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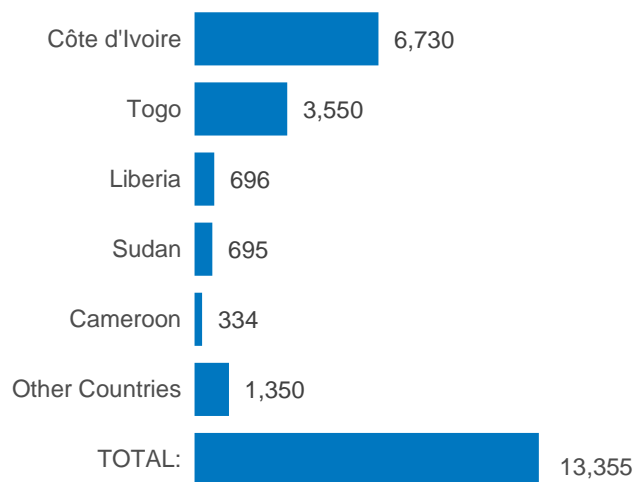
Sept/Oct 2020

Over **200 asylum seekers from Ivory Coast arrive in Ghana as at October 30** citing pre-election violence as reason for flight

All refugees in Ghana to receive free reusable masks as UNHCR Ghana's **'Masks for Refugees by Refugees'** project takes off

UNHCR **re-launches Face-to-Face Fundraising** at the Accra Mall

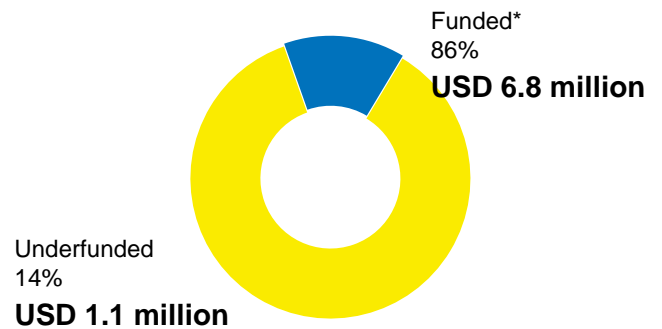
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FUNDING (AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020)

USD 7.9 million

requested for the Ghana



* 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



Abrantie taking a refugee through the process of mask-making at Ampain Camp.
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Actor and UNHCR HLI, Adjetey Annan, talking to some visitors at the Accra Mall to sign on and donate in support of people forced to flee.
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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

- As of 30 October 2020, 83 families comprising 202 individuals have arrived in Ghana from Cote d'Ivoire. Those interviewed cited the ongoing pre-election violence as the main reason for their flight. The Representation in collaboration with key stakeholders has recently undertaken a border monitoring exercise to witness first-hand the situation and address any potential issues in relation to access to territory and admission of asylum seekers. Ghana had officially closed its land, sea and air borders since March due to the outbreak of COVID-19. However, air borders were opened in September with land and sea borders still closed.
- To enhance the knowledge of Refugee Law by senior immigration officers stationed at the border areas with Cote d'Ivoire and to discuss legal obligations with respect to new arrivals, UNHCR organized two trainings for immigration officials in the Western and Bono Regions. Part of the goals for these trainings include to prevent any instances of refoulement and to foster good cooperation between the Ghana Immigration Service (GIS), GRB and UNHCR with respect to managing the new influx of asylum seekers.
- The Ghana Refugee Board (GRB) continues to conduct virtual Refugee Status Determination (RSD) in line with COVID -19 protocols. Twenty-six interviews were conducted in October.
- The Representation has received 1,943 Liberian passports for former refugees who are locally integrating in Ghana. Earlier in the year, UNHCR had supported with the passport renewals for Liberians who are in the process of locally integrating in Ghana since 2012. The office has verified the physical passports against the list of persons who went through the exercise. The passports have been delivered to GRB to liaise with the Ghana Immigration Service for the issuance of residence permits. Thereafter, the passports will be delivered to their owners.

Health

In support of national COVID-19 response efforts, UNHCR continues to engage in community sensitization exercises in the camps to raise awareness about the importance of wearing masks including how to properly dispose them off after use.

Livelihoods

- Every refugee and asylum seeker in Ghana is to have access to free re-usable face masks to support their compliance with COVID-19 safety guidelines. This is part of a UNHCR initiative dubbed 'Masks for Refugees

by Refugees'. The project which was launched in September will see selected refugees with tailoring skills producing 35,000 masks to be distributed to the refugee population and some members of the host communities. UNHCR Ghana High Level Influencer, Oheneba Nana Yaw Boamah, a Fashion Designer who owns the fashion brand 'Abrantie the Gentleman', took participants through a one-day training session in Ampain to ensure the masks are made according to the FDA standards. The initiative is also an income generating opportunity for the selected refugees and their families as UNHCR is supplying the needed materials and paying for every mask sewn.

- To help develop their capacities and enhance their livelihoods outcomes, UNHCR Partner ADRA organized a two-day business marketing training for some 93 refugees in Fetentaa, Ampain and Krisan Camps in September 2020.
- In line with the economic inclusion of refugees in national systems and in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, a team of scientists from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Accra paid a working visit to Egyeikrom Camp to inspect livestock (piggery and poultry) facilities at the camp. The visit was to assess the technologies adopted by PoC farmers on a piggery project and identify challenges encountered by farmers in practicing the technologies developed by the CSIR for farmers. The team recommended the introduction of a processing unit to add value to the products.

Education

- Seventy-seven students from Ampain, Egyeikrom, Krisan and Fetentaa camps were among the over 530,000 children who sat for the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) in September this year. The examination which was postponed to September due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Private Sector Fundraising

- UNHCR in collaboration with its LuQuLuQu High Level Supporters have re-launched the Face to Face fundraising campaign at the Accra Mall in efforts to raise funds in support of persons who have been forced to flee in Africa. The face to face fundraising requests individuals to make monthly donations to UNHCR via a secure credit card system.

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