



## HIGHLIGHTS

World Refugee Day 2017 celebrated in Ghana with a major durbar at Ampain Refugee Camp. Theme for celebration is a call on general public to stand #WithRefugees.

A total of 2,435 refugee ID cards and attestations issued out to replace expired documents, and for those who have recently turned seven years old.

129 PoC enroll onto online courses from top universities around the world as UNHCR deploys Coursera for Refugees nationwide.

### Population of concern

A total of **13,352** people of concern

#### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Côte d'Ivoire	7,047
Togo	3,402
Others	2,903
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,352</b>

### Funding

**USD 8,878,867** requested

**2%** funded

### UNHCR Presence

#### Staffing:

32 National staff; 04 UNOPS  
02 International staff; 01 IUNV

#### Offices:

01 Country Office in Accra, 01 Field Office in Takoradi and 01 Field Unit in Sunyani

**GHANA**  
Reference Map  
as of 10 Aug 2016



## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works with the Government of Ghana through the Ministry of the Interior, the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB), and other relevant government departments and ministries in ensuring asylum seekers and refugees have full access to international protection and basic services. These include the Department of Social Development, Legal Aid Services, Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice, Births and Deaths Registry. UNHCR Ghana works with NGO partners including the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG), National Catholic Secretariat (NCS) and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). Operational support is provided by UNFPA, IOM and UNAIDS. In recent times, UNHCR Ghana is exploring partnership opportunities with the Ghanaian Private Sector, with one success story being with Comsys Ghana Limited who is working with their partner Intelsat to provide free wireless internet access to refugees in Ampain Camp for a two year duration.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection & Solutions

- **Registration and documentation:** Ghana Refugee Board with support from UNHCR issued a total of 2,435 refugee ID cards and attestations in Ampain and Egyeikrom Camps. The ID documents were replacements for expired ones, as well as for children who just turned seven years old.
- **Voluntary Repatriation to Cote d'Ivoire:** A total of nine Ivorians successfully returned to Cote d'Ivoire during the reporting period. It included a family of seven from Fetentaa camp who returned on May 12, as well as two individuals from Ampain who departed on 14 June, 2017. One individual from Egyeikrom camp departed on 29 June, 2017. This brings to 11, the total number of Ivorian who have voluntarily repatriated since January this year.

### Education

- **'Coursera for Refugees' brings free quality online education to refugees in Ghana:** UNHCR launched '*Coursera for Refugees*' across all refugee locations nationally. Under this programme, refugee learners are able to enroll onto online courses from top universities from around the world free of charge. Since its launch on June 1, 2017, 129 PoC have enrolled on the programme with five successfully completing their courses in various disciplines including one in *International Humanitarian Law*.
- **Ampain Community JHS students benefit from UNHCR funded ICT Center:** 30 children from Ampain Host community school had their first ever ICT class in the newly built UNHCR Innovations Fund sponsored ICT centre at Ampain. Prior to its opening, pupils from both camp and host community schools did not have access to computers for their ICT lessons. The ICT center was built to complement the free internet connectivity being provided by Intelsat and Comsys Ghana.

### Food security and nutrition

- **Two Refugee Camp Schools enrolled on National School Feeding Programme:** The Government of Ghana funded National School Feeding Programme begun in Fetentaa and Egyeikrom Camps on 9 and 15 May, 2017 respectively. This is expected to positively affect enrolment and retention of pupils which went into a gradual decline following the cessation of general food distribution. The same is to be replicated in Ampain and Krisan following the completion and handover of the kitchens which are currently under construction.

### Community empowerment and self-reliance

- **Dutch NGO supports two refugee start-ups in Fetentaa Camp:** Dutch NGO, Support 4 Ghanese Kids provides start-up capital for two refugee companies in Fetentaa Camp as a way of community empowerment. The two companies, comprised of both refugees and nationals are engaged in tailoring, as well as agriculture.
- **Camp-based refugees continue to show interest in Agriculture:** Agriculture and agro-processing increases across all refugee locations with refugees showing interest in poultry, greenhouse farming, vegetable and crop farming as well as the production of coconut oil (in Ampain Camp). Business training supports continues in all locations to build the capacities of interested PoC.

### Public Information

**Ghana celebrates World Refugee Day:** UNHCR Ghana in collaboration with the Ghana Refugee Board and other partners commemorated this year's World Refugee Day with a colorful durbar at Ampain Camp. The guest of honor was the Deputy Minister for Interior. Invited guests who graced the occasion included members of the diplomatic corps, the UN Resident Coordinator and other representatives of the UN Country Team, Government officials and traditional leaders, as well as the private sector. Guests at the event toured the camp to inspect various facilities including; the UNHCR funded health facility which was recently handed over to the Ghana Health Services; an interactive distance learning programme for refugee pupils; a refugee connectivity project sponsored by Intelsat which provides free internet WiFi access to refugees and host community; and a refugee trade exhibition. The theme for this year's celebration was a call on general public to stand **#WithRefugees**.

## Identified needs and remaining gaps

- Limited support for socio-economically poor refugee households, including those in Ivorian camps affected by the cessation of food rations since Sept-2015, for ensuring access to social safety nets and meeting certain basic needs.
- Challenges to secure sustainable livelihoods due to lack of employment, business opportunities, start-up capital, and difficulties for PoC to access markets and financial services at a level similar to nationals.
- Low quality of shelter in the Ivorian camps (over 50% of refugees still reside in emergency plastic sheet tents since 2011).

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