



HIGHLIGHTS

(465) extremely vulnerable PoCs were registered on NHIS

UNHCR, WFP, and GRB conducted an assessment on the introduction of Cash Based Interventions in order to obtain feedback from refugees on the option of replacing part of the food ration with cash

16 Ivorian refugee trainers-of-trainers (TOTs) were trained in the 'Start and Improve your Business' as part of the process to launch the 'Seeds for Solutions' Initiative

Refugees in the camps have been sensitized on Ebola and its prevention. This comes in the wake of recent outbreak of the disease in the West Africa sub region.

Population of concern

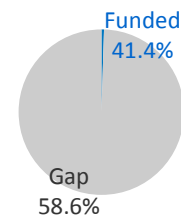
A total of **21,030** people of concern

By country of origin

Ghana	Total PoC
Liberia	5,252
Cote d'Ivoire	10,803
Togo	3,703
Others	1,272
Total	21,030

Funding

USD 11,135,473 million requested



UNHCR Presence

Staffing:

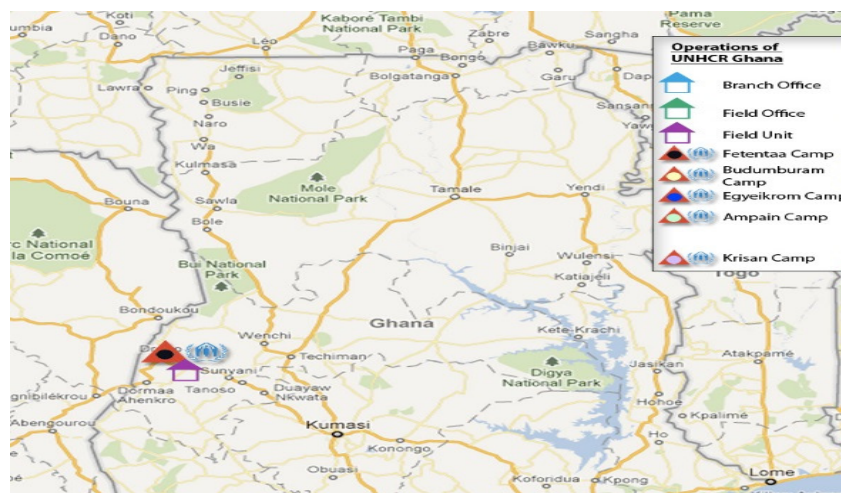
40 national staff

3 international staff; 5 UNV

Offices:

1 Branch Office at Accra

2 Field Offices at Takoradi and Sunyani



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR works with the Government of Ghana through the Ministry of Interior, the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB) and other relevant government institutions in ensuring asylum seekers and refugees have full access to International Protection. Operational support is provided in partnership with the UN Country Team. UNHCR Ghana also works with Implementing Partners; the Assemblies of God Relief and Development Services (AGREDS); the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG) and the National Catholic Secretariat (NCS)

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- UNHCR Field Office in Takoradi facilitated the repatriation of two (2) families made up of nine (9) individuals to Cote D'Ivoire in a joint convoy with UNHCR Togo. All 9 individuals were from the Egyekrom Refugee Camp. This is the second repatriation in 2014.
- 76 applications for refugee status were presented to the Ghana Refugee Board, which is the national eligibility commission for adjudication. 62 cases had positive decisions and 5 were negative decisions. The UNHCR Representative observed the deliberations of the commission.
- UNHCR Ghana participated in a workshop organized by the AU on signature and ratification of the Kampala Convention in Accra. In attendance were members of Parliament, Senior Government Officials and Civil Society Organizations from Ghana and other AU member States. The aim was to sensitize AU Member States yet to ratify the Convention and provide them with requisite knowledge on the Convention to facilitate ratification of the convention.

Education

- All camps schools are in the process of being fully integrated into the GES system. GES has posted 29 teachers to all 3 camp schools. 7 refugee teachers have begun a teacher training course to upgrade their qualification and to be absorbed into the GES. UNHCR and UNICEF are building 16 classrooms of acceptable standard for GES.

Health

- Municipal health Directorates in regions hosting refugees together with the Ghana health Service conducted a sensitization exercise on Ebola and cholera in their Municipalities including refugee camps. The sensitization exercise was augmented with mass information campaigns on camp radio and distribution of IEC materials.
- A directive was issued by the Director General GHS Accra to the Regional Directors to initiate discussions with UNHCR at regional level on how to proceed with the proposed integration of health care delivery in the refugee camps into the Ghana health system. An assessment to determine how the integration process will be implemented was initiated.

Food Security and Nutrition

- In line with WFP/UNHCR 2014 Joint plan of action on the use of CBI in refugee settings, WFP proposed the use of cash transfers with general food distribution. WFP, UNHCR, NCS and the GRB conducted a feasibility assessment at Ampain Refugee Camp. The assessment was conducted through Focus Group Discussion covering a cross section of refugees.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- The 'Seeds for Solutions' initiative was launched in the 3 camps hosting Ivorian refugees. The two-year project aimed at making refugees self-reliant will include support in farming, access to micro-credit facilities for refugees who have on-going businesses, provision of vocational and technical skills including the provision of start-up kits to graduates of vocation and technical skills training. Implementing Partner, AGREDS, also received a donation of 25,000 dollars under the US/Julia Taft Foundation for Livelihood activities in Egyekrom Camp.

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