



## HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- A total of 1,022 refugees relocated to camps during the reporting period, including 724 from Zwedru to PTP camp, 212 relocated to Little Wlebo from Pedebo, Cavalla, Pullah and Harper City while 37 refugees relocated from River Gee to Little Wlebo.
- Toe Town Transit Centre is now closed, as the last batch of 49 refugees was relocated to Dougee camp on 16 September.
- In Grand Gedeh County, refugee camps continue to receive spontaneous arrivals. This includes the refugees who settled in communities without registration and a few new arrivals from Ivory Coast. During the reporting period, 366 individuals arrived in Solo camp and 191 in Dougee camp.
- New arrivals continue to report at the LRRRC office in Harper for registration and relocation at a rate of about 150 per week. However, in recent days it has become apparent that while some are genuinely new arrivals others are 'recyclers' who are already residing in the Little Wlebo camp. In the absence of biometric registration data, the Protection Unit is developing a screening system with LRRRC to help reduce this phenomenon.
- UNHCR & LRRRC (Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission) jointly continue with the relocation sensitization campaigns in various communities in Maryland.
- Due to the rain road conditions are worsening. Further the broken bridges hamper severely humanitarian access to the border communities of Grand Geddeh and Nimba. UN and partners are making efforts to rehabilitate roads and bridges in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Works.
- EHAP 2011 is 48% funded by the end of last week. The Agriculture and Education sector continue to remain the most underfunded sectors.

Refugee Statistics in Counties as of September 17, 2011

County	Last week	Increase	This week
Nimba	52,866	848	53,714
Grand Gedeh	76,081	12	76,093
River Gee	11,560	-	11,560
Mary Land	33,685	889	34,714
Montserado	349	3	352
<b>Total</b>	<b>174,541</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>176,293</b>

## REFUGEE RESPONSE AND COORDINATION

### PROTECTION (this includes Child Protection and SGBV sub sector)

- In Monrovia, the 10-member Liberia's Asylum Committee met on 16 September for the first time since 2010 to deliberate on 10 first instance cases of asylum seekers of various nationalities.
- Profiling of new born refugee children started this week in the Bahn camp and Loguatu axis. UNHCR conducted two coaching sessions for its implementing partner NRC. By the close of the reporting period, NRC profiled 70 new births for Bahn while in the Loguatu Axis 112 new births were equally recorded. The exercise will continue in other axis in the coming weeks.
- In Grand Gedeh, UNHCR Implementing Partner, Save the Children-UK, documented 5 unaccompanied minors and 2 orphans.
- During the pre-relocation protection screening in Doukudi, Maryland, two Liberian families were identified as holding ration cards and wanting to be relocated to the camp. The ration cards were confiscated and the families will be deactivated from the database.

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- In Nimba: 89 SC and 92 UAM were identified this week in Bahn camp, 62 UAM have been placed in foster care arrangement and 92 SC in kinship care, 897 children (boys-515, girls- 381) registered in CFS, 100 foster families identified, 75 received training and 51 are currently hosting children, discussion groups to research livelihoods opportunities in the border communities are underway in Kaffeeglay and Behwallay communities.
- In Grand Gedeh: 1,504 children (46% girls) participated in CFS this week throughout 13 CFS locations, 2,532 children (42% girls) are registered in CFS, 98 newly identified SC and UAM cases this week have been registered, 264 SC and UAM cases benefited from active case management support, over 300 male and female youth participated in sports competition promoting teamwork and positive messages about safety and respect for all, focus groups in communities have started to raise awareness about gender-based violence (GBV), case management system in Ziah Camp needs to be enhanced, including training and support for foster families and case managers.
- In Maryland and River Gee: 176 children (43% girls) participated in CFS this week throughout 2 CFS locations, 309 children (39% girls) total are registered in CFS, 7 newly identified SC cases have been identified, 56 SC and UAM cases benefited from active case management support this week, 103 youth participated in youth centre activities, including life skills training and games, 11 new protection focal points have been established in Pleebo, Barreken and Harper communities .
- Twelve survivors were provided with psychosocial support in Grand Gedeh. The cases reported were domestic violence (5), rape (3), attempted rape (3), and other GBV (1), from Duogee, Solo, and Ziah Camps. IRC is providing psychosocial support to the newly relocated refugees in PTP.
- A total of 4,131 refugees participated in activities designed to raise awareness of GBV issues in the four camps in Grand Gedeh. Topics discussed in the sessions included consequences of GBV, physical assault, rape and domestic violence.
- IRC is currently conducting safety audits in Duogee, Solo, and Ziah camps to identify safety and security issues related to camp layout, facilities, services, and households. Recommendations will be made to improve protection of women and girls specifically and the refugee population in general

### HEALTH

- In close liaison and partnership with the Ministry of Health UNICEF and WHO are delivering quality primary healthcare services to host and refugee population. It is also closely monitors the emergency health operations.
- UNICEF continues supporting the production, field-testing and distribution of IEC material in English and French. The posters and leaflets are being developed to address prevention/control of diarrhea/cholera, malaria, ARI and other diseases and encouraging visits to health clinics among families.

#### **In Nimba:**

- MENTOR carried out Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs) sensitization on appropriate use and care to a total of 9,864 refugees and host population in Karnplay, Larpea 1 and 2 and Zuatuo. 6,489 LLINs were distributed to 2,051 families.
- In Bahn camp, MENTOR and CHES distributed 115 LLINs to 46 shelters with 115 sleeping places identified in Block 1-7 that were occupied by new arrivals. MENTOR is currently conducting training on malaria case management for 12 clinical staff. The trained staff and CHVs will supervise malaria case management at their health facilities
- A total of 322 newly constructed and occupied shelters were sprayed by MENTOR Indoor Residual Spraying team. The campaign to identify villages for the combatting of malaria is ongoing. All essential anti-malaria drugs were provided at the facilities and communities by health volunteers (CHVs).
- Messages on malaria prevention, Early Health Seeking Behaviour, proper usage and maintenance of LLINs, Intermittent Prophylactic Therapy for pregnant women, Indoor Residual Spraying have been translated into GIO and MANOR; Nimba County's most popular local dialects.

#### **In Grand Gedeh**

- A total of 1,776 consultations were made during this week. 625 of them were refugees and the remaining 1,151 were host population. Of these 627 were children under the age of 5 years.
- Malaria and ARI/Pneumonia were the leading causes of morbidity in the general population and in children under the age of five years accounting for 35.4% and 45.1% of the total cases seen respectively.
- Two suspected cases of measles were reported in Diahn and Garley towns by the Mobile Team covering the Toe Town Axis.
- 3 cases of suspected bloody diarrhoea were reported, in Zwedru at the MTMH and another in Boe Town and Dowah.
- A total of 269 children (111 refugees and 158 Liberians) aged between 6 to 59 months were screened for malnutrition at health facilities and mobile units. 57 MAM cases (21.5%) and 16 cases of SAM (5.9%) detected and referred appropriately.

#### **In Maryland**

- MERLIN emergency health mobile team conducted 996 consultations during the week. 360 were refugees and 636 are from the host communities. The top morbidities were malaria, ARI, STI and diarrheal diseases.
- MERCI provided medical screening to 32 refugees and escort support during the relocation of refugees from River Gee to Little Wlebo camp.

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- During the week, MERCI conducted 849 medical consultations for 302 refugees and 547 Liberians. Malaria prevention activities were also continued with distribution of mosquito nets.

## WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

- UNICEF is providing support to 30 communities in Maryland, 26 in Grand Geddeh, 42 in Nimba and 11 in River Gee through 10 partners, including three partners implementing school WASH activities. Working with MoHSW and other WASH actors for planning and implementation of Global Hand Washing Day targeting emergency supported schools.
- In Nimba: UNICEF is supporting the WASH activities of partner NGOs ACF, CIPORD, EQUIP, & MC for implementation in 42 communities, UNICEF in collaboration with DRC and CIPORD conducted assessment of school WASH facilities.
- In Grand Geddeh: UNICEF continues supporting four NGOs (ECREP, MC, PEACE, & SI) to conduct WASH work in 26 communities, 7 schools, and in the Toe Town transit centre, NGO ECREP has been supplied with 35,220 soap bars for distribution in seven communities, UNICEF is working with UNHCR and other actors to ensure provision of WASH facilities for schools in Dougee and Solo refugee camps.
- In River Gee: UNICEF is supporting NGO (DRC) to conduct WASH activities in 17 communities, including the operation of a water system and hygiene promotion activities in River Gbeh and Freetown axis.
- In Maryland: UNICEF continues support for four NGOs (APA, ERS, PSI, & SI) implementing WASH interventions in 30 communities and 10 targeted schools, Within this week NGO ERS distributed 192 jerry cans, 1,170 soap bars and 5,760 Aquatabs reaching 1,170 persons in response to reported cases of AWD in New Whole Graway. APA has started formation of school health committees in selected schools.

## EDUCATION:

- Over 23,000 Ivorian children are accessing Primary Education and Early Childhood Development (ECD) services supported by UNICEF and partners in Nimba, Grand Geddeh and Maryland Counties. Efforts are on to ensure all children are registered in schools for the new academic year.
- A nationwide Back-to-School campaign is going on. In support of the campaign, Liberian and Ivorian children, teachers, parents, community members and youth leaders are participating together in a series of events such as sports competition, group games, theatre play and parades.

### Nimba

- The rehabilitation and furniture production work has been completed.
- Cleaning activities are taking place at the ECD centres in Garplay, Gbeivonwea and Mah-display around schools in host communities.
- Members of the ECD Management Committees of Garplay, Mah-diaplay and Gbeivonwea and the selected caregivers in these communities attended a one day training workshop. The training covered various topics such as the functions of animators / caregivers, how children learn, the function of ECD management committee, and the rights and duties of a child.
- A series of training sessions for Parent Teachers Association (PTA) members are on-going. Topics covered in the trainings include respect and responsibility of teachers / parents in PTA's activities, action plan preparation and development, and leadership skills.

### Grand Geddeh

- Training was organized for more than 150 Liberian and Ivorian PTAs and newly recruited caregivers in various locations.
- Digging of pit latrines at the school campus started in some communities in coordination with WASH sector partners.
- Digging of trenches and drainage channels around camp schools is on-going to prevent the flooding caused by the heavy rains.
- More than 30 UNICEF tents were erected at respective locations, and more than 5,000 Ivorian textbooks, 114 School-in-a-Box, 61 ECD kits, 5,222 learner's kits, 51 Recreational Kits were distributed.
- Organization of Ziah Camp School has been completed. Supplies such as wall clock, blackboards, hand washing basin, drinking cups and access to drinking water were identified.
- Figures on school attendance continue to improve in September as awareness raising activities such as the Back-to-School campaign mobilise communities to send their children to school.

### Maryland

- 169 secondary aged children have accessed education in Harper City and Little Wlebo. 109 of them have received UNICEF school bags.
- To date, 16 School-in-a-Box, 2,174 learner's kits containing 13,382 piece of stationary, 1,730 sets of Ivorian textbooks have been distributed. 9 tents, including one for youth activities, have been erected.

### River Gee

- Statistical data on refugee children and Ivorian teachers were gathered through MOE's data collection exercise.

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- Data collection activities are facing a big challenge especially in the remote communities due to very limited road accessibility.

## FOOD SECURITY:

- The General Food Distribution for September started during this week in River Gee County. The community members are sensitized of the difficulties faced in distribution of food due to transport problems.
- Food distribution is currently on going in the Buutuo axis and Bahn refugee camp. UNHCR supported the food distribution process and dispatched six commercial trucks to WFP to transport food.
- The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is conducting five days business training workshop for 53 vulnerable families in Bahn camp on basic business skills. At the end of the training, participants will receive financial grant to start their own businesses to improve their livelihood

## NUTRITION:

- Screening of children for acute malnutrition continues through 35 health facilities with outpatient treatment sites (OTP), 23 supplementary feeding centres (SFP) and 6 specialised nutrition units (SNU) in the three emergency counties. Around 1,780 were screened during this week; of which 39% of children were from refugees families.
- Of the total children screened in the treatment sites, 278 children were found to be suffering from acute malnutrition, one third of them were refugee children.
- Around 897 severely malnourished children in total were receiving outpatient treatment at the beginning of the week. There has been 83 new admissions, 80 cured, 22 defaulted, 1 died, while 877 now are still undergoing treatment.
- 14 complicated cases of severe acute malnourished children were in-charge at the beginning of the week, 7 new admissions, 1 cured, 2 defaulted, no death, while 18 children are still undergoing treatment.
- Around 791 moderately malnourished children were enrolled for supplementary feeding at the beginning of the week, 100 new admissions, 49 cured, 25 defaulted while 817 are still undergoing treatment.
- In order to address the high rate of defaulting from treatment, preparation is underway to mobilize community health volunteers to carryout community follow up of children under therapeutic care. Health workers have been advised to provide extra attention while counseling mothers in this regard. A media campaign will also be initiated to encourage mothers continue follow up of their children's treatment.
- To strengthen the county health team's capacity, the Ministry of Health has agreed to designate a nutrition focal person within each county to further coordinate and monitor the on-going response.
- In Nimba: Of the 1,078 children screened, 172 children were found to be suffering from acute malnutrition (severe and moderate). The 41 severely malnourished children were admitted into 13 OTPs, In the reporting period, 48 were cured, 9 children defaulted from the treatment and no death has been reported. At the end of the week 431 children continue to receive treatment.
- In Grand Gedeh: Of the 373 children screened, 76 children were found to be suffering from acute malnutrition. The 21 severely malnourished children were admitted to OTPs, In the reporting period, 16 children were cured, 7 defaulted, 1 death has been reported and 323 children continue to receive treatment.
- In Maryland: Of the 329 children screened, 30 children were found acutely malnourished. The 21 severely malnourished children were admitted into 7 OTPs, In the reporting period, 16 children were cured, 6 defaulted, no death has been reported and 123 continue to receive treatment.

## LOGISTICS:

- Due to bad road conditions, the convoy movement from New Yourplea to Bahn in Nimba County was suspended as the road was muddy and impassable. The refugees will be relocated in the coming days.
- The Sr. Supply Officer along with his technical team visited Bahn camp in order to conduct an assessment of about 24.7105 acres piece of land for camp extension. The team also visited critical points, bridges and culverts construction work by the Danish Refugee Council along the Bahn- Buutuo highway.
- Rehabilitation of road to camps and the Janzon Axis have started with the Chinese supporting the works.

## HIV AIDS:

- Nimba, Grand Gedeh and Maryland counties are putting together proposals and work plans that shall be funded and implemented till the end of 2011. The proposals will include training on HIV in emergencies for staff in health facilities.
- UNICEF is strongly advocating for replication of the best practices learned in Grand Gedeh County to other counties. These practices include: establishing HIV working Group, mapping of existing HIV/AIDS services, and mapping of stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS activities.

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## TELECOMMUNICATION:

- Telecommunications started the programming of newly received 200 VHF handsets for Implementing Partners by UNHCR.

## LOCAL INTEGRATION

- The Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC) concluded the reproduction of 662 photos of Sierra Leonean former refugees who opted for local integration. The 662 former refugees are in the advance stages of local integration. The photos are intended for submission to the court for the conclusion of the declaration of intent formalities. The declaration of intent is one of the final criteria for the granting of naturalization by the Liberian Government.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES:

- Community Services distributed UNHCR and UNFPA Dignity kits to persons with special needs in Little Wlebo camp. The Danish Refugee Council protection team supported the distribution.
- A meeting was held in the Women Centre with 50 women and girls in Bahn camp to sensitize them on the proper disposal of used sanitary pad.

## FLOOD RESPONSE

- Emergency Response Committee headed by the MIA is progressing on the proposed plan of relocation of the flood affected families in the capital of Monrovia. The Housing Authority has identified the land in Kerisberg for which MIA has initiated the process for acquiring the land. The construction of the houses is expected to commence in January 2012.
- The flood affected families have been provided with emergency NFIs by the Government. Some of the families have relocated themselves to other locations while some continue to live with the neighbours in the areas of flooding.

## KEY COORDINATION MEETINGS:

SN	Key coordination meetings in Monrovia	Day	Time	Venue	Contact
1	Humanitarian Action Committee (HAC) meeting	Every Thursday	10.30 am	Jordan Ryan Conference Room UNDP, Monrovia	Manzoor Khoso <a href="mailto:Khoso@un.org">Khoso@un.org</a> 05319901
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3	Regular sectoral meetings at Monrovia level	Weekly			Sector Leads

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