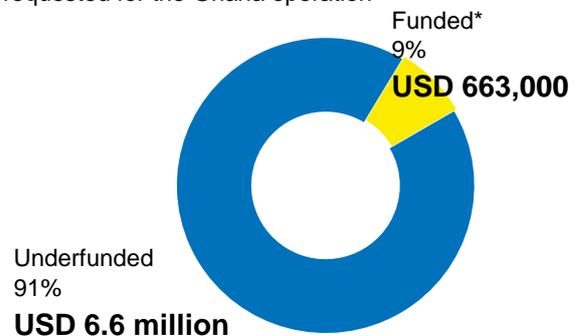
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FUNDING (AS AT APRIL 2021)

USD 7.3 million

requested for the Ghana operation



* The contributions earmarked for Ghana shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contribution. No contribution earmarked to the Ghana operation was received so far.

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 31 National Staff
- 02 International Staff
- 07 UNOPS
- 01 Refugee Point Deployee

Offices:

- 01 Country Office in Accra
- 01 Field Office in Takoradi



Adam Ibrahim, a refugee from Sudan being enrolled on the Biometric system. © UNHCR Ghana/Patience Folley



The Chief of Ampain together with his elders wearing the masks donated by UNHCR. © UNHCR Ghana

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

- To ensure the identity of refugees and asylum seekers are secured as well as to avoid multiple registration and prevent fraud, UNHCR Ghana has started the Biometric Information Management System (BIMS) enrollment of all refugees and asylum seekers in Ghana. Prior to this, the Representation conducted a one-day training for six (6) frontline registration staff of the Ghana Refugee Board to prepare them for the exercise.
- A five-day training on Refugee Status Determination (RSD) was organized by UNHCR for 21 staff of the Ghana Refugee Board. The purpose was to introduce non-core staff to basic concepts of protection and RSD processes. The training was also to strengthen participants who work in RSD with adequate skills and knowledge in RSD procedural and substantive legal standards as well as enhance their abilities to effectively conduct inclusion, exclusion and credibility assessments leading to quality RSD decisions.
- The Ghana Immigration Service has issued 250 renewed passports with resident and work permits valid up to five (5) years to former Liberian Refugees who had been locally Integrated as part of an ongoing exercise to extend their legal stay in Ghana. Both UNHCR and GRB believe the duration of the passport will allow government ample time to provide a more durable solution to the Liberians in Ghana who opted for local integration. The exercise is being funded by UNHCR with support from the Ghana Refugee Board.
- UNHCR has engaged sister UN Agency, UNFPA, to ensure refugees are included in the National SGBV response. UNFPA supports government response to SGBV under the 'BOAME' project to offer protection to SGBV survivors who are often neglected. Through the 'BOAME' project, survivors get to receive the basic support services including psychosocial, legal, health, shelter and financial. This has paved way for UNHCR to have representation on the Regional and National Response Teams. Refugees like Nationals will be able to access the toll-free helpline to lodge SGBV complaints without any fear and their confidentiality will be assured. Additionally, UNFPA's Orange Support Centre under the 'BOAME' project has professionals charged with the responsibility of providing virtual services to survivors and where appropriate, refer cases for additional support in a shelter.
- So far, there are 924 Ivorian new arrivals in Ghana made up of 447 families. The individuals travelled from Aboobo, Yopougon and Bingerville in Cote d'Ivoire to Ghana claiming there is still post-election political tension between party supporters in their neighborhoods which does not make them feel safe staying there. UNHCR continues with response activities and the recently opened Sowudadzim Quarantine/Reception Center in the Western Region is still in operation. New arrivals are quarantined there for 14 days before they are relocated to the regular refugee camps after complete medical screening.

Livelihoods

- A one-day refresher training was organized for the 2019 and 2020 batch of poultry farmers in Egyeikrom Camp. This was sponsored by the Komenda-Edina-Eguafo-Abirem (KEEA) Municipal Assembly's Department of Agriculture and facilitated by the Municipal Livestock Officer. 27 farmers benefited from the training.
- A baseline data collection survey for 2021 livelihood beneficiaries is underway in all four (4) camps. This is being done with the aid of the livelihood monitoring system (ODK Collect App) for livelihood programs. At least 300 beneficiaries under Implementing Partners as well as those under direct implementation projects are expected to be included in the survey. The objective is to acquire information relating to livelihood support.

Education

- A total of 422 school uniforms have been sewn and distributed to refugee children in Krisan and Egyeikrom. This is to ensure every refugee child enrolled in Basic School receives a school uniform to enable them access education in the appropriate attire. The sewing of the uniforms was by refugees and host community tailors and seamstresses which further empowers the refugees economically while boosting the local economy. The exercise is expected to continue at the Ampain and Fetentaa camps.
- A total of 72 students who gained admission to Senior High Schools have reported to school during the reporting period. All students received stationery to complement what government will provide them when they report to school. In addition to this, all students who were admitted to the boarding house and hostels were provided with essential items.

Community Relations

To foster social cohesion and peaceful coexistence, UNHCR Ghana has donated over 4,000 masks to the Chiefs and Host Community people in three communities hosting refugees (Ampain, Egyeikrom and Fetentaa). At Ampain, the Chief of the area, Nana Nyameke Fofole II who received the masks on behalf of his people was grateful to UNHCR for the gesture which is to help protect them from Covid-19.

Financial Information:

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS

United States of America 12.2 million | Canada 8.5 million

UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS

Norway 80 million | Sweden 66.9 million | Netherlands 36.1 million | Denmark 34.6 million | Germany 26 million | Private donors Spain 21.5 million | Switzerland 16.4 million | Ireland 12.5 million | Belgium 11.9 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 10.8 million | and other donors.

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