



# LIBERIA

UNHCR  
2014 - 2015  
GLOBAL APPEAL



## UNHCR's planned presence | 2014

<b>Number of offices</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total personnel</b>	<b>252</b>
International staff	89
National staff	121
JPOs	2
UN Volunteers	40

## Overview

### Working environment

- Liberia is a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention, the 1967 Protocol, and the 1969 OAU Convention. Liberia is also a signatory to both Statelessness Conventions.

- UNHCR operations in Liberia revolve around two main strategies: the continued provision, in collaboration with the Government and other partners of continued protection and assistance to refugees; and the pursuit of, and support for voluntary repatriation of Ivorian refugees. Despite occasional disturbances in the south-western border region of Côte d'Ivoire that have resulted in over 2,500 Ivorian refugee arrivals in 2013, the overall security situation in the country is foreseen to remain stable in 2014. The voluntary repatriation of Ivorians will therefore remain a priority for UNHCR in Liberia. Between 2012 and the end of 2013, the organization will have assisted some 30,000 Ivorian refugees to return. UNHCR plans to assist another 11,000 Ivorian refugees to return home in 2014.

- The main challenges facing UNHCR in the voluntary repatriation process include the concerns expressed by some refugees about the slow pace of reconciliation in Côte d'Ivoire, the sporadic episodes of insecurity in some parts of western Côte d'Ivoire, very difficult road conditions in Liberia and western Côte d'Ivoire, the long rainy season and the poor state of the trucks used by UNHCR.

- The Government of Liberia, through the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC), enables refugees to benefit from basic and essential social services, such as health care and basic education, as well as to pursue activities that strengthen livelihoods.

## People of concern

The main groups of people of concern planned for in 2014 under the Liberia operation are: Ivorians who fled from Côte d'Ivoire as a result of the 2010 post-electoral crisis; and refugees and asylum-seekers from other countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Iraq, Sierra Leone, and Sudan.

## 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	Côte d'Ivoire	49,560	49,560	37,710	37,710	28,730	28,730
	Sierra Leone	260	260	250	250	240	240
	Various	60	60	50	50	40	40
Asylum-seekers	Nigeria	10	10	-	-	-	-
	Togo	10	10	-	-	-	-
	Various	10	10	10	10	10	10
Others of concern	Sierra Leone	1,000	1,000	400	400	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,910</b>	<b>50,910</b>	<b>38,420</b>	<b>38,420</b>	<b>29,020</b>	<b>29,020</b>

## | Response |

### Needs and strategies

Strategic operational priorities for UNHCR in Liberia remain: durable solutions, access to basic needs and essential services, and self-reliance for people of concern.

In 2014, in terms of durable solutions, UNHCR will continue to pursue voluntary repatriation in particular, while resettlement will remain a strategic protection tool for vulnerable cases. For basic needs and essential services, the main anticipated requirements in the camps are in the areas of logistics, livelihoods, education, health, nutrition, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene. Interventions to reduce anaemia, micronutrient deficiencies, and chronic malnutrition will be among the top priorities.

UNHCR and its partners will build on existing capacity and strengthen emergency care and maintenance assistance while promoting self-reliance and skills training. Particular emphasis will be placed on mitigating emerging trends of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and criminal and antisocial activities among the adolescent population.

Wet-weather in Liberia often severely affects the roads, and hence mobility and access. Consequently, the logistics function will remain a key component of the operation, in order to enable the Office to deliver assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers in the country.

### 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
<b>Basic needs and essential services</b>			
<b>Health status of the population improved</b>			
As the current crude mortality rate among refugees in Liberia is 0.42/1000/month and the under-five mortality rate is 0.93/1000/month, UNHCR will continue to provide improved primary health-care services to the refugees in camps as a complement to the assistance provided by the government health infrastructure. The organization will provide medicines, medical supplies, medical equipment and related items for the camp health facilities, and will work with partners to recruit and retain adequate health manpower in the health facilities.			
<b>Number of health workers trained</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>85</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Percentage of people of concern who have access to national primary health care facilities</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>100%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Nutritional well-being improved</b>			
The prevalence of anaemia among children 6-59 months old is estimated at 74 per cent, while it is over 56 per cent among non-pregnant and non-lactating women between the ages of 15 and 49 years. UNHCR and its partners plan to implement an anaemia and chronic malnutrition project targeting some 8,600 children under five years of age, and some 5,600 pregnant and lactating women to decrease anaemia to below 40 per cent and chronic malnutrition to below 20 per cent.			
<b>Number of people trained on nutrition</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Number of new admissions to community management of acute malnutrition programmes</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>1,173</b>	<b>563</b>
<b>Population has optimal access to education</b>			
Although primary education is provided in refugee camps, about 50 per cent of school-aged children are enrolled in, but not attending, school. UNHCR and its implementing partners will improve educational facilities, enhance teacher training, increase awareness on the importance of enrolment and provide educational materials to refugees to increase school attendance.			
<b>Number of children enrolled in primary education</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>8,651</b>	<b>priority area</b>
<b>Number of children aged 3-5 enrolled in early childhood education</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Population lives in satisfactory conditions of sanitation and hygiene</b>			
Cholera and other epidemic diseases are endemic in Liberia and in particular in refugee-hosting counties. UNHCR and its implementing partners will improve the general sanitation and hygiene situation in camps through the construction and upgrading of waste-disposal facilities and latrines. The organization will also conduct regular public health and hygiene-promotion campaigns and training.			
<b>Number of household sanitary facilities/latrines constructed</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,020</b>
<b>Number of people of concern reached by environmental health and hygiene campaigns</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>25,000</b>	<b>16,250</b>
<b>Shelter and infrastructure established, improved and maintained</b>			
Refugees will be assisted to upgrade their existing temporary shelters to more resilient semi-permanent structures which are able to withstand the harsh weather conditions in Liberia.			
<b>Number of people of concern receiving long-term/permanent shelter</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>47,600</b>	<b>19,600</b>
<b>Supply of potable water increased or maintained</b>			
UNHCR and implementing partners will upgrade the current water supply system to a more sustainable and cost-effective option of hand pumps for all refugee camps. Water quality tests, purification and training of refugees to manage and maintain these structures will be undertaken.			
<b>Number of people of concern served by water system</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>30,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Number of hand pumps rehabilitated</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>48</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Community empowerment and self-reliance</b>			
<b>Self-reliance and livelihoods improved</b>			
Some 3,900 adolescents in four refugee camps in Liberia have completed primary education but have no access to secondary education. The provision of vocational training is considered a priority to ensure the self-reliance of refugees.			
<b>Percentage of students aged 15-24 benefitting from vocational and technical skills training</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>90%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Number of people of concern receiving production kits or inputs for agriculture/livestock/fisheries</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>

## Security from violence and exploitation

### Risk of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is reduced and quality of response improved

Given the high rate of domestic violence, transactional sex and teenage pregnancies, UNHCR will conduct capacity building in the form of training, and will support the County Attorney's Office in the provision of legal services to victims. Livelihoods and skills training assistance will also be assured for survivors of SGBV.

<b>Number of reported SGBV incidents for which survivors receive legal assistance</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>500</b>	<b>priority area</b>
<b>Number of awareness-raising campaigns on SGBV prevention and response conducted</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>60</b>	<b>priority area</b>

## Durable solutions

### Potential for voluntary return realized

In 2014, the Office anticipates assisting the returns of over 11,800 mainly Ivorian refugees.

<b>Number of people reached by mass information campaigns</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>49,562</b>	<b>19,562</b>
<b>Number of people of concern receiving return packages</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>8,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>

## Logistics and operations support

### Logistics and supply optimized to serve operational needs

Poor road networks in rural Liberia, the lack of adequate infrastructure and long travel distances to access refugees make the logistics function a key factor in the operational context. Maintaining and replacing vehicles and power generators, as well as renting and maintaining warehouse facilities in refugee hosting areas are therefore essential.

<b>Number of warehouses maintained</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
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# | Implementation |

## Partners

### Implementing partners

#### Government agencies:

Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission

#### NGOs:

Africa Humanitarian Action, Care International, Caritas, Danish Refugee Council, International Rescue Committee, Logistics and Services – Liberia, Medical Emergency and Relief Cooperative International, Norwegian Refugee Council, Save the Children - US, Special Emergency Activity to Restore Children's Hope

### Operational partners

#### Government agencies:

Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Liberia National Police, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Public Works

#### Others:

UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNMIL, UNOPS, UNV, WFP, WHO

## Coordination

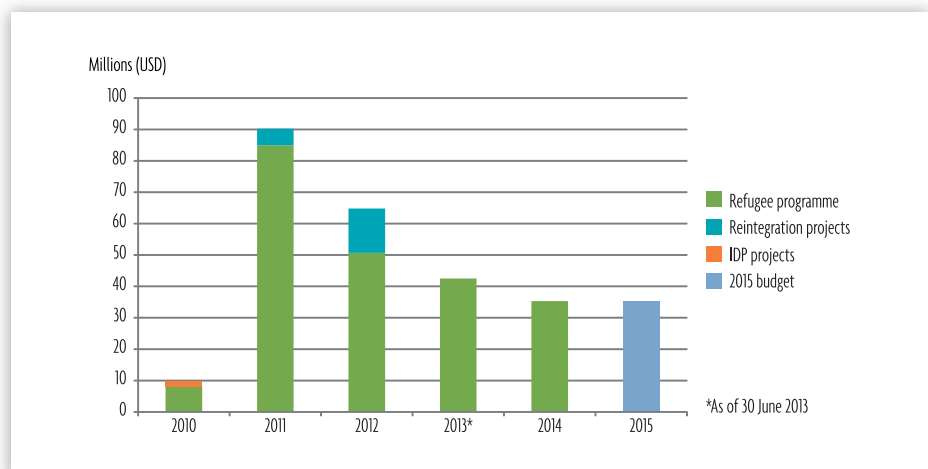
In collaboration with the LRRRC, UNHCR will continue to provide leadership and direction on assuring international protection for people of concern. As part of the Office's operational strategy of consolidating activities, the Norwegian Refugee Council and the Danish Refugee Council will be the main partners for refugee camp management, Save the Children will be responsible for education and child protection and CARE International will work primarily in water, sanitation and hygiene activities.

UNHCR will engage in building the capacity of national NGOs to increase opportunities for sustainability and national ownership of the humanitarian assistance programme.

# | Financial information |

Following the Ivorian refugee influx in 2010, the financial requirements for UNHCR's operation in Liberia increased significantly in 2011. Since then, with the return of Ivorians to Côte d'Ivoire, there has been a steady decline in the budget for the operation, from USD 90.2 million in 2011 to a revised 2013 budget of USD 42.5 million. In 2014, the financial requirements in Liberia amount to USD 35.3 million in order to enable the Office to address needs mainly related to health, nutrition, water and sanitation, SGBV, education, livelihoods and durable solutions.

## Budgets for Liberia | 2010–2015



## 2014 budget for Liberia | USD

Budget breakdown	PILLAR 1 Refugee programme	Total
<b>2013 revised budget (as of 30 June 2013)</b>	<b>42,509,986</b>	<b>42,509,986</b>
<b>Favourable protection environment</b>		
Law and policy	420,441	<b>420,441</b>
Access to legal assistance and remedies	848,639	<b>848,639</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,269,080</b>	<b>1,269,080</b>
<b>Fair protection processes and documentation</b>		
Registration and profiling	729,855	<b>729,855</b>
Status determination procedures	280,441	<b>280,441</b>
Civil registration and status documentation	265,441	<b>265,441</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,275,737</b>	<b>1,275,737</b>
<b>Security from violence and exploitation</b>		
Prevention and response to SGBV	1,057,168	<b>1,057,168</b>
Protection of children	973,112	<b>973,112</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,030,280</b>	<b>2,030,280</b>
<b>Basic needs and essential services</b>		
Health	2,849,468	<b>2,849,468</b>
Reproductive health and HIV services	730,177	<b>730,177</b>
Nutrition	1,039,322	<b>1,039,322</b>
Food security	277,441	<b>277,441</b>
Water	1,367,591	<b>1,367,591</b>
Sanitation and hygiene	1,766,965	<b>1,766,965</b>
Shelter and infrastructure	2,816,839	<b>2,816,839</b>
Basic and domestic items	571,971	<b>571,971</b>
Services for people with specific needs	718,503	<b>718,503</b>
Education	2,842,084	<b>2,842,084</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14,980,360</b>	<b>14,980,360</b>
<b>Community empowerment and self-reliance</b>		
Community mobilization	918,710	<b>918,710</b>
Natural resources and shared environment	569,453	<b>569,453</b>
Self-reliance and livelihood activities	2,224,702	<b>2,224,702</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,712,865</b>	<b>3,712,865</b>
<b>Durable solutions</b>		
Voluntary return	1,232,344	<b>1,232,344</b>
Integration	264,061	<b>264,061</b>
Resettlement	508,883	<b>508,883</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,005,288</b>	<b>2,005,288</b>
<b>Leadership, coordination and partnerships</b>		
Coordination and partnerships	911,026	<b>911,026</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>911,026</b>	<b>911,026</b>
<b>Logistics and operations support</b>		
Logistics and supply	3,359,263	<b>3,359,263</b>
Operations management, coordination and support	5,781,765	<b>5,781,765</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,141,028</b>	<b>9,141,028</b>
<b>2014 total budget</b>	<b>35,325,663</b>	<b>35,325,663</b>