

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



16,000 IDPs FLEE FRESH CLASHES IN BASSE-KOTTO

Recent clashes between armed groups in two localities in the southern Basse-Kotto prefecture have forced around 16,000 displaced people to flee for safety in the neighbouring Ouaka prefecture. They were initially uprooted from their homes in May. The displacement has left them in desperate need of emergency assistance, especially shelter, basic household items, food, water, hygiene and protection.

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OVER 22,000 RECEIVE FOOD AID IN KASAI CENTRAL PROVINCE

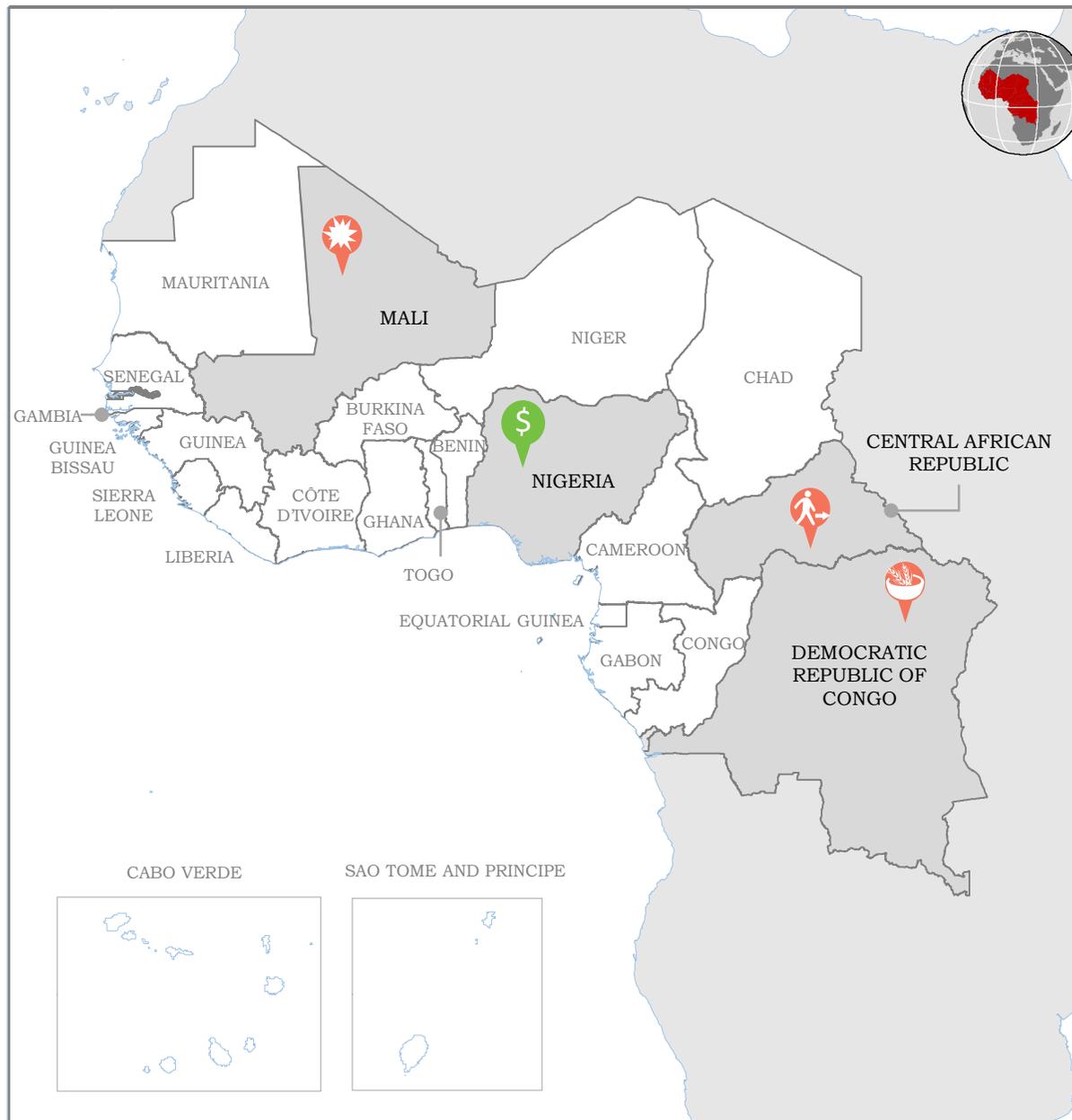
More than 22,000 people have received food assistance in Kasai Central Province where WFP launched a month-long distribution in August. The distribution was carried out in two neighbourhoods of Kananga, the provincial capital. A second phase of food distribution runs until 6 October. Some 42,000 people are targeted to receive food assistance in the two phases in Kasai and Kasai Central provinces. Separately, UNICEF has launched a drive to enrol 150,000 children in the Greater Kasai region. The campaign involves encouraging parents to enrol their children in schools, distributing school materials for the most vulnerable children and training 2,750 teachers. Community awareness on mine risk and unexploded ordnance in schools are also being conducted.

MALI



TWO AID GROUPS SUSPEND OPERATIONS OVER INSECURITY

A series of attacks and robbery of equipment and vehicles have forced two aid agencies to suspend operations in northern Mali. Persistent insecurity due to inter-community clashes, banditry and armed raids restrict humanitarian access in the region. Sixty-three incidents of insecurity have been recorded in the volatile northern region between January and June, nearly as many as the whole of 2016 when 68 incidents were registered.



NIGERIA



US\$9.9 MILLION NEEDED TO CURB CHOLERA OUTBREAK

The UN and its partners are appealing for \$9.9 million to assist 3.7 million people at risk of contracting cholera following an outbreak that erupted last month and which has claimed 44 lives out of 2,300 confirmed or suspected cases. Four specialized treatment centres (for the most severe cases) and seven oral rehydration points (for the milder cases) have been set up in all three affected areas. Teams of community mobilizers and chlorine sprayers have been going from shelter to shelter, informing families of the risk of infection and how to get treatment should symptoms arise.



AGREEMENT REACHED ON ENDING CHILD RECRUITMENT

UNICEF and a local vigilante group, which supports the army in counter-insurgency operations in Nigeria's north-east, on 15 September signed an agreement to end the recruitment of children as armed fighters. The group agreed to release children in its ranks to benefit from protection and support programmes for children associated with armed groups. The agency has repeatedly decried the increase in use of children as armed fighters by different groups including Boko Haram which has deployed at least 83 children as suicide bombers this year.

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