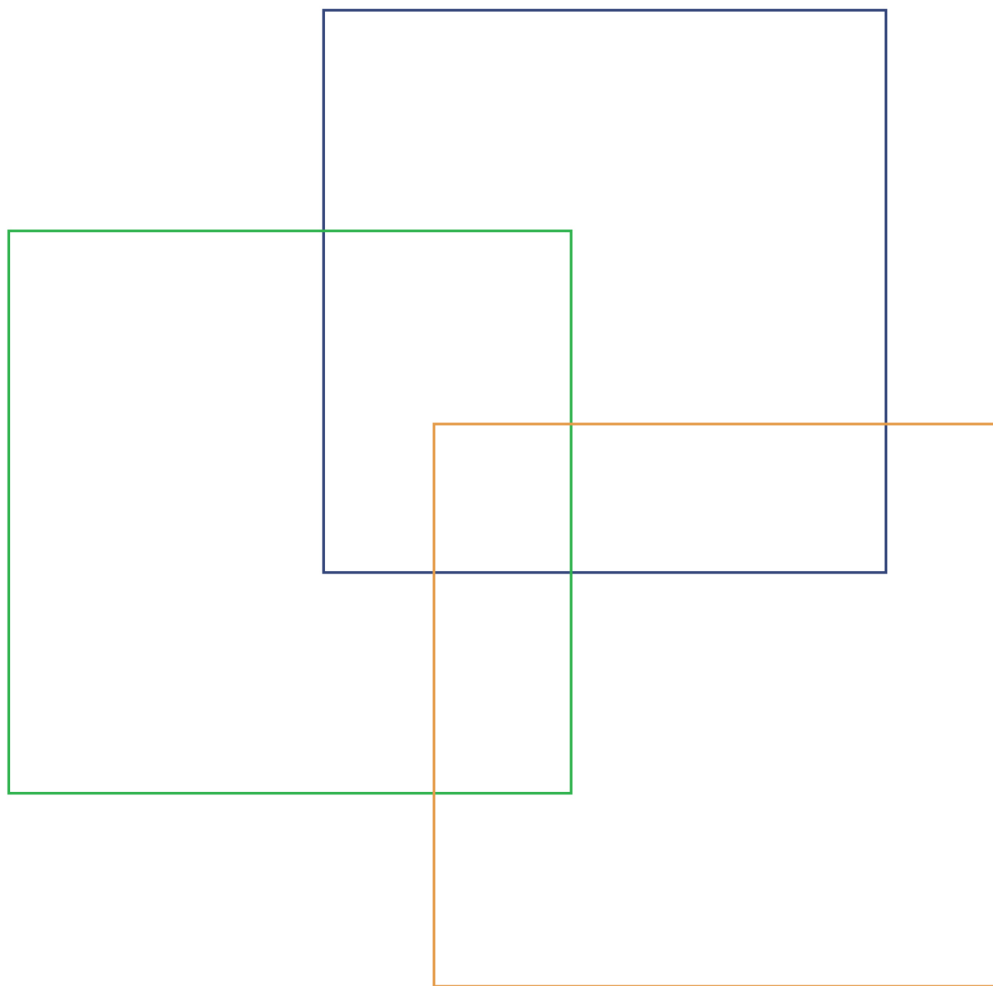




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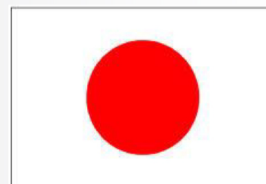


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BUILDING NEW DURABLE LIVELIHOODS WITH JAPANESE SUPPORT

**Visit of the Japanese Embassy in
Bassikounou and M'bera camp**

from 24-07-2019 to 26-07-2019



UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

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Day 3: Friday, 26 July 2019

7:00-8:30

Breakfast
UNHCR Guesthouse

8:30-9:00

Check out procedures with UNHAS Bassikounou
Responsible: UNHAS

9:00-10:00

Visit to the new Health Centre Bassikounou

In order to ensure continuity in the delivery of health care to refugees and local populations after the withdrawal of MSF-Belgium at the end of 2018, and with the support of the Government of Japan, UNHCR in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the international NGO ALIMA, are delivering mother and child care services, primary health care, as well as, medical referrals to secondary and tertiary health care services, whenever treatment is not available in the camp or at the Bassikounou Health Centre.
Participants: Japanese embassy, ALIMA, UNHCR, ILO, MCD

11:15

Departure to the airstrip Bassikounou
Participants: Japanese embassy, ILO, UNHCR

Bassikounou

Day 1: Wednesday, 24 July 2019

9:00-12:30T

Travel from Nouakchott to Bassikounou
By plane (UNHAS flight)

12:30- 13:00

Arrival at the UNHCR Guesthouse
By escorted vehicles

13:00-13:30

Courtesy Visit to the Hakem and Local Authorities
Participants: Japanese embassy, ILO focal points (Federico, Samba, Guité, Yahia) and UNHCR (Emmanuel, Fadela)

13:30-14:30

Lunch Break
Location: UNHCR Guesthouse

14:30- 15:30

Security briefing
Participants: UNHCR FSA and ILO focal points

15:30-17:30

Meeting on the collaboration between ILO and UNHCR
Participants: Japan embassy, UNHCR (Emmanuel, Fadela, Mavis, Ornella, Fouda), ILO (Federico, Samba, Guité)

17:30 -18:00

Presentation of projects funded by the Japanese Government in Bassikounou
Participants: ILO, UNHCR and UN agencies funded by the GoJ

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Bassikounou

07:00–08:00

Breakfast
Location: UNHCR Guesthouse

08:00- 08:45

Trip to M'bera camp

Some 58,000 Malian refugees live today in M'bera camp and its surroundings, the most isolated and arid region in Bassikounou, Hodh El Chargui, the southeastern part of Mauritania. No large-scale returns are expected, due to persistent violence in Mali and despite the conclusion of a peace agreement in 2015.

Following the UN strategy for Malian refugees and the “Partnership Framework for Sustainable Development 2018-2022”, Malian refugees require responses that stretch beyond humanitarian action and local solutions must be integrated with development initiatives. The collaboration between the ILO, Government of Japan and UNHCR represents a model of humanitarian and development actors supporting the humanitarian-development nexus in the area.



M'bera Camp

16:15-16:45

Visit of the cooperative of craftsmen and craftswomen

UNHCR is supporting income-generating activities for refugees and host population in line with the identified value chains. Thanks to the generous contribution of the Government of Japan, the ILO will put in place RBDS (rural business development services), in order to strengthen local enterprises and create jobs for both refugee and host populations in identified value chains. Key activities of the project, based on an integrated durable livelihood intervention and ensuring maximum socioeconomic impact in the region, will have a territorial approach, combining environmentally sustainable infrastructure construction, with the development of skills and promotion of economic activities. Enterprise support services will aim at assessing needs and gaps of current cooperatives/enterprises, establish an accompagnement plan to help reinforce business skills and capacities, with special focus on OSH and workers' rights, development and use of tools to understand good labor practices which reflects the context of refugees and local communities.

17:00-17:30

Visit of a cooperative on livestock sales and veterinary products

17:45- 18:30

Debriefing on the mission and follow-up recommendations Bassikounou
Participants: ILO, UNHCR and UN agencies and local partners
Location: UNHCR Meeting Room

19:30- 21:00

Dinner
Participants: Japanese embassy, ILO, UNHCR, UN Agencies, Local authorities
Location: UNHCR Guesthouse

12:45– 13:30

Meeting with the local population and refugees

Refugees and host communities are actively involved in all project phases: from needs assessment through the selection of trainees in the vocational training programs, to the management and maintenance of the constructed infrastructures and up to project monitoring and evaluation. Gender equality and the representation at the diverse components of these communities are fully taken into account.

13:30–14:15

Return to Bassikounou

Responsible for escorts: UNHCR FSA

14:15–15:00

Lunch break

Location: UNHCR Guesthouse

15:30– 16:00

Discussion on environmental issues

Location: UNHCR Meeting Room

The basic environmental study and the rapid refugee impact assessment in M'bera camp and its neighboring villages, have identified four priority interventions and namely, access roads to the market, fight against erosion, plantation of trees / vegetation and watershed management. The environment represents both a resource and a warranty to minimizing the vulnerability affected populations. A sustainable development of this naturally scarce and degraded area, whose population has tripled by the arrival of the Malian refugees and will likely continue to increase, is strictly dependent on environmental protection. Building resilience to climate change and to environmental degradation caused by semi-nomadic activities (intensive agro-pastoralism) of the Malian refugees and host communities, is key to the transition to sustainable livelihoods and local economic development.

M'bera Camp

Bassikounou

08:45 -09:30

Visit to the ILO Vocational Training Center of M'bera

Identified by the value chain analysis, the new Vocational Training Center (VTC) in M'bera camp represents the only and unique vocational facility constructed by young refugees and local communities with maximum use of local materials, thanks to the financial support of PRM and UNHCR. The VTC, by offering quality vocational training programs, aims at responding to market needs to foster sustainable opportunities and the economic activities and help youth socioprofessional insertion in the labor market. The VTC will host the first cohort of the trainees in earth masonry and address vocational training needs of the Japanese “Do-Nou” technology, as per ILO-Japan's project.



09:45 -10:00

Visit to the Food Distribution Center

An introduction will be made to the Global Distribution Tool (GDT), an innovative tool that helps verifying and validating the food distribution process to persons of concerns and strengthen accountability to partners; donors and key stakeholders.

Participants: Japanese Embassy, ILO, UNHCR, WPF

10:15–10:45

M'bera Camp

Visit of the Chantier-Ecole: Construction of a primary school in M'bera camp (zone 6 extension)

The pedagogical committee of M'bera camp has prepared a school cartography to identify the geographic position of existing primary schools and concentration of primary school aged children, in order to reduce the pressure on existing facilities vis-à-vis the high number of pupils and of their distance and time to reach school. The construction of the extension of the primary school in zone 6 in M'bera camp came as a result of such analysis and is supported by the Government of Japan and UNHCR. The new classrooms will be constructed by young refugees and host communities with maximum use of local materials and green technologies aligned with the school model approved by GoM and following the on-site “work-based learning” training modality applying the employment-intensive investment approach.



11:00- 11:30

M'bera Camp

Visit of UNHCR's Registration Centre: Issuance of Biometric Birth Certificates and Refugee ID Cards / Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS)

The visit aims at introducing the work of UNHCR on registration, the pillar of refugee protection and the cooperation with the GoM for the issuance of birth certificates and national refugee identity cards. Registration is key to targeted assistance towards self-sufficiency and access to the labour market promoted through the collaboration between the ILO, the Government of Japan, and UNHCR.

11:45 - 12:30

Visit of M'bera access road

The construction of the access road of M'bera camp to the main segment road between Bassikounou and Fassala, thus leading to main local markets and host communities and contributing directly to the development of local economic activities as defined by the territorial, value chain and market analysis of M'bera camp and its surrounding villages. 125 young trainees are trained following the on-site “work-based learning” training modality applying the employment-intensive investment approach. Durable and easily adopted Japanese 'Do-Nou' manual labor-based technology to construct and repair roads, through sustainable use of local materials (i.e, sand, gravel), will be used to complement the construction of access roads of M'bera camp.

