

Health Situation Report (SitRep No. 35)

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Highlights and Situational Overview:

- UNHCR has procured a 6-month worth of drugs and medical supplies to assist refugees in Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties.
- The mass fistula campaign has been concluded where 92 clients (refugees and nationals) have been treated.
- As part of health sensitization and community mobilization, awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS, malaria prevention, hygiene promotion and reproductive health is on-going in all the 7 refugee camps.
- A total of 8334 consultations were conducted with 49.2% being refugees. Out of the total this total, 3,814 (45.8%) refugee consultations were reported from the 7 camps.
- 1,887 children were immunized for different antigens with 422 children immunized against measles in response to the six suspected cases reported from Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties respectively.

I. Health Needs

- Breakdown of Ministry of Health ambulances' in Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties.

II. Response and Coordination

A. Health Coordination

1. Coordination meetings are led by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in collaboration with partners.

B. Health Response

2. UNHCR has procured a 6-month worth of assorted drugs and medical supplies to assist refugees and host communities in Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties. The drugs will be used by the NGOs, Merlin and Merci in the camps and facilities accessed by both refugees and nationals.
3. The mass fistula campaign sponsored by UNFPA in collaboration with MOH&SW has been concluded successfully in all counties where refugees are located. A total of 92 clients (refugees and nationals) have been treated. In Grand Gedeh County, 20 refugees out of 22 clients were treated in Martha Tubman Memorial hospital.
4. In addition, UNFPA supported the health partners in Grand Gedeh County to distribute 35 delivery health kits (15 refugees and 20 nationals). The kits have facilitated 71 clean and safe deliveries.
5. As part of health sensitization and community mobilization, health partners have embarked on awareness campaign with focus on HIV/AIDS, malaria prevention, hygiene promotion and reproductive health in all the 7 refugee camps.
6. As preventive measures to STIs and support to family planning services, a total of 2,280 condoms were distributed to refugees and nationals in Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties.
7. A total of 8334 consultations were conducted in all Counties hosting refugees with 49.2% being refugees. Out of this total, 3,814 (45.8%) refugee consultations were reported from the 7 camps.
8. 1,887 children were immunized for different antigens with 422 children immunized against measles in response to six suspected cases reported from Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties respectively.
9. 49 patients were referred for secondary care in Nimba, Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties.
10. Two (2) deaths among nationals were reported from Nimba County.

III. Challenges:

- Bad roads in some of the districts affecting provision of health services especially mobile clinics to remote communities during the rainy season.
- Shortage of ambulances in Maryland County and frequent breakdown of Ministry of Health ambulances.
- Shortage of adequate space for service provision in Maryland County.