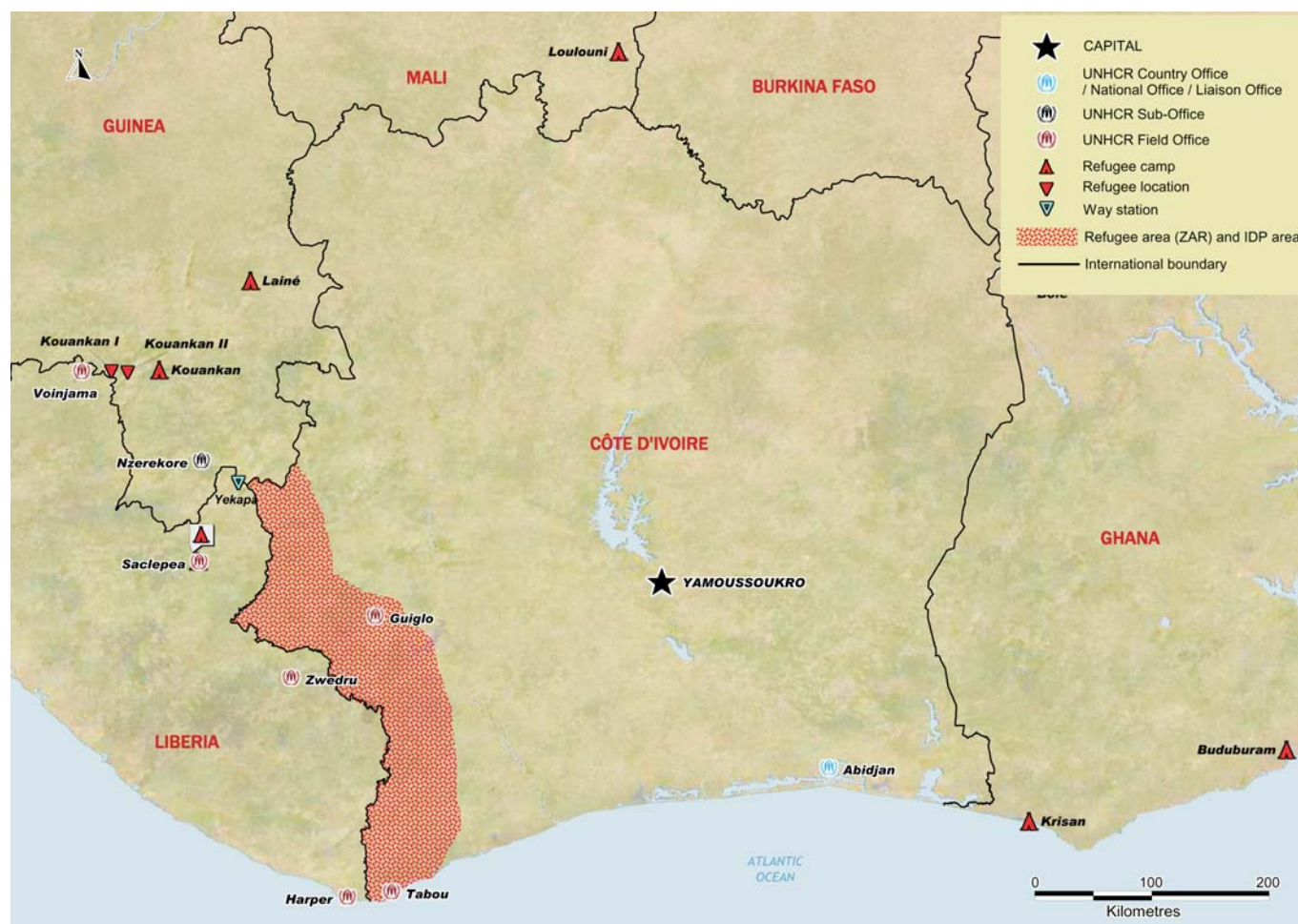


CÔTE D'IVOIRE



Working environment

The context

After being postponed several times, Côte d'Ivoire's presidential elections have been scheduled for 31 October 2010. However, questions related to the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of armed groups and militias, as well as the unification of the tax collection system, needed to be addressed to ensure the elections proceeded smoothly.

The impact of protracted civil unrest is still visible in the country. Tensions between communities have resulted in the displacement

of hundreds of thousands of people, especially in the west of the country. In addition, the illegal occupation of individual properties has damaged social cohesion in all areas of displacement.

Public hearings, initiated by the authorities with the support of the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) in 2007–2008, provided civil documentation, including birth certificates, to more than 600,000 people. However, the redeployment of the civil administration in the zones occupied by the *Forces Armées des Forces Nouvelles* has not yet been completed, making it difficult to gain access to registration documents, and putting hundreds of thousands of individuals at risk of statelessness, including descendants of people who migrated to the country

Planning figures for Côte d'Ivoire

TYPE OF POPULATION	ORIGIN	JAN 2011		DEC 2011	
		TOTAL IN COUNTRY	OF WHOM ASSISTED BY UNHCR	TOTAL IN COUNTRY	OF WHOM ASSISTED BY UNHCR
Refugees	Liberia	22,500	22,500	1,000	1,000
	Various	600	600	700	700
Asylum-seekers	Various	500	500	500	500
Returnees (refugees)	Côte d'Ivoire	1,200	1,200	7,200	7,200
IDPs	Côte d'Ivoire	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000
Returnees (IDPs)	Côte d'Ivoire	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Stateless*	Stateless	900,000	0	800,000	0
Total		944,800	44,800	824,400	24,400

* According to Government estimates, these are persons who are believed to be stateless or at risk of statelessness in Bas-Sassandra, Haut-Sassandra, 18 Montagnes, Moyen Cavally and Marahque provinces.

during or just after the colonialist period. Côte d'Ivoire hosts some 24,800 refugees and asylum-seekers, while more than 13,000 Ivorians remain as refugees in neighbouring countries, mainly Guinea, Liberia and Mali.

With the development of security and political stability in Côte d'Ivoire, UNHCR plans to strengthen its activities related to refugees' local integration. It will also assist in the repatriation and reintegration of Ivorians from neighbouring countries, besides making final plans for the return of many thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the country.

● The needs

The protection needs of refugees, asylum-seekers and IDPs remain significant. Refugee status determination (RSD) procedures need to be improved, particularly in view of the invocation of the cessation clause with respect to Liberian refugees planned for the end of 2011.

In the meantime, it is essential to strengthen refugees' self-reliance in order to facilitate their local integration. This must be accompanied by efforts to increase their access to

education and drinking water, as well as to livelihood opportunities. Measures are also needed to ensure their protection from violence and abuse. UNHCR aims for a large-scale voluntary return of IDPs in 2011, as well as the voluntary repatriation of refugees, including those living in Côte d'Ivoire and neighbouring countries.

People at risk of statelessness are in need of legal assistance to obtain appropriate civil documents. In this respect, reinforcing the capacities of the judicial and civil administrations is a priority.

| Strategy and activities in 2011 |

In anticipation of the invocation of the cessation clause for Liberian refugees at the end of 2011, UNHCR will collaborate with the Government to find the best durable solution for each refugee. The Office will also assist refugees to strengthen their self-reliance. Closer collaboration with development agencies, Government actors and NGOs will ensure the sustainability of assistance and protection in line with the UN's strategy of reducing poverty. It will also ease UNHCR's gradual exit from the country.

Main objectives and targets

Favourable protection environment

- The prevention of statelessness is strengthened.
 - ☞ Some 51,000 people at risk of statelessness are identified and assisted.
 - ☞ Approximately 5,000 nationalities files are processed with the support of relevant national structures.

Fair protection processes

- Registration and profiling standards for refugees and returnees are improved or maintained.
 - ☞ The time between first approach and individual registration does not exceed 30 days, and the time between registration and first interview does not exceed 15 days.
 - ☞ More than 8,000 returnees are individually registered.
- RSD procedures become more efficient.
 - ☞ Training is provided to 100 lawyers and legal advisers
 - ☞ Some 500 asylum-seekers receive relevant information on protection.
 - ☞ The structures of the relevant authorities are strengthened to address the high number of requests for exemption from the cessation clause for Liberian refugees. Approximately 100 cases are examined in appeal.
 - ☞ UNHCR helps the Liberian Consulate to issue identity documents to Liberian refugees who have decided to integrate into Côte d'Ivoire.
- Civil status documentation is provided to stateless people or people at risk of statelessness as well as to returnees.
 - ☞ Technical assistance with regard to documentation is provided to governmental structures, and the capacities of local institutions and civil administrations are strengthened.
 - ☞ Four advocacy campaigns are conducted on access to documentation for persons at risk of statelessness.

- ☞ Some 10,000 returnees receive documentation.

Basic needs and services

- The refugee population is provided with sufficient basic domestic and hygiene items.
 - ☞ Some 20,000 refugees benefit from community services.
- Ivorian returnees receive shelter assistance.
 - ☞ Some 2,000 households receive a shelter kit to rehabilitate or construct their own shelter.
 - ☞ Some 2,000 households are provided with provisional shelter.

Community participation and self-management

- Refugees' self-reliance is improved.
 - ☞ Approximately 1,000 households receive assistance to begin income-generating activities.
 - ☞ Some 50 associations of farmers are trained and assisted.

Durable solutions

- Liberian refugees are offered voluntary repatriation opportunities.
 - ☞ Some 5,000 Liberian refugees are repatriated with UNHCR's assistance.
- Refugees are provided with resettlement opportunities.
 - ☞ Some 100 refugees benefit from emergency resettlement.
- IDPs are offered voluntary return opportunities.
 - ☞ More than 5,500 IDPs return to their areas of origin with UNHCR's assistance.
- IDPs receive rehabilitation and reintegration support.
 - ☞ About 25,000 returning IDPs are assisted in the reintegration process.
 - ☞ Some 50 per cent of the cases of land and property disputes are documented and resolved.

UNHCR's presence in 2011

□ Number of offices	3
□ Total staff	69
International	7
National	38
UNVs	24

PARTNERS

Implementing partners

Government agencies:

Secrétariat National a la Solidarité et des Victimes de Guerre

Service d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et Apatrides

Ministry of Justice
Ministry of Interior

NGOs:

Afrique Secours et Assistance

Association de Soutien à l'Autopromotion Sanitaire Urbaine

CARITAS

Danish Refugee Council

International Rescue Committee

CARE-USA

Norwegian Refugee Council

Operational partners

Others:

EU

FAO

ICRC

IOM

ONUCI

UNDP

UNICEF

UNFPA

UNAIDS

UNOCHA

UNV

WB

WFP

UNOPS

WHO



Liberian refugees prepare a meal at a transit centre in Abidjan.

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The Office will assist Ivorian refugees returning from neighbouring countries to ensure their sustainable reintegration. Close collaboration with the Government will be of crucial importance to the implementation of tripartite agreements and action plans related to their return and reintegration.

Returning IDPs will also benefit from protection monitoring activities and assistance towards their reintegration. UNHCR will ensure that the return of IDPs is in compliance with the *Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement* and other international standards. It will also work with other stakeholders to facilitate the search for durable solutions.

Preventing and reducing statelessness will be at the core of UNHCR's strategy in Côte d'Ivoire in 2011. The Office will advocate for the creation of a legal, administrative and regulatory framework for the prevention of statelessness. To this end, it will organize training and information campaigns and, in collaboration with other stakeholders, implement a programme to re-examine rejected cases. A project to provide national identity cards will improve the delivery of civil documents to those who have not been able prove their Ivorian nationality.

UNHCR's strategy in Côte d'Ivoire will integrate regional priorities. These include encouraging governments to strengthen asylum systems and adopt effective legislation on refugees, achieving local integration and providing an alternative legal status for Liberian refugees, following the application of the cessation clause.

○ Constraints

The fragile security situation in Côte d'Ivoire may dissuade refugees from opting for local integration. It may also become extremely difficult to provide protection and assistance to refugees in the event of a conflict that adversely affects the refugee-hosting zones or IDPs' areas.

The return of Ivorians and IDPs largely rests on the assumption of free, fair and transparent elections, with the results accepted by the key parties, as well as on peace and security in areas of return.

Organization and implementation

○ Coordination

UNHCR will work with the Government, the UN Country Team, the Inter-Agency

Humanitarian Coordination Committee and the Security Management Team. The Office will continue to lead the IDP protection cluster and play its role in the protection of refugees, returnees and people at risk of statelessness.

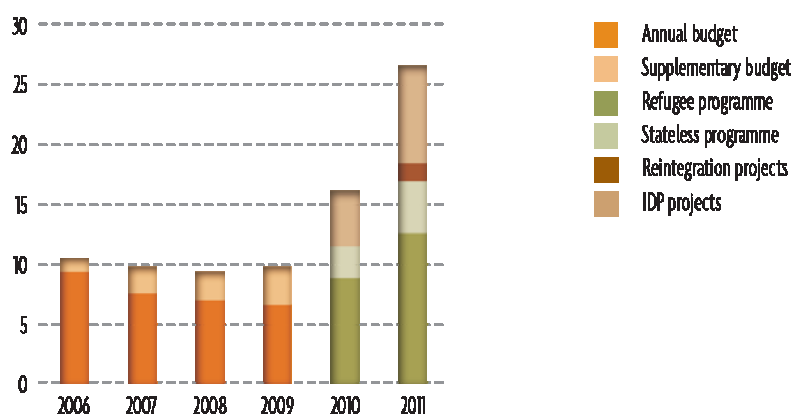
Financial information

UNHCR's budget in Côte d'Ivoire for 2011 is over USD 26.5 million, allowing the Office to respond to the needs of refugees, returnees

and stateless persons. The budget increase of some USD 10 million compared to 2010 is the result of the additional planned activities related to the forthcoming invocation of the cessation clause for Liberian refugees. These activities include exemption procedures, support for voluntary repatriation and local integration, as well as delivery of work and residence permits. The additional funds will also support the repatriation of some 8,000 Ivorians after the elections scheduled for October 2010.

UNHCR's budget in Côte d'Ivoire 2006 – 2011

Millions (USD)



2011 UNHCR Budget for Cote d'Ivoire (USD)

RIGHTS GROUPS AND OBJECTIVES	REFUGEE PROGRAMME PILLAR 1	STATELESS PROGRAMME PILLAR 2	REINTEGRATION PROJECTS PILLAR 3	IDP PROJECTS PILLAR 4	TOTAL
Favourable protection environment					
International and regional instruments	0	143,817	0	0	143,817
National legal framework	320,547	168,390	0	88,783	577,719
National administrative framework	0	0	0	156,303	156,303
Prevention of statelessness	0	393,474	0	0	393,474
Cooperation with partners	136,647	0	0	147,965	284,612
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	78,020	0	0	47,120	125,140
Environmental protection	0	0	0	91,951	91,951
Subtotal	535,214	705,681	0	532,123	1,773,017
Fair protection processes and documentation					
Registration and profiling	447,341	0	0	0	447,341
Refugee and stateless definitions	321,072	0	0	0	321,072
Fair and efficient status determination	592,185	0	0	0	592,185
Family reunification	88,036	0	58,994	0	147,031
Individual documentation	203,756	744,186	49,994	345,749	1,343,685
Civil status documentation	58,000	1,258,752	66,991	437,147	1,820,890
Subtotal	1,710,391	2,002,938	175,980	782,896	4,672,204

Consequences of a 20 – 40 per cent funding shortfall

- More than 5,500 IDPs will not be assisted to return home.
- Some 51,000 people at risk of becoming stateless will not be assisted in obtaining civil documentation.
- UNHCR will not be able to respond to the basic needs of some 10,000 refugees who would opt to remain in Côte d'Ivoire and integrate locally.
- Some 1,000 households will not benefit from income-generating activities.

RIGHTS GROUPS AND OBJECTIVES	REFUGEE PROGRAMME PILLAR 1	STATELESS PROGRAMME PILLAR 2	REINTEGRATION PROJECTS PILLAR 3	IDP PROJECTS PILLAR 4	TOTAL
Security from violence and exploitation					
Effects of armed conflict	0	0	26,375	0	26,375
Law enforcement	96,014	21,498	0	0	117,513
Community security management system	0	0	0	141,377	141,377
Gender-based violence	200,872	85,965	115,609	109,646	512,092
Protection of children	162,470	125,000	65,609	169,600	522,678
Freedom of movement	0	43,924	0	0	43,924
Non-arbitrary detention	0	63,241	0	0	63,241
Access to legal remedies	250,734	0	74,104	0	324,838
Political participation	0	0	0	94,222	94,222
Subtotal	710,090	339,628	281,697	514,845	1,846,260
Basic needs and essential services					
Food security	52,921	0	0	0	52,921
Water	70,760	0	23,162	0	93,922
Shelter and other infrastructure	157,689	0	35,537	673,742	866,968
Basic domestic and hygiene items	1,554,321	0	73,199	157,687	1,785,208
Primary health care	541,219	0	92,662	0	633,881
HIV and AIDS	191,931	0	62,029	166,180	420,140
Education	298,495	0	77,199	0	375,694
Sanitation services	122,806	0	57,162	0	179,968
Services for groups with specific needs	241,017	0	58,343	125,239	424,600
Subtotal	3,231,160		479,294	1,122,849	4,833,303
Community participation and self-management					
Participatory assessment and community mobilisation	63,009	0	37,137	294,262	394,408
Community self-management and equal representation	236,734	117,355	0	0	354,089
Self-reliance and livelihoods	989,447	0	61,137	1,519,262	2,569,846
Subtotal	1,289,191	117,355	98,274	1,813,523	3,318,343
Durable solutions					
Voluntary return	2,109,661	0	0	957,078	3,066,738
Rehabilitation and reintegration support	0	0	157,787	1,442,623	1,600,410
Resettlement	114,802	0	0	0	114,802
Local integration support	1,266,107	0	0	0	1,266,107
Reduction of statelessness	0	245,653	0	0	245,653
Subtotal	3,490,569	245,653	157,787	2,399,701	6,293,709
External relations					
Donor relations	17,883	28,819	10,323	35,376	92,402
Resource mobilisation	26,619	22,059	30,239	20,431	99,347
Partnership	87,897	53,620	42,934	0	184,451
Public information	47,450	92,890	37,361	46,390	224,090
Subtotal	179,849	197,388	120,857	102,197	600,291
Logistics and operations support					
Supply chain and logistics	506,622	243,033	135,448	327,310	1,212,414
Programme management, coordination and support	873,837	456,568	150,630	503,440	1,984,475
Subtotal	1,380,459	699,602	286,079	830,750	3,196,889
Total	12,526,922	4,308,244	1,599,966	8,098,884	26,534,016
2010 Revised budget	8,715,894	2,733,142	0	4,615,756	16,064,792