



CÔTE D'IVOIRE

UNHCR
2014-2015
GLOBAL APPEAL



UNHCR's planned presence | 2014

Number of offices	3
Total personnel	64
International staff	14
National staff	43
UN Volunteers	7

Overview

Working environment

- The security situation in Côte d'Ivoire has been improving considerably since 2013 and is expected to remain positive in 2014, despite the recent intermittent attacks in border areas in the west of the country.
- As peace and security are gradually restored in the country, some internally displaced people (IDPs) and refugees have been returning home. In 2014 and 2015, Ivorians who sought refuge in neighbouring countries at the time of the post-electoral violence in 2010, will continue to return to Côte d'Ivoire.
- In 2014, one of UNHCR's priorities in Côte d'Ivoire will be to find solutions for Liberians and Rwandans for whom refugee status has ceased, by facilitating local integration for some of them and undertaking resettlement assessments for the others. Those who are exempted from the cessation clauses will continue to receive international protection.
- In Côte d'Ivoire, the lack of proper documentation for UNHCR's people of concern has a significant impact on people's access to some basic rights. For instance, children without proof of birth registration cannot attend schools or take state exams, and people without proof of nationality cannot own land. In this context, UNHCR will continue to advocate with the Government for the ratification of the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Conventions.
- Côte d'Ivoire was selected as one of three pilot countries for the UN Secretary-General's Policy Committee Decision on Durable Solutions. Accordingly, a profiling of the displaced population and of hosting and vulnerable communities will take place.
- The Government of Côte d'Ivoire grants access to public health clinics (primary health care) for all people of concern.

People of concern

The main groups of people of concern planned for in 2014 under the Côte d'Ivoire operation are: Liberians affected by the application of the cessation clauses; some 350,000 stateless people according to government estimates; and some 60,000 Ivorian refugee and IDP returnees.

Planning figures

Type of population	Origin	Dec 2013		Dec 2014		Dec 2015	
		Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR
Refugees	Liberia	3,400	3,400	800	800	650	650
	Rwanda	70	70	70	70	70	70
	Various	550	550	640	640	600	600
People in refugee-like situations	Various	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	200	200
Asylum-seekers	Liberia	20	20	10	10	10	10
	Various	230	230	50	50	20	20
Returnee arrivals during year (ex-refugees)	Côte d'Ivoire	40,000	40,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Internally displaced	Côte d'Ivoire	45,000	45,000	25,000	25,000	15,000	15,000
Returnee arrivals during year (ex-IDPs)	Côte d'Ivoire	20,000	20,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000
Stateless people	Stateless	350,000	150,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total		460,890	260,890	258,190	158,190	151,550	151,550

| Response |

Needs and strategies

In order to address the needs of UNHCR's population of concern, the Office will focus its strategy for 2014 on advocating for the Government's adoption and implementation of a national asylum law. UNHCR will provide support to its Government partner, the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberties, which is working on rebuilding and modernizing the civil registration system in order to establish an efficient and non-discriminatory replacement process for lost documents.

The organization will also provide assistance for the safe and dignified return of an estimated 15,000 Ivorian refugees seeking to repatriate from Liberia and other neighbouring countries. A network of monitors will assess the protection situation in return areas by identifying people with specific needs, monitoring the overall security situation and collecting statistical data.

In accordance with the UN Secretary-General's Policy Committee Decision on Durable Solutions, integration and reintegration activities will be conducted. Community-based programmes for refugees, repatriated refugees and returned IDPs, to be implemented in collaboration with the Government, will seek to improve their livelihoods as per the National Development Plan.

UNHCR will also improve the access of returnees to national justice and administrative systems.

The Office will continue to support the implementation of the cessation clauses for 3,400 Liberian and 75 Rwandan refugees, ensuring registration updates and completed case files for every individual found to be in continuing need of protection.

Main objectives and targets for 2014

The following matrix contains examples of some of the main activities planned in 2014. Using a selection of objectives from UNHCR's programme plans for the 2014-2015 biennium, it is designed to illustrate:

- what – under the global needs assessment planning and prioritization process – has been planned (**Planned activities**) for particular groups of people of concern (**People of concern**);
- the identified needs that can be covered if full and flexible funding is made available (**2014 comprehensive target**); and
- the needs that may not be met if funding falls short of the ExCom-approved budget (**Potential gap**). The estimation of a potential gap is based on the country operation's own assessment of the likely impact of a global funding shortfall. Calculations are based on various criteria, including the particular context, strategic priorities and

experience of resource availability for the respective area of activity in previous years.

Activities under objectives on child protection (including best interest determination), education and prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) are core areas which are given priority in the allocation of funding (**priority area**). In order to ensure the necessary flexibility in the allocation of funds, UNHCR relies on unrestricted contributions from its donors.

It should be understood that in some cases, targets for activities or delivery of services may not be reached for reasons other than a funding shortfall, e.g. lack of access to people of concern, cases not reported, changing circumstances, security problems, insufficient capacity to implement all programmes planned, etc. In the Global Report 2014, an explanation of why any target may not have been reached will be provided.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	PEOPLE OF CONCERN	2014 COMPREHENSIVE TARGET	POTENTIAL GAP
Favourable protection environment			
Public attitude towards people of concern improved			
UNHCR and its partners will implement communications and advocacy strategies to change public attitudes towards refugees, returnees and stateless people in the country. Publications, grassroots campaigns and media campaigns will be designed to counter xenophobia and overcome negative perceptions of people of concern.			
Number of media monitored and analysed	Ivorian returnees	85	5
Number of public awareness campaigns conducted	Stateless people	24	6
Fair protection process and documentation			
Civil registration and civil status documentation strengthened			
UNHCR will continue to support the modernization of the identity documentation process in Côte d'Ivoire led by the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberties as well as the rebuilding of civil registries and training of staff. Campaigns to encourage the registration of returnee children will be undertaken by the <i>Service d'aide et d'assistance aux réfugiés et apatrides</i> . The organization's support will result in a more consistent registration of children in rural areas and the provision of new refugee identity cards and travel documents for refugees.			
Number of children registered and issued documentation under regular birth registration procedure	Refugees in Côte d'Ivoire	500	100
Number of people of concern assisted with civil status registration or documentation	Ivorian returnees	30,000	12,000
Basic needs and essential services			
Shelter and infrastructure established, improved and maintained			
In 2014, UNHCR plans to provide permanent housing support to some 600 households (3,000 individuals). The support will include the rehabilitation or reconstruction of damaged houses, and will take into account the situation of people with specific needs.			
Number of people of concern receiving shelter support	Ivorian returnees	3,000	2,000
Population has optimal access to education			
UNHCR will support the reconstruction and equipping of primary, secondary schools and vocational centres in areas of return, as well as the Government's school-kit programme aimed at ensuring that school supplies are provided to all children enrolled in primary school.			
Number of households receiving conditional cash grants or vouchers for education	Ivorian returnees	1,000	priority area

Community empowerment and self-reliance

Peaceful coexistence with local communities promoted

UNHCR aims to develop income-generating and service-provision programmes designed to inject resources into communities and to encourage collaboration between returned refugees and their neighbours on mutually beneficial projects. Projects that contribute to the resolution of land conflicts will be given particular focus. These will include the implementation of micro-credit programmes and the construction of classrooms and sustainable water points.

Number of campaigns conducted	Ivorian returnees	36	18
Number of peaceful coexistence projects implemented	Ivorian returnees	18	12

Self-reliance and livelihoods improved

UNHCR will rebuild vocational training infrastructure in return areas to ensure the participation of repatriated young people and to support the inclusion of people with specific needs. The organization will collaborate with local banking structures to design loan programmes for poorer individuals and groups. UNHCR will also work to improve access to agricultural and fisheries activities for refugees and returnees, through the distribution of tools and advocacy with authorities and hosting communities. Support for self-employment opportunities will be provided through the organization of training.

Percentage of households with access to arable land or other productive natural resources	Refugees	70%	30%
Number of people of concern receiving production kits or inputs for agriculture/livestock/fisheries activities	Ivorian returnees	4,000	2,000

Durable solutions

Potential for voluntary return realized

UNHCR will embark on a large-scale sensitization exercise, and will continue to provide a cash-grant incentive return package for adults and children. At least five cross-border meetings will be held to discuss practical modalities and coordination for UNHCR staff and government authorities.

Number of people of concern receiving cash grants	Ivorian returnees	30,000	9,000
Number of people of concern provided with safe and dignified returnee transport	Ivorian returnees	30,000	12,000

Potential for integration realized

In 2014, UNHCR is planning for the local integration of nearly 1,600 Liberians and Rwandans. The organization will provide them with documents and assistance packages.

Number of people of concern receiving residence permits	Liberian refugees	1,572	0 gap
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Greater reduction of statelessness achieved

In 2014, UNHCR's statelessness programme will support ongoing work by the Government to modernize the identity documentation process in Côte d'Ivoire, including rebuilding and restocking of civil registries, training staff and conducting campaigns to encourage the registration of children.

Number of people with undetermined nationality assisted with confirmation of nationality	Stateless people	200,000	0 gap
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Partners

Implementing partners

Government agencies:

Ministère de la justice, des droits de l'homme et des libertés publiques, Service d'aide et d'assistance aux réfugiés et apatrides

NGOs:

Africa Women Welfare Committee, Association de soutien à l'autopromotion sanitaire urbaine, Caritas, Norwegian Refugee Council

Others:

FAO, IOM, UN Women, UNOPS

Operational partners

Government agencies:

Ministère de la solidarité, de la famille, de la femme et de l'enfant

NGOs:

Danish Refugee Council, International Rescue Committee, Save the Children

Others:

ICRC, UNDP, UNICEF

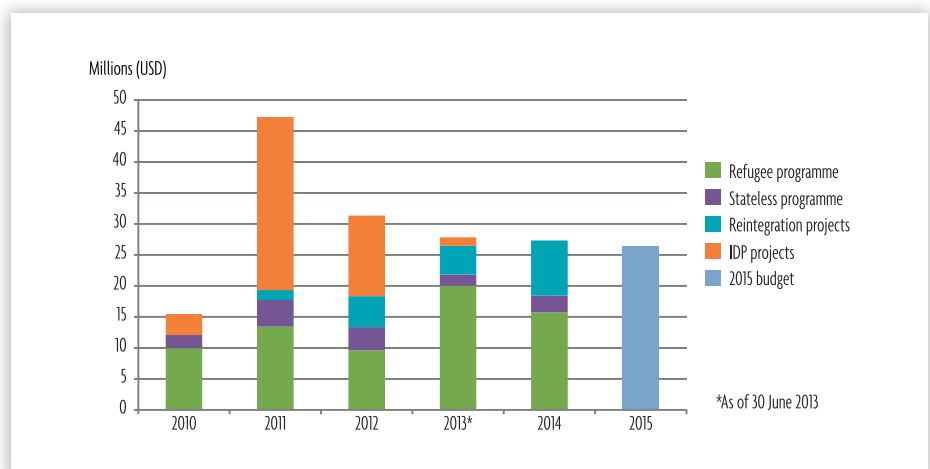
Coordination

UNHCR will maintain its current partnerships with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, UN agencies and national and international NGOs. The organization will continue to participate in inter-agency coordination processes, such as the United Nations Development Action Framework and the newly-created *Comité de coordination élargie*, chaired by the Ministry of Solidarity, Family, Woman and Child, which includes the participation of humanitarian actors as well as key ministries. This committee has taken over the role of the clusters in the country, including the protection cluster. The clusters were phased out at the end of 2012, with the Government resuming responsibility for humanitarian and development matters. In cooperation with UNDP, the Office will oversee the implementation of the UN Secretary General's Policy Committee Decision on Durable Solutions.

| Financial information |

Over the last several years, UNHCR's financial requirements in Côte d'Ivoire have fluctuated. In 2010, following the successful repatriation of Liberian refugees, who had been in the country for over 20 years, the Côte d'Ivoire operation was downsized. While in 2010 the financial requirements totalled USD 15.5 million, by 2011, as a result of the displacement following the 2010 presidential elections, the budget had risen to USD 47.3 million. As peace and security have been gradually restored, IDPs as well as refugees from neighbouring countries have been returning home, resulting in lower budgets from 2012 onwards. In 2014, the financial requirements for UNHCR's operation in Côte d'Ivoire are set at USD 27.3 million.

Budgets for Côte d'Ivoire | 2010–2015



2014 budget for Côte d'Ivoire | USD

Budget breakdown	PILLAR 1 Refugee programme	PILLAR 2 Stateless programme	PILLAR 3 Reintegration projects	PILLAR 4 IDP projects	Total
2013 revised budget (as of 30 June 2013)	20,022,340	1,809,192	4,632,223	1,381,809	27,845,564
Favourable protection environment					
International and regional instruments	0	235,944	0	0	235,944
Law and policy	154,031	0	0	0	154,031
Public attitude towards people of concern	409,674	335,944	0	0	745,618
Subtotal	563,705	571,888	0	0	1,135,593
Fair protection processes and documentation					
Identification of statelessness	0	532,972	0	0	532,972
Civil registration and status documentation	335,643	474,931	0	0	810,573
Family reunification	565,262	0	0	0	565,262
Subtotal	900,905	1,007,903	0	0	1,908,807
Security from violence and exploitation					
Prevention and response to SGBV	134,031	0	163,768	0	297,799
Freedom of movement and detention risk reduced	74,031	0	82,384	0	156,415
Protection of children	240,062	0	0	0	240,062
Subtotal	448,124	0	246,152	0	694,276
Basic needs and essential services					
Health	0	0	597,152	0	597,152
Reproductive health and HIV services	0	0	389,536	0	389,536
Water	0	0	502,384	0	502,384
Shelter and infrastructure	0	0	662,384	0	662,384
Services for people with specific needs	202,093	0	0	0	202,093
Education	0	0	895,152	0	895,152
Subtotal	202,093	0	3,046,609	0	3,248,702
Community empowerment and self-reliance					
Coexistence with local communities	370,541	0	1,312,768	0	1,683,309
Natural resources and shared environment	0	0	272,384	0	272,384
Self-reliance and livelihood activities	964,186	0	1,684,304	0	2,648,491
Subtotal	1,334,727	0	3,269,456	0	4,604,184
Durable solutions					
Voluntary return	8,636,925	0	0	0	8,636,925
Reintegration	0	0	662,384	0	662,384
Integration	753,093	0	0	0	753,093
Resettlement	152,093	0	0	0	152,093
Reduction of statelessness	0	672,756	0	0	672,756
Subtotal	9,542,111	672,756	662,384	0	10,877,251
Leadership, coordination and partnerships					
Coordination and partnerships	0	120,944	300,536	0	421,480
Donor relations and resource mobilization	411,286	99,929	180,263	0	691,477
Subtotal	411,286	220,873	480,799	0	1,112,957
Logistics and operations support					
Logistics and supply	912,897	67,972	507,152	0	1,488,021
Operations management, coordination and support	1,418,214	169,916	676,920	0	2,265,050
Subtotal	2,331,111	237,888	1,184,072	0	3,753,071
2014 total budget	15,734,062	2,711,306	8,889,473	0	27,334,841