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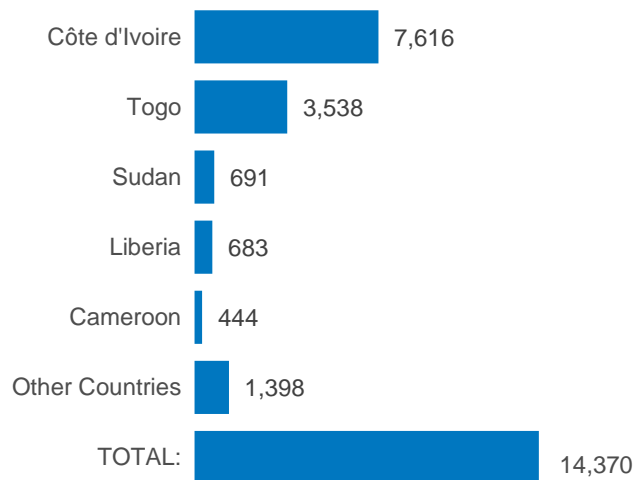
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500 health workers supported by UNHCR with training on **infection prevention and control**.

Refugee Farmer **wins Best Vegetable Farmer** award at the Farmer's Day celebration in Ellebelle District

Call for **more attention to gender-based violence issues** at symposium with UNHCR and Partners.

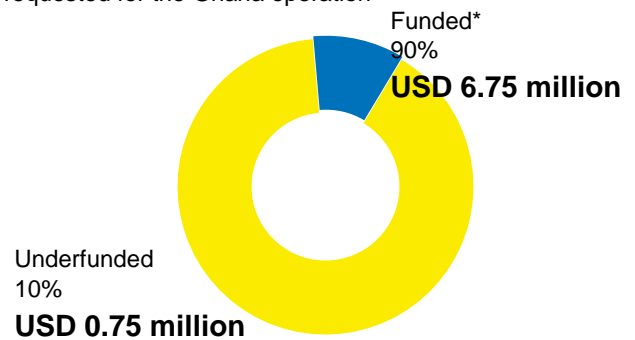
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FUNDING (AS AT DECEMBER 2021)

USD 7.5 million

requested for the Ghana operation



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UNHCR PRESENCE

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- 31 National Staff
- 04 International Staff
- 07 UNOPS
- 01 Refugee Point Deployee

Offices:

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



UNHCR Country Rep cutting the sod for the opening of a new police station at Krisan. With her are the Deputy Western regional Police Commander, the Chief and Ag. Exec sec of GRB. © UNHCR Ghana/ PFolley



Board Chairman of the Ghana Refugee Board, Prof. Ken Attafuaah addressing the audience at the 16 days symposium. © UNHCR Ghana/ PFolley

Working with Partners

- **Government Partners:** 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 part of the Strengthening Border Security in Ghana (SBS) project which is funded by the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa and implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), UNHCR was invited to participate in a Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) simulation exercise at the Paga border in the Upper East Region of Ghana. The exercise was designed to test the GIS's contingency plan as well as increase awareness and coordination between GIS divisions and other government agencies in the Paga Sector. The exercise included a case scenario of an influx of 60 new arrivals due to a terrorist attack in Burkina Faso. Some asylum-seekers were part of the arrivals. In addition, some of the arrivals had various vulnerabilities and some needed urgent medical interventions. UNHCR and Canadian High Commission served as observers and provided comments to the exercise. A high-level security delegation from Burkina Faso led by the Commissioner of Burkina Faso Police was also present.
- To end the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence this year and to observe World Human Rights Day, UNHCR in collaboration with the Christian Council of Ghana and other Partners organized a symposium at the Blue Oasis Refugee Community Centre in Accra. This was attended by sister UN Agencies as well as key partners. The call from all the speakers was for people to move away from the slogans and take practical actions against gender-based violence in the society to eliminate it.
- As a way of supporting state institutions to deliver better and promote peaceful coexistence, UNHCR Ghana handed over some infrastructural projects to the local authorities in the Ellembelle and Komenda Edina Eguafo Abirem (KEEA) Districts of the Western and Central Regions, respectively. These projects add to existing facilities that the UNHCR has built in support of refugee-hosting communities. The latest facilities included markets, Covid-19 isolation centres, police stations, bungalows for female police officers, and classroom blocks. District and Municipal Chief Executives, Deputy Regional Police Commanders, Chiefs, and other key stakeholders were present to receive the facilities and were thankful to UNHCR for the support to their communities.
- UNHCR organized four trainings for 129 personnel of the Ghana Police Service, the National Intelligence Bureau and Frontier Officers on International Protection and Refugee Law in four locations namely, Sunyani and Bono in the Bono Region and Elmina and Cape Coast in the Central Region. The objective was to ensure a more effective and efficient reception mechanism and asylum process in Ghana.
- UNHCR in collaboration with the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB) organized a Refugee Status Determination (RSD) induction training for the newly inaugurated GRB Governing Board members in Atuabo, Western Region, Ghana. The weeklong induction which included field visits to Ampain, and Krisan Refugee Camps

was to build capacity of Ghana Asylum authorities; newly appointed members of the Governing Board and the Appeals Committee which in turn improve the methods used in RSD procedures in Ghana

Livelihoods

- A refugee from Chad, Heros Djaone, was adjudged the Best Vegetable Farmer for the Ellembelle District of the Western Region at this year's Farmer' Day celebration in Ghana. He was supported through UNHCR's livelihood program, which enabled him to expand his business. For his prize, he received several farm implements, fertiliser, and a sewing machine among others. This year's theme for the celebration was "Planting for Food and Jobs – Consolidating Food Systems in Ghana.
- A 2-day training in Basic Kaizen (Productivity Improvement) Practices and Processes was organised in Ampain, Krisan and Egyeikrom Camps for 42 piggery farmers. This was facilitated by a Senior Business Advisor of the Ghana Enterprises Agency (GEA). Kaizen is a philosophy for improving business based on making little changes on a regular basis, improving productivity and quality whiles reducing waste. The objectives of the training included to ensure that participants gain benefits such as increased productivity, improved quality, lower costs, and a clean and better organized workplace among others.

Health

- UNHCR Ghana has supported over 500 Healthcare Workers, Environmental Health Managers and School Health Education Program Coordinators in 10 (ten) refugee-hosting districts with Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training as part of the UN systemwide contribution to the national Socio-economic Response and Recovery Plan (SERRP). The objective is to adequately equip participants with the requisite knowledge and skills in IPC to build back better by protecting themselves and the people they care for, including refugees and asylum seekers.
- In the Fetentaa camp, the Ghana Refugee Board partnered with the Church of Pentecost and Tobinco Pharmaceuticals to organize a general health screening for refugees and the host communities. The goal was to complement Ghana Health Service and UNHCR's efforts to achieve Universal Healthcare via inclusion. The Team of health workers screened for malaria, breast cancer and malnutrition. Those with medical conditions were counselled and given medications. The advanced medical cases were referred to the nearest healthcare facilities for specialist care.
- A Representative from the Ghana Health Service participated in a High-level Official meeting on "Inclusion and Resilience" organized by UNHCR Headquarters. The meeting provided an opportunity for senior government officials and representatives of relevant stakeholder groups to take stock of progress and maintain the momentum to achieve the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). Participants identified progress made, challenges, and the need to increase assistance, self-reliance, and solution for refugee situations in line with the GCR objectives. The Municipal Health Director of Ghana Health Service for the Komenda-Edina-Eguafo-Abirem (KEEA) constituency represented Ghana at the meeting.
- The Ghana Health Service (GHS) has taken delivery of additional 249,600 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine and continues to roll out vaccination exercises in the 16 regions across the country. Those eligible persons for their second dose of the AstraZeneca and those taking it for the first time are the key target groups. Vaccination centres in the camps (Ampain-6, Krisan-120, Egyeikrom-4 and Fetentaa-55) recorded low vaccine uptake (185 people of the 9,017 refugees 18 years and above took the jab).
- School feeding continued in all the camp primary schools according to government procedures, while Iron and Folic acid supplementation was provided to adolescent girls in JHS schools in the Berekum West District including the Fetentaa camp.

Education

- Egyeikrom Municipal Assembly Basic School has been selected as one of the schools to benefit from a free coding session for boys and girls from an NGO called lamtheCODE Foundation. This is an initiative from the Deputy UN Secretary General's office as part of the organization's focus on getting one million women and girl coders by 2030 in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is being coordinated in Ghana by the UN Habitat. Coding has to do with communicating with computers. By learning to write code, people can tell computers what to do or how to behave. Coders are able to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. These are vital in achieving Global Development. As a result, the Egyeikrom school is receiving 20 computers to roll out the project.

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