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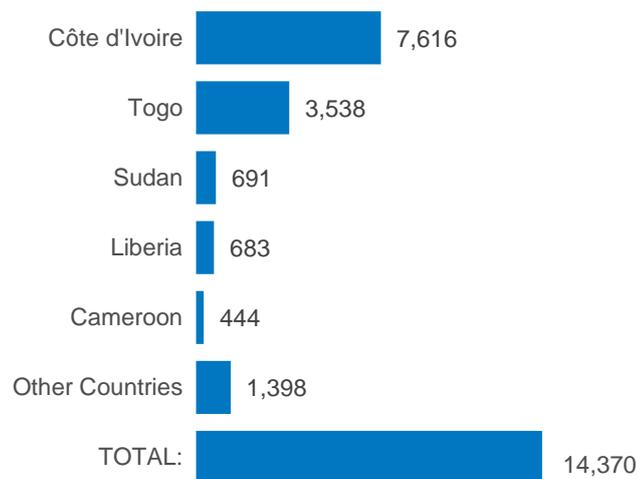
July/August 2021

60 Ivorian refugees assisted to voluntarily return to their country
170 more express interest to return.

UNHCR engage participants from 20 key stakeholder organisations in a meeting on **the fight against Gender-Based Violence** in and around the camps.

629 refugee livelihood beneficiaries participate in business/financial management training.

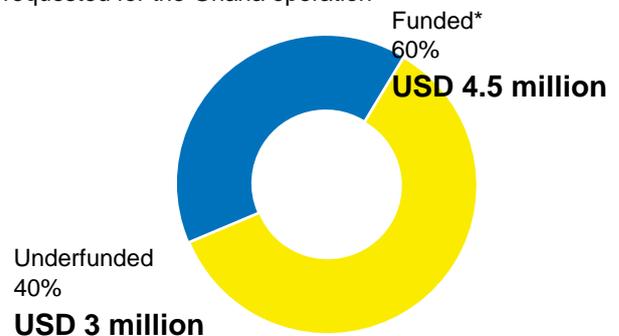
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FUNDING (AS AT AUGUST 2021)

USD 7.5 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
- 04 International Staff
- 07 UNOPS
- 01 Refugee Point Deployee

Offices:

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



Refugee Food fair at the Anyinase Market.
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SGBV taskforce meeting. © 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

- In collaboration with the Government of Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire, UNHCR Ghana successfully facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 60 Ivorian Refugees as part of the Road Map for the Comprehensive Solutions of Ivorian refugees. Together with the Ghana Refugee Board, UNHCR and Partners embarked on voluntary repatriation campaigns in the camps and in urban locations where 447 Ivorian Refugees who participated in the campaigns were encouraged to return in view of the improved situation in Cote d' Ivoire. The campaigns have so far resulted in the registration of 170 Ivorians who have expressed interest to return. The operation seeks to continue with these campaigns.
- UNHCR has supported the Ghana Refugee Board to commence Refugee Status Determination (RSD) interviews for Ivorians who arrived late last year because of electoral violence. The activity is ongoing in three camps and is expected to end in the second week of September 2021. It is expected that 355 cases will go through the process by the time of completion.
- Activities at the new Refugee Urban Community Center- Blue Oasis- has kicked off with several meetings with the urban refugee population. The Center hosted leaders of the urban community in a meeting aimed at presenting the objectives and the concept of the community center to them and to ask for their support in promoting the activities of the Center. The Center has also hosted meetings with beneficiaries of the German Scholarship Program for Refugees, DAFI students, and Refugees who operate their own business to deliberate on using the Center to promote their business through Business Exhibitions. UNHCR, Ghana Refugee Board and Christian Council of Ghana have also paid a courtesy call on the Chief and elders of the community hosting the center to inform them about UNHCR operations at the community center and called for their support to promote the rights of refugees. The Community Center, which is also accessible to the host community, was welcome news to the Chief who pledged support to ensure its success.
- In a bid to continue the fight against Gender-Based Violence in and around the camps, UNHCR organised a one-day taskforce meeting with relevant stakeholders from the Central and Western Regions. Representatives from the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, Department of Social Welfare and Community Development, Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit, Legal AID, Ghana Refugee Board, Ghana Education Service, the Ghana Police Service, Camp Health Centers and the Refugee Welfare Council amongst others participated. Information was also shared on the UNFPA's Orange support helpline, and the BOAME application (The BOAME App is an innovative platform which supports survivors of domestic and Gender-Based violence to talk to relevant resource persons). The Social Welfare Office shed more light on national response activities such as the Social Welfare Information Management System, and the Inter-

sectoral Standard Operating Procedures for Child Protection and Family Welfare that have been rolled out by the UNFPA/UNICEF in collaboration with the Government of Ghana.

- UNHCR has organized a combined refresher workshop on Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and Fraud/Corruption Awareness and Prevention for 65 refugee leaders in Ampain Camp. Participants were taken through the UN Secretary-General's Bulletin on PSEA, definition and causes of fraud and corruption as well as the existing reporting mechanisms.

Livelihoods

- A total of 629 refugee beneficiaries from Ampain, Egyeikrom, Fetentaa and Krisan camps who received support in cash grant for business, crop farming, piggery and poultry production participated in a 3-day business/financial management and marketing training. The aim of the training is to help participants gain an understanding of entrepreneurship, customer analysis, book-keeping, financial planning, and effective customer complaint handling among others. Beneficiaries are expected to be able to manage their businesses as well as market their products efficiently. Training sessions were facilitated by ICODE Ghana, the National Board for Small Scale Industries (NBSSI) and staff of UNHCR's livelihood Partner organization, ADRA.
- To create awareness and promote refugee products and services, sixteen refugees from Ampain and Krisan Camps have participated in a food fair organized by UNHCR Ghana's livelihood Partner ADRA at the Anyinase Market, one of the biggest markets in the Western Region of Ghana. The event showcased mostly Ivorian and Togolese cuisine including acheke, placali and akple. Farm produce of the refugees including fresh eggs and some vegetables were also sold. MTN Ghana (Western region) collaborated and provided some branded items to some of the refugee exhibitors. This is expected to strengthen the existing relationship between the refugees and the host community and ultimately improve their self-reliance outcomes.

Community Service

- Two hundred seedlings were planted in July by refugees in Egyeikrom and Fetentaa Camps. This was part of their contribution to World Environment Day and Green Ghana day which were officially marked earlier. Refugees, Camp Management and Partners planted seedlings such as Mango, Coconut, Orange, and Acacia in and around the camp to help preserve the environment.

Education

- A Call for Application for DAFI Scholarship has been launched in all locations for refugees. UNHCR Partner for Education, the Christian Council of Ghana has been engaging all eligible applicants to ensure they are well informed about application procedures. About 50 students were identified to have qualified to apply for the scholarship this year. Shortlisted applicants are expected to go through a selection process including an interview to qualify for the limited scholarship slots available this year.

Financial Information:

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