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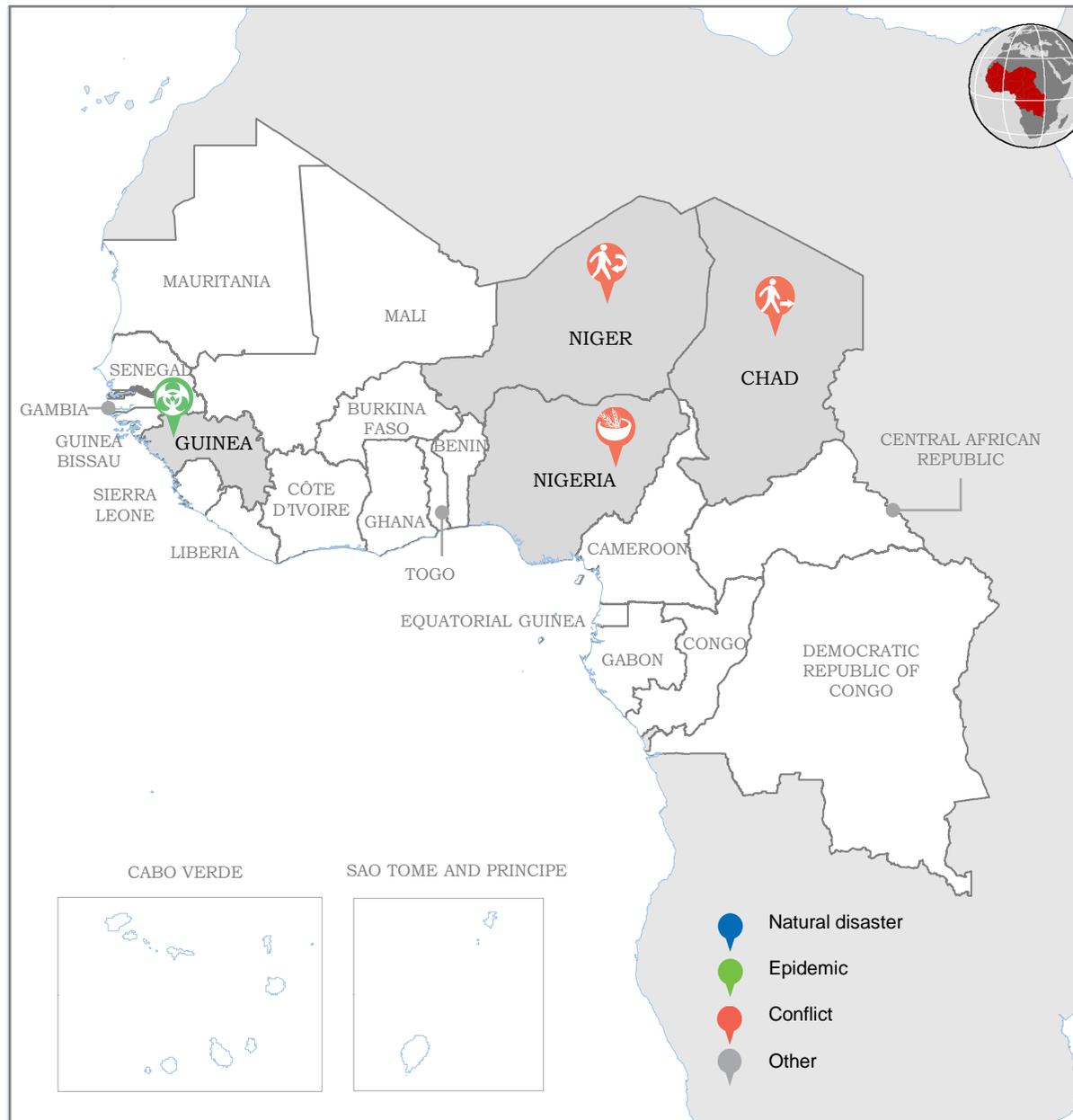
FIGHTING FORCES HUNDREDS TO FLEE ACROSS BORDER

A new influx of around 500 people arrived over the last four days in southern Chad following fresh clashes between armed groups in Ngaoundaye region in neighbouring Central African Republic. More than 1,100 people had already fled Ngaoundaye into Chad when fighting erupted two weeks ago. A new site is being considered to host the new arrivals under a strategy aimed at promoting refugee integration into communities instead of creating additional camps given the limited financial resources. Following the latest influx, humanitarian partners are planning a rapid needs assessment. Meanwhile, several aid organizations are already providing assistance to the refugees.

GUINEA

MEASLES OUTBREAK DECLINES

A measles outbreak that erupted recently has greatly declined, as reactive mass vaccination campaigns take effect. The weekly case incidence is down by 68 per cent over the last three weeks. Some 242 cases were reported in the week ending on 14 April from a peak of 746 in mid-March. Twenty-two health districts had reached the epidemic threshold of three confirmed cases in a health district in a week. The outbreak, which reportedly started in 2016, was formally notified and declared by the National Agency for Health Security on 8 February. Extensive immunization campaigns are being undertaken targeting more than 1 million children aged 6 months to 10 years. The vaccination campaign in N'zerekore health district, the worst affected, ended on 19 March and the disease trend is now waning.



NIGER

MIGRANT RETURNS ON THE RISE

Migrant returns from Libya have increased in recent months owing to worsening living conditions and other hardship. In February, more than 27,000 migrants crossed the border back into Niger - 22 times the number registered a year ago. With the influx of incoming migrants, testimonies of the existence of slave markets and some kinds of private prisons all over Libya have come to the surface, according to a report by IOM on 11 April.

HEPATITIS E ERUPTS IN DIFFA

The Ministry of Health on 12 April reported an outbreak of hepatitis E in Diffa region, where 72 cases of acute jaundice syndrome and 17 deaths were recorded as of 10 April. A comprehensive response plan is being prepared and will be used to mobilise the resources required to mount effective outbreak control interventions. In the meantime, MSF is supporting health centres with medicines and other supplies. Hepatitis E is a viral liver disease. It is usually self-limiting and resolves within 2 - 6 weeks, but can occasionally become serious and cause death.

NIGERIA

OVER 1.3 MILLION TO RECEIVE FOOD ASSISTANCE

WFP is targeting to assist more than 1.3 million people in north-east Nigeria this month, expanding its food assistance to Adamawa state. More than 50,000 people risk famine in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states between June - August if no adequate measures are taken. The agency is will partner with 15 local and international humanitarian organizations to widen assistance. In March WFP, both directly and through partners, reached 1.2 million people in the north-east.