



NIGER

FACTSHEET

May 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

2,500

Refugees in Diffa, Toumour and Kablewa are currently being assisted to voluntarily relocate to Sayam Forage refugee camp

163

Nigerian refugee secondary school students supported to complete secondary school exams in Nigeria, as part of Distance Education Programme

35,251

Malian refugees were biometrically registered using the BIMS (Biometric Identity Management System) in Niamey, Tahoua and Tillabery

3,000

Malian refugees under 5 years old vaccinated against polio in Intikane refugee hosting area

Population of concern

A total of **308,583** people of concern

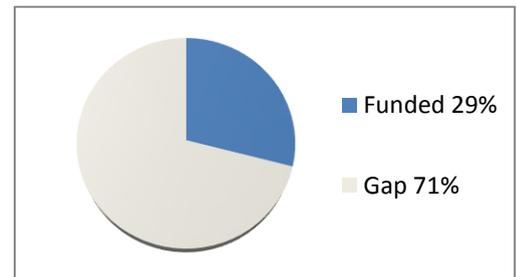
Country of Origin	Total PoC
Mali	60,154
Nigeria	120,692*
Niger	127,299**
Others	438
Total	

* This figure includes 106,146 Nigerian refugees and 14,546 returnees

** Internally Displaced Persons (IDP)

Funding

USD 72,476,232 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

116 National staff

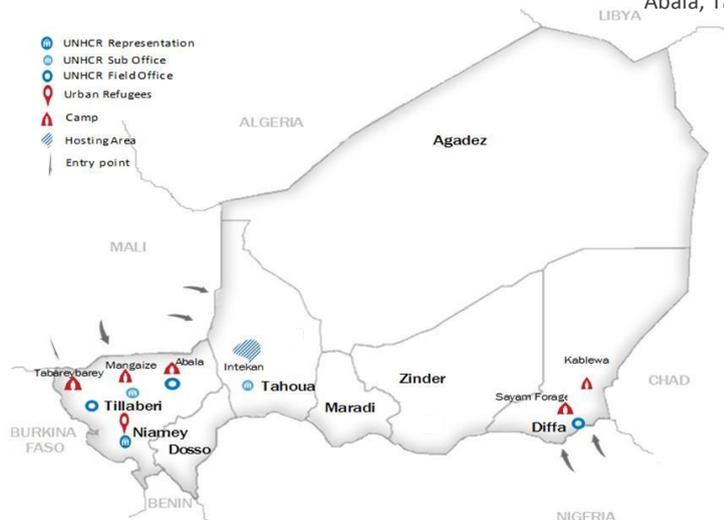
34 International staff

Offices:

07 offices located in:

Niamey, Tillabery, Ouallam,

Abala, Tahoua, Diffa



WITH PARTNERS

Mali Situation:

- APBE: Camp management (Tillabery Camps)
- APBE: Health and nutrition (ZARs)
- Adkoul: Multi-sectorial management (ZARs)
- Handicap International: Assistance to Urban refugees
- CARE: Cash Based Initiatives

Nigeria Situation:

- ACTED / REACH: Data management
- APBE: Health / Emergency shelter / Camp management
- IRC: Protection and boarder monitoring
- COOPI: Education / Transitional shelter
- SFCG: Communication
- CISP: Urbanization
- CARE: Logistics/CBI
- OXFAM: WASH

ACHIEVEMENTS

Protection

- **Nigeria situation:** The Protection Working Group, co-led by UNHCR, held a Strategic Planning workshop from the 23rd – 25th of May in Diffa, where the main strategic objectives of the group were defined, as well as an exit strategy and referral system elaborated. Additionally, a Protection Baseline survey was completed in 142 sites, and a draft report shared in May, by the partner REACH, with the PWG. The final report will be shared in June. The survey focused on a variety of issues, and dealt with the specific protection needs of IDPs and refugees separately. The survey also includes a returns intentions section. It will serve as a baseline for all protection interventions.
- **Mali situation:** In the context of the newly declared State of Emergency in Tahoua and Tillabery regions, in May, a 3 day training workshop was held with the Regional Directorate for Civil Status, Migration and Refugees in Abala. The aim was to improve peaceful coexistence between host and refugee populations and to reduce security risks. Refugees, host community, religious and traditional leaders and security and defense forces all participated in the training.
- **Mixed Migration:** On the 3rd of May, UNHCR opened a new Field Office in the region of Agadez, to work on the issue of Mixed Migration. UNHCR, in partnership with the Government, will identify potential asylum seekers amongst the mixed migration flows from all over West Africa, and provide them with information and legal advice, as well as access to durable solutions.

Health

- **Mali situation:** As part of a National campaign to prevent polio, in April, almost 3,000 Malian refugee children living in the refugee hosting area (ZAR) of Intikane were vaccinated against polio. Additionally, in May, almost 1,000 children were vaccinated as part of the PEV - Expanded Programme of Immunization.
- **Nigeria situation:** The numbers of cases of declared Hepatitis E in the region during the month of May increased significantly from 252 at the end of April (with 25 deaths), to 706 at the end of May (with 30 deaths). UNHCR are rapidly responding within the camps, while the numbers of cases reported in both camps has not markedly increased. However, additional inputs such as cleaning material is required.

Livelihoods

- **Nigeria situation:** A joint mission of the state Rural Engineers, the University of Diffa and UNHCR was carried out to Sayam Forage, to identify land to be use for livelihoods activities for refugees, including agriculture, livestock breeding, fishing and others to ensure their resilience. Land has already been handed over by the government in the commune of Maine Soroa. UNHCR is working closely with UN and other partners to establish a joint Livelihood Strategy for the region.

Education

- **Nigeria situation:** 72 junior cycle students (BECE) returned from a month long examinations session in Nigeria in May, while 91 senior cycle students (SSCE) departed, and will return in June. They are being facilitated by UNHCR, as part of the Distance Education Project for Nigerian secondary school students in Diffa. Three Distance Education Centres currently exist in the region, while a fourth is under construction, and will be completed in time for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Durable Solutions

- A group of Chadian refugees who have been living in the commune of Goure in the region of Zinder since 1992 have opted for local integration. They are a group of 25 families of a total of 152 persons. 3 main activities are underway as part of the integration process: (1) naturalization process for the population, (2) construction of durable housing, and (3) provision of support to ensure the self-reliance and resilience of the population.

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