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HEAVY RAINS KILL THREE, WRECK HOUSES

Recent heavy rains in southern Mandoul region killed three people and damaged more than 180 houses. A team from the country's Social Affairs Services is in the region to assess the damage and provide assistance. Food, shelter and livelihood assistance are the main needs.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

FIRE DESTROYS IDP SITE IN KAGA BANDORO

On 5 April, fire broke out at a site for the displaced near the UN peacekeepers' base in the northern Kaga Bandoro town, destroying shelters and household property. Around 6,200 people were affected and 61 others hospitalized due to injuries. The site is home to at least 8,000 displaced people. Humanitarian organizations are providing assistance.

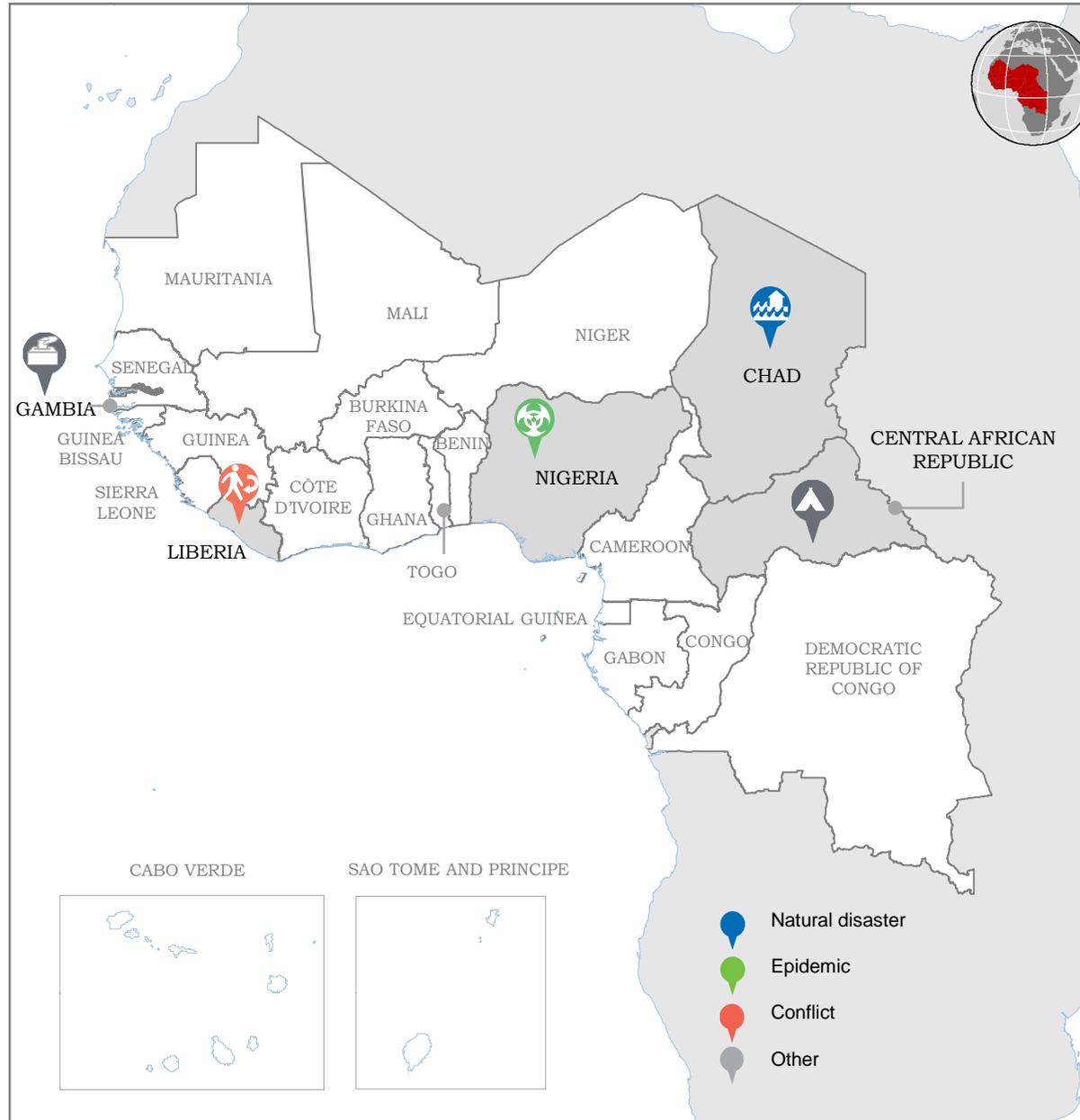
NEW DISPLACEMENTS IN NORTH-WEST

On 4 April, armed men attacked Ngaoundaye and Bang localities, in the north-western Ouham Péné Prefecture. The violence caused the displacement of an estimated 20,000 persons. An inter-agency mission is planned to assess the humanitarian situation and most urgent needs.

THE GAMBIA

PRESIDENT'S PARTY WINS PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY

President Barrow's United Democratic Party won 31 of the 53 seats in the 6 April legislative election, the first parliamentary poll since the defeat of long-time ruler Yahya Jammeh in December. The former ruling Alliance for Patriotic Reorientation and Construction party won only five seats. Fewer than half (42 per cent) of voters took part in the election, which observers deemed free and fair.



LIBERIA

OVER 22,000 IVORIANS REPATRIATED SINCE 2015

UNCHR has launched a new phase of voluntary repatriation of Ivorian refugees in south-east Liberia. Some 152 refugees were recently repatriated to Côte d'Ivoire. The repatriation resumed on 18 December 2015 after being suspended for 18 months due to the Ebola outbreak. From December 2015 to December 2016, 19,843 Ivorian refugees were assisted by UNHCR to return home, and since the beginning of this year to the end of March, 1,989 refugees have been repatriated, bringing the number of refugees repatriated since December 2015 to 22,147. Around 16,000 Ivorian refugees are still in Liberia.

NIGERIA

MENINGITIS VACCINATION DRIVE UNDERWAY

A vaccination campaign against meningitis was launched on 6 April in 19 states to stem the disease which has infected around 4,000 people. In Zamfara, the worst-affected state, 300,000 people aged 2 - 29 years will be immunized. UNICEF and WHO are supporting the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control to establish emergency operations centres across the affected states to scale-up emergency response. Meningitis has killed 438 people since December.

SEVENTEEN KILLED IN ARMED RAIDS

Boko Haram fighters on 8 April killed 17 people in two separate attacks. Eight civilians were killed in Molai settlement near Maiduguri as they were collecting firewood. The armed attackers also ambushed military patrols on 6 and 7 April in Bama and Mafa localities, killing nine soldiers. The raids have raised concerns about the safety of civilians returning to the two localities. Most people returning to their localities are stranded in small towns, unable to reach their villages due to insecurity.