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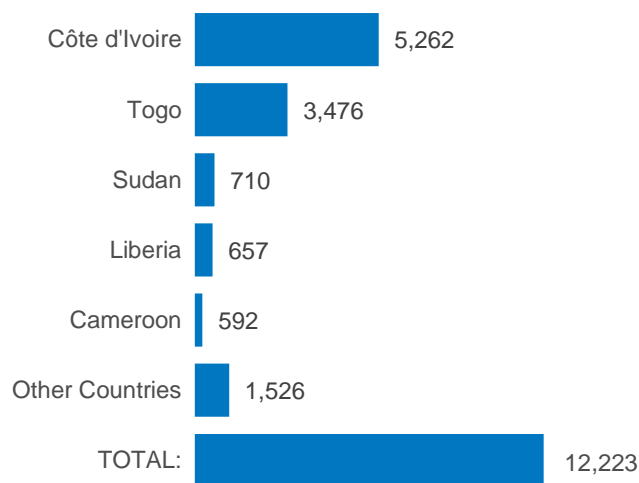
May/June 2022

World Refugee Day marked with Interior Minister assuring Ivorian refugees **durable solutions** for their cases will be implemented humanely.

GRB interviews **1,400 Ivorian refugees** who opted for exemption as a durable solution option

UNHCR donates to support people living in **two communities in the Ellembelle District** displaced because of recent flooding.

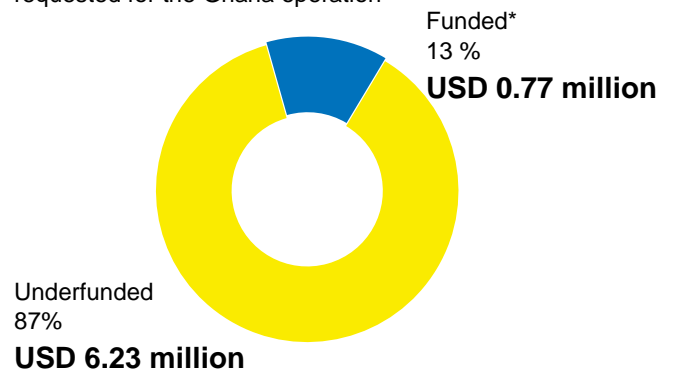
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FUNDING (AS AT JUNE 2022)

USD 7.0 million

requested for the Ghana operation



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UNHCR PRESENCE

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

Offices:

- 01 Country Office in Accra
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Interior Minister, UNHCR Representative, Chief of Ampain and some dignitaries who attended the World Refugee Day event at Ampain Camp. © UNHCR Ghana



A refugee nurse, Ms. Louange Koffi, demonstrates to refugee girls how to properly fix sanitary pads on World Menstrual Hygiene Day. © UNHCR Ghana

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

- Steady progress continues to be made towards the goals of the Comprehensive Solutions Strategy for Ivorian Refugees. The Cessation of refugee status for Ivorian refugees took effect June 30. Voluntary repatriation movements continued throughout the period. As of June 30, the total number of those that had voluntarily repatriated in 2022 was 2,511. An additional 1,500 are scheduled to repatriate before the end of July.
- From April 8 to May 3, GRB conducted interviews for exemption from the cessation of refugee status in the various camps and in Accra. Over 400 cases were interviewed representing 1,400 refugees. The GRB Governing Board met on May 26 to May 28 to deliberate on the cases. Decisions were delivered to the refugees on June 21. Those that were unsuccessful were allowed to appeal the decision to the Ministry of the Interior (Appeals Committee) or opt for voluntary repatriation with the full grant.
- For refugees who opted for Alternative Legal Status (ALS), Ghana will provide indefinite residence permits. The list of those who opted for ALS has been provided to the Ivory Coast by GRB. Ghana awaits information about missions by the Ivory Coast to interview and process these refugees for Ivorian National Passports. Once passports are issued, they will be presented to the Ghana Immigration Service to issue residence permits.
- Ghana joined the rest of the world in commemorating the World Refugee Day at the Ampain Refugee Camp. The Minister of the Interior, keynote speaker at the event, used the occasion to assure Ivorian refugees that government will be humane in implementing durable solutions as cessation is implemented. He said this year's theme on the right to seek safety is in line with the President's security goal of ensuring everyone in Ghana is safe, including refugees. In the meantime, another event was organized by UNHCR's Partner, CCG, in partnership with UNHCR at the Blue Oasis Refugee Community Centre, for refugees living in the urban area. Certificates were awarded to the first batch of refugees who completed English Language Proficiency and ICT courses at the Community Centre.
- UNHCR Representative and the Senior Durable Solutions Officer visited the Egyeikrom Refugee Camp to interact with the refugee leadership. They used the occasion to engage with refugees on the Comprehensive Solutions Strategy for Ivorian Refugees and to explain the ongoing solutions for Ivorian Refugees further. The Representative also inspected the ongoing health centre project under construction at Egyeikrom Camp and UNHCR's Small-Town Water Project for the Ampain community.

Livelihoods

- Thirty refugees from the Krisan camp received support with the requisite productive assets to undertake piggery production. The model being used is the Indigenous Micro Organism (IMO) System Technology breeding

method for pig farmers being promoted by the Department of Agriculture. The farmers underwent a 1-day training in On-Farm Feeding and Feed Management (feed formulation) which was facilitated by the Department of Agriculture, KEEA Municipal Assembly. This is to equip them with skills and knowledge in formulating their own feeds for pigs using locally available ingredients on the farm

- Four young refugee women from Krisan Camp have been taken through a 6-day Data Science and Analytics training programme. This is in line with UNHCR's regional livelihood strategy as well as UNHCR Ghana's interim strategy of 2022 which enjoins the operation to promote the economic inclusion of refugees in national systems. The fully sponsored National Female Pre-Tech (Data Science and Analytics) training programme facilitated by Afrolynks, a Tech Company based in Takoradi, also included components such as entrepreneurship, mentoring and leadership skills geared towards enhancing their employability. Programme sponsors included Young Africa Works, the World Bank, Ghana Tech Lab, and the Ministry of Communication.

Education

- UNHCR has donated 1,051 textbooks to Krisan and Egyeikrom Camp Basic schools to support teachers in providing quality education to refugee and host community children. The donation was made to fill the gap arising from the general lack of textbooks for teaching and learning in Basic schools across the country. The books donated covered various subjects ranging from Literacy, Numeracy, Mathematics, Science, Religious and Moral Education, English Language, and Creative Arts. The District Director of Education at Ellembelle District, who was present to receive the donation for Krisan school, and the headteacher, thanked UNHCR for the continued support in ensuring that refugee and host community children receive quality education.

Health

- An Ivorian refugee scheduled for Voluntary repatriation on June 23, 2022, tested positive for COVID 19. The patient had mild symptoms and is being managed by the Ghana Health Service at the Isolation Centre (built by UNHCR) at Ampain Health Centre. With the addition of this new case, the cumulative active COVID 19 case count among refugees in Ghana since the beginning of the pandemic stands at twelve (12).
- As part of the Global Menstrual Hygiene Day celebration on May 28 2022, UNHCR Ghana, Partners, and Refugee Health Professionals in the urban setting organized a session to educate about 20 young refugee girls yet to experience menstruation about how to prepare for their menstrual cycle. In addition, they received education on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). This is a regular practice to ensure that the girls are adequately informed and prepared for menstruation.
- UNHCR Ghana, Public Health and Protection Section participated in a 3-day workshop organized by WHO on mainstreaming gender, equity, and human rights in Public Health programs. The objective was to ensure that the Delivering-as-One Agenda on Public Health is as inclusive as can be.

Community Services

- UNHCR supported Akropong and Adubrim communities in the Ellembelle District, in the neighbourhood of Ampain Refugee Camp, that were displaced by floods following heavy rains in the region. The donation included 1000 Mats, 1000 Blankets and 1000 Mosquito nets. The items were received by the District Chief Executive of Ellembelle District, Hon. Kwasi Bonzoh.

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