

**NO!**  
to statelessness



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I have the right to an nationality !

# UPDATE ON STATELESSNES

#IBelong



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# no nationality = no rights





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# Statistics

**1 million**

Population at risk: Several million

Challenge of identification

# Profile



more *in situ* than migrants



60 % Children



Invisible

# Statelessness



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**Law & policies**

**Administratives  
practices**

**NATIONALITY  
UNKNOWN**

**NOT A  
CITIZEN**

**RESIDENCE  
DENIED**

# Abidjan Declaration

Eradication  
ECOWAS engaged  
15 States engaged



# Progress

## Cooperation

Identify focal points

Develop Action plans



## Identification

Conduct ongoing studies

## Reduction

45 000 people

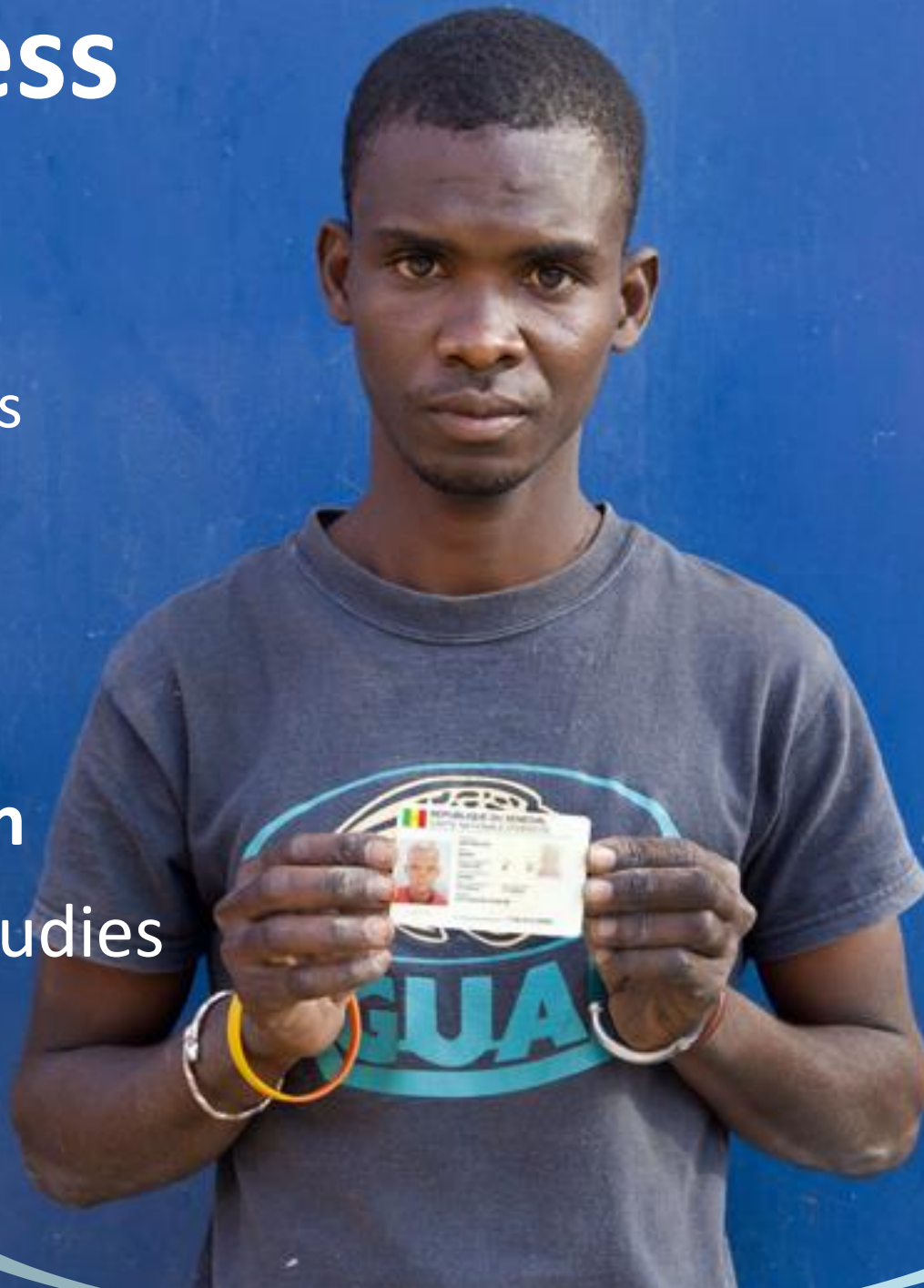


## Prevention

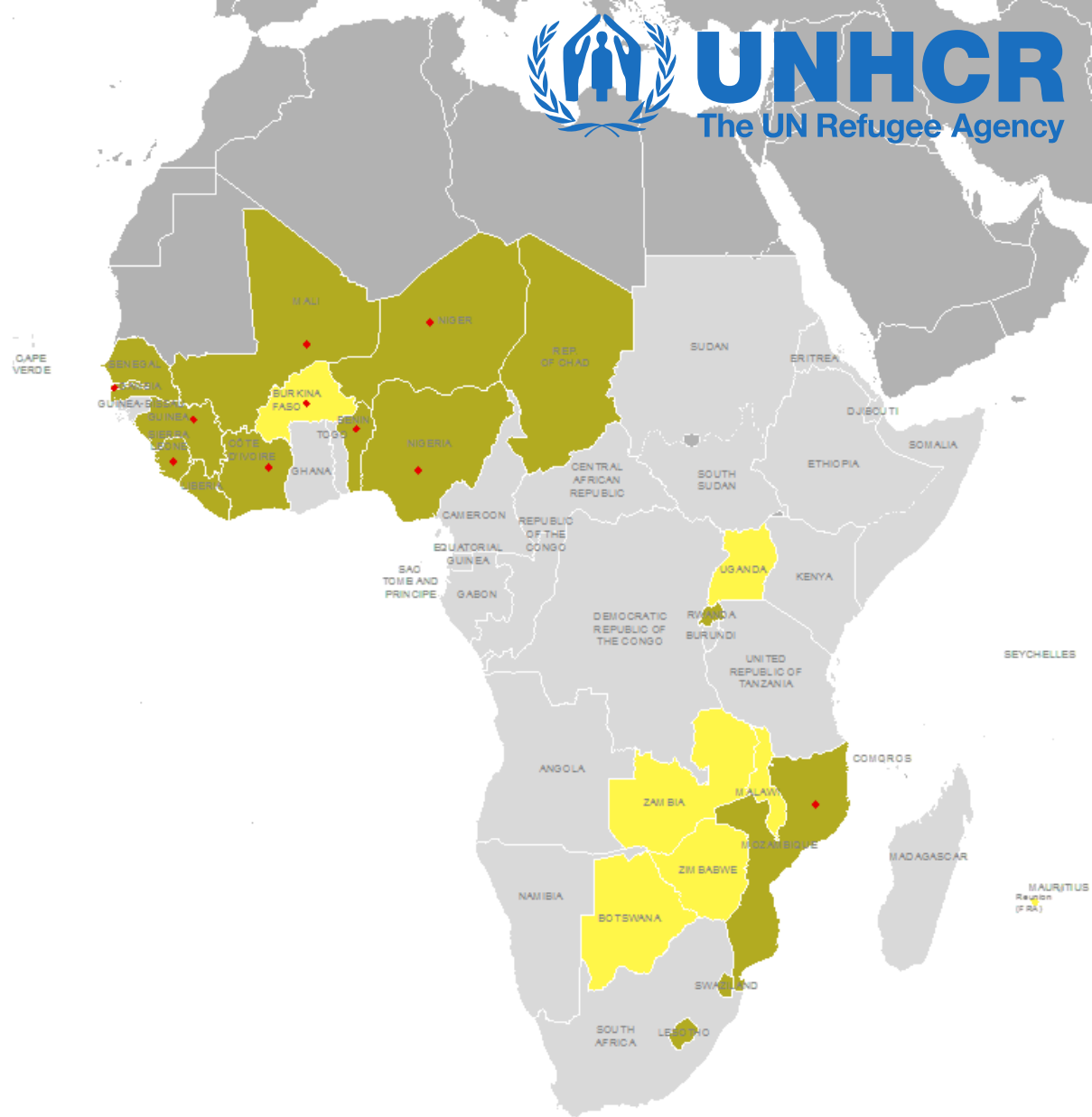
11 States – 54 Countries

12 States – 61 Countries

7 on-going Law reform processes



# The West African Model



States Party to

- 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons
- 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness



# GAPS



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- . Baseline data
- . Sensitization of all authorities
- . Involvement of NGOs
- . Robust Guidance framework

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Territoire COCOTE D'IVOIRE  
Cercle Abidjan  
Subdivision de Bingerville  
Commune de.....

Nom DJIBRINAN  
Prénoms Traoré  
Nationalité Français  
Né le 1950  
à Bouaké  
de Seydou Traoré  
et de Mariam Traoré  
me Mossi  
Domicile Bacha Bingerville

Profession Manoeuvre  
Taille 1m,63  
Teint noir  
Cheveux crépus  
Signes particuliers.....

CONNAISSANCE DU FRANÇAIS illettré

Fait à Bingerville, le 4-1-52

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Deux témoins  
Idréssa Traoré  
Karamoko Dou-  
boua

FRANCS 40

LE CHET DE SUBDIVISION



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