

Voluntary Repatriation Update April 2009

Since April 13, 2008, 10,567 Liberian refugees have repatriated from neighboring countries in the West African sub-region--- 9,703 from Ghana, 422 from Nigeria, 170 from Guinea, 230 from Sierra Leone, 14 from Cote d'Ivoire, 27 from the Gambia and 1 from Senegal. This number includes 9,329 returnees on the organized voluntary repatriation program and 420 documented spontaneous returnees.

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Upon arrival at the Roberts International Airport (RIA) in Margibi County, LRRRC and the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization (BIN) receive returnees. The Logistics Service of Liberia (LSL) transports them to the Transit/Reception Center, which is managed by LRRRC and located in Schefflin Town, Margibi County.

At the Center, BIN conducts a nationality screening and then returnees receive a medical screening and treatment from Medical Emergency Relief International (MERCY). After being served a hot meal, returnees either leave or remain overnight before departing to their respective areas of origin or preference. (Note: The Guinean returnees did not return through the Transit/Reception center.)

Since the commencement of the UNHCR Voluntary Repatriation Program in October 2004, the total number of Liberian refugees repatriated is 168,203.

Below please find statistics of voluntary repatriated Children from October 24, to December 31, 2008

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Voluntary Repatriation Statistics (Children) by demographic characteristics October 24, to December 31, 2008

Year	Demography of Individual Children REpatriated				
	0-4 Male	0-4 Female	5-17 Male	5-17 Female	Individuals
2004	487	494	756	721	2,458
2005	3,723	3,728	6,275	5,967	19,693
2006	3,479	3,403	7,101	7,257	21,240
2007	2,344	2,354	4,229	4,434	13,361
2008	202	208	801	879	2,090
TOTAL	10,235	10,187	19,162	19,258	58,842

Refugee Population demographic characteristics and location by end of 2008

Origin	Female				Male				Grand Total
	0-4	5-11	12-17	Total ©	0-4	5-11	12-17	Total ©	
Sierra Leone	172	311	282	765	171	347	343	861	1,626
Cote d'ivoire	99	274	340	713	140	262	382	784	1,497
Congo DR		1		1					1
Iraq						1	1	2	2
Sudan			1	1		1		1	2
	542	1,172	1,245	2,959	622	1,222	1,451	3,295	6,254