

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

ARMED ATTACK ON IDP CAMP THWARTED

Armed assailants on 4 February attempted to attack a site hosting the displaced in Alindao town in the south-eastern Basse Kotto prefecture. UN peacekeepers repelled the attackers who are believed to have been on a revenge mission following inter-communal fighting in the area recently.

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MORE THAN 2 MILLION IDPs IN 2017

More than 2 million people were uprooted from their homes in 2017 alone as the pace of displacement accelerated significantly. The figure is double the previous year's. Almost 50 Congolese families were displaced every hour in 2017. As of 31 December, the country had the highest number of displaced people in Africa, standing at around 4.5 million. North Kivu, Tanganyika and South Kivu are some of the most affected provinces.

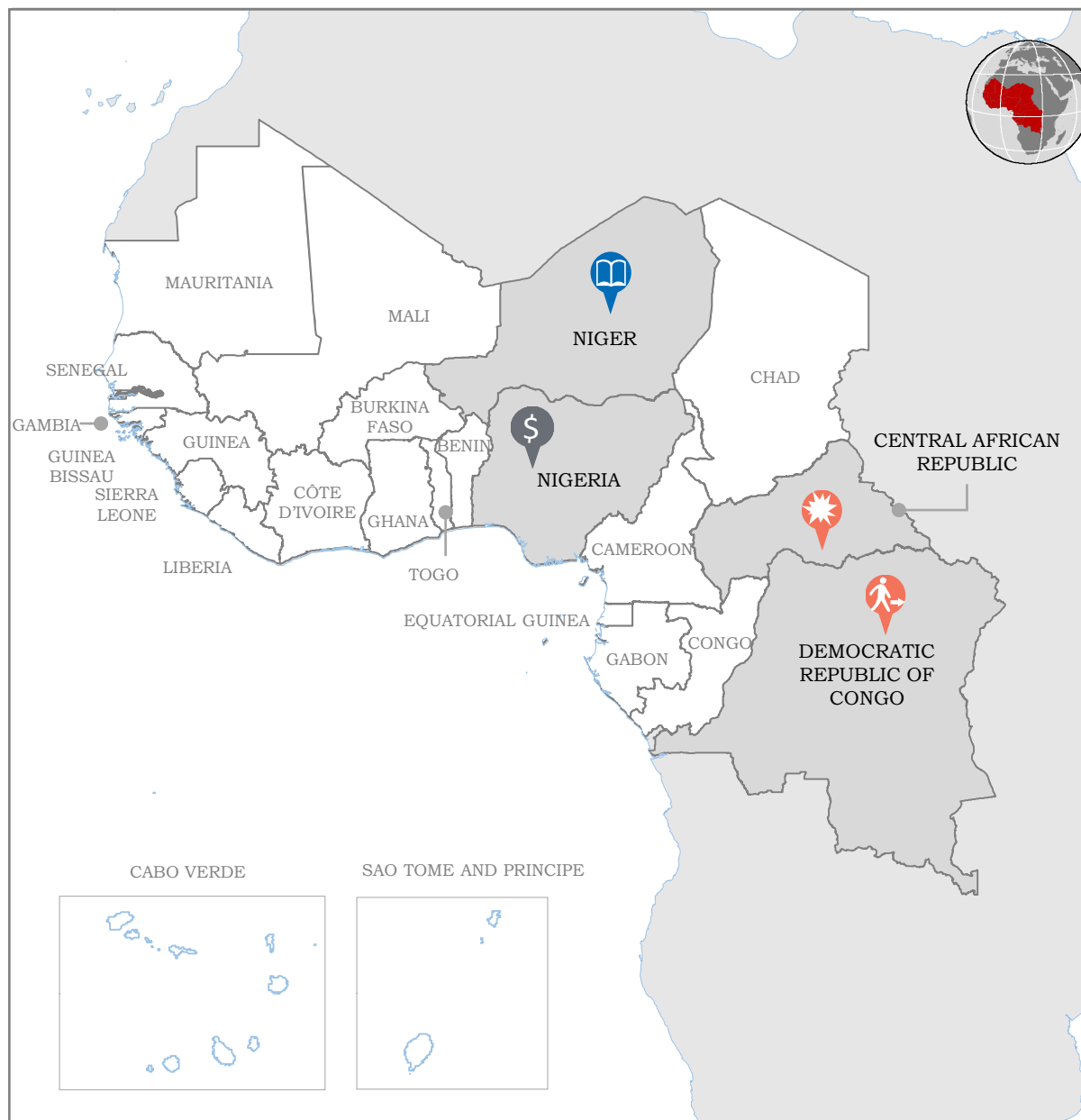
ATTACKERS RAID VILLAGE, 4,600 DISPLACED

An armed attack on 2 February on a village in Beni territory forced 4,600 people – almost the village's entire population – to flee for safety. The attackers, suspected to be members of the ADF armed group, looted the local health centre and reportedly killed six patients and abducted eight others. Armed attacks occur almost every day in North Kivu province, which encompasses Beni.

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OVER 1,000 CHILDREN ABANDON SCHOOLS

More than 1,000 children have dropped out of school in Gangara area in the southern Zinder region due to deepening food insecurity. They are migrating with their families in search of pasture for their cattle due to drought. Fodder shortage across the country has nearly reached 11 million tons.



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ATTACKERS LOOT HEALTH CENTRE, SCHOOL

On 7 February, suspected Boko Haram elements raided Gagam village in the east of Diffa town and looted supplies in the local health centre. They also destroyed three classrooms at a local school and pillaged the school canteen. Several attacks and lootings of public infrastructure by alleged Boko Haram elements were reported in 2017. Since the start of 2018, most of their attacks have been marked by killings, abductions of civilians and attacks on security forces.

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\$1.05 BILLION NEEDED FOR RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Humanitarian organisations and the Government on 8 February launched the 2018 response plan, requesting US\$1.05 billion to assist 6.1 million most vulnerable, conflict-affected people in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states. Violence and insecurity continue to shatter the lives of civilians. Some 3.7 million people are food insecure, 448,000 children under the age of 5 are severely acutely malnourished and 1.6 million people remain internally displaced. The 2018 response plan aims to provide emergency relief, including civilian protection, and assist people in rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.

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