## FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS POPULATION AND TRENDS FROM 2018-2023

MAY 2023

## 13.2 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PEOPLE

118K

Refugees 1.7M
Asylum-Seekers 113K

Refugees Returnees

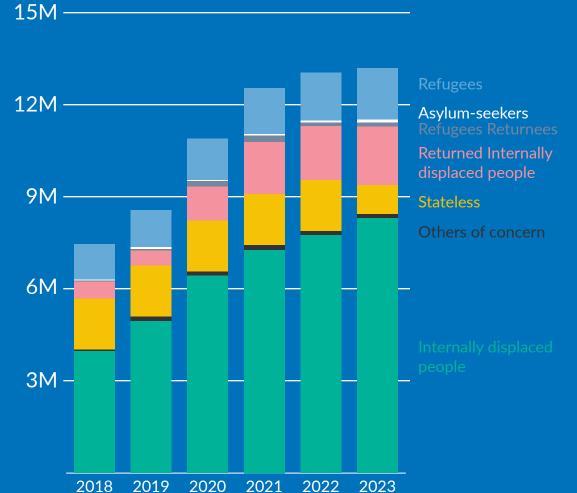
Returned IDPs 1.9M

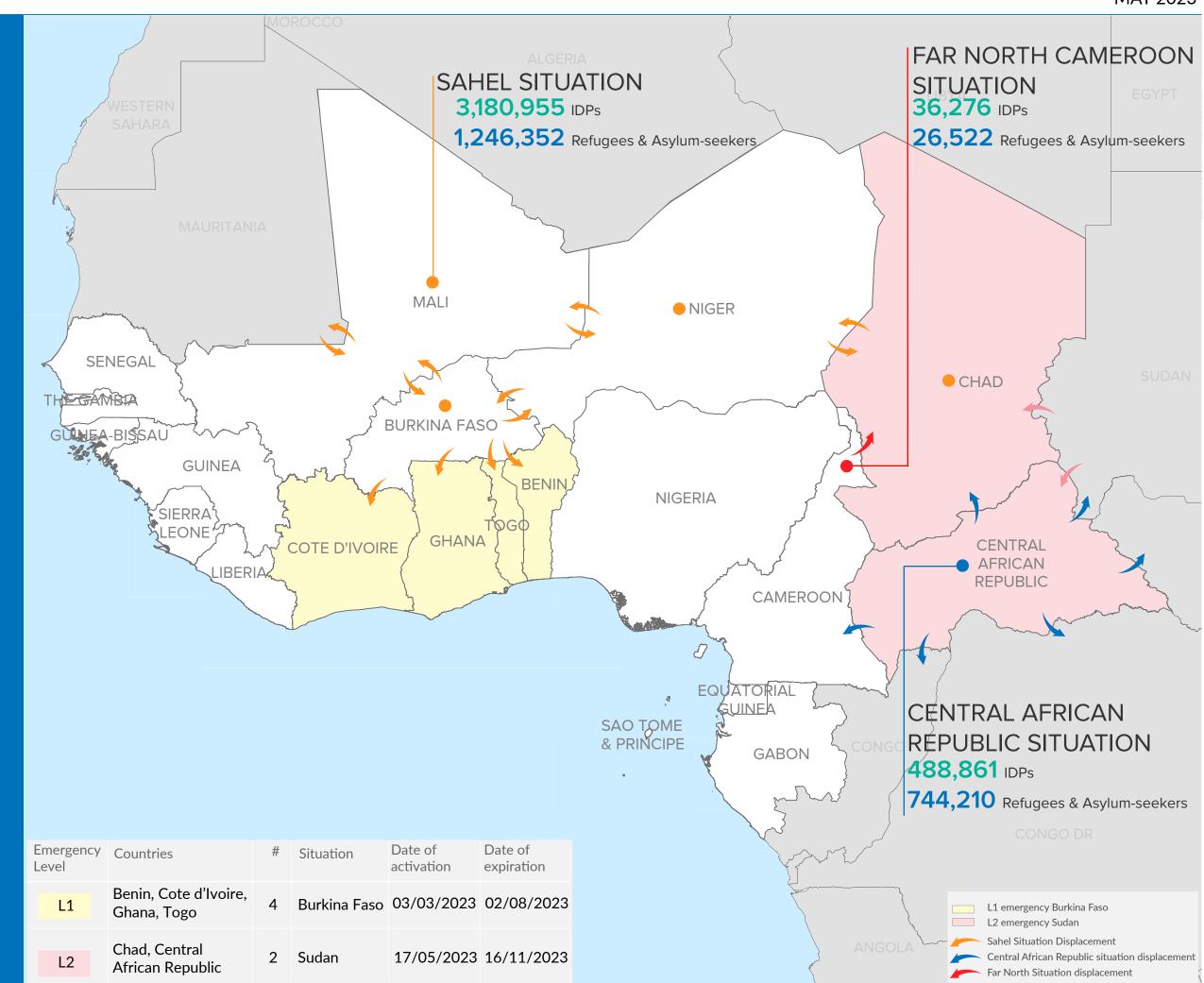
Stateless 931K

Others of Concern 139K

Internally Displaced People 8.3M

## General Trends 2018 - 2023





## REGIONAL BUREAU FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS POPULATION

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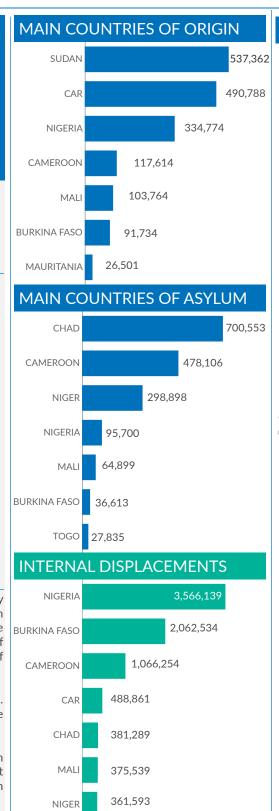
The total forcibly displaced and stateless population to UNHCR in West and Central Africa (WCA) relates to the people UNHCR is mandated to protect and assist. It includes those who have been forcibly displaced; those who have returned home within recent years; those who are stateless or at risk of statelessness; and other groups to whom UNHCR has extended its protection or assisted on a humanitarian basis.

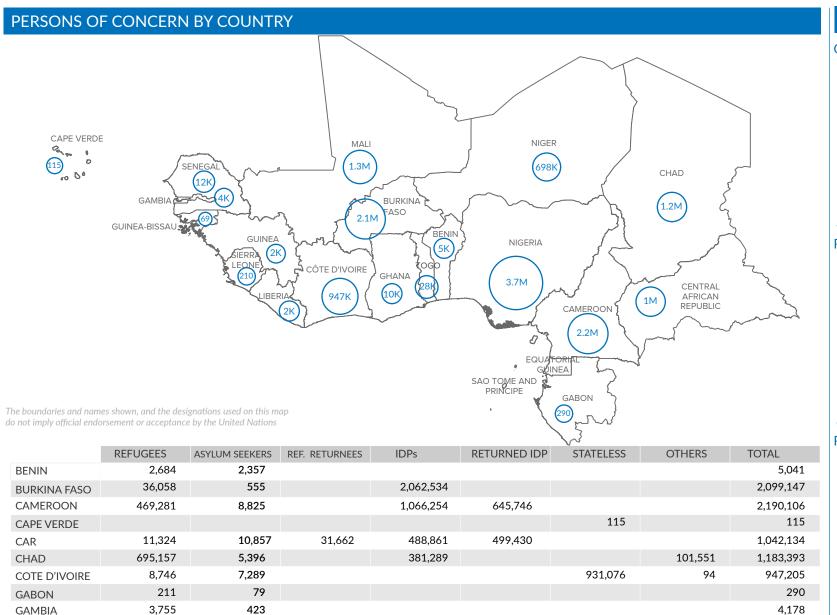
MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS MILLION INTERNALLY **DISPLACED PERSONS K. STATELESS & AT** RISK OF STATELESSNESS MILLION RETURNED **INTERNALLY DISPLACED** MILLION REFUGEES **RETURNEES** MILLION OTHERS **OF CONCERN** 

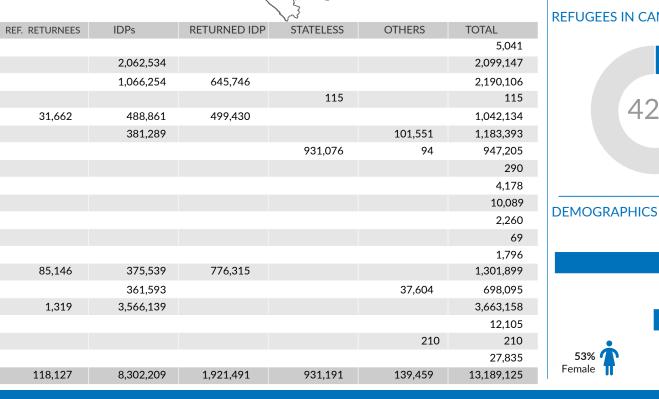
The total of 1.7 million refugees represents an 10% increase from May 2022. Chad hosts the largest number of refugees in the region with 39%. Cameroon is the second largest refugee-hosting country in the region with 27%. Sudan, CAR, and Nigeria are the main countries of origin (together 77%) of the region's refugees with a contribution of 30%, 28%, and 19% respectively.

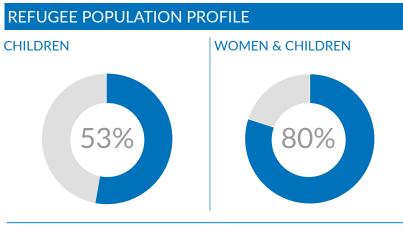
The number of internally displaced rose to an estimated 8.3 million. Nigeria hosts 43% of IDP population in the region. Burkina Faso is the second largest country in terms of IDPs (25%).

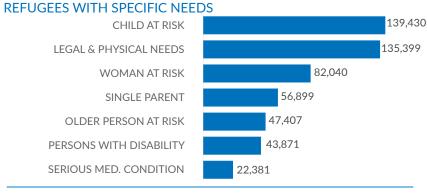
The Lake Chad Basin hosts 32% of forcibly displaced population in West and Central Africa. Central Sahel hosts the second largest number (31%) with the majority being Internally Displaced Persons in Burkina Faso (64%).

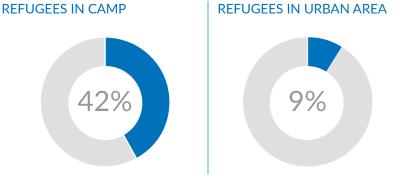


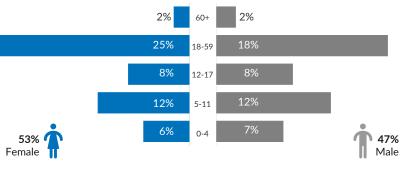




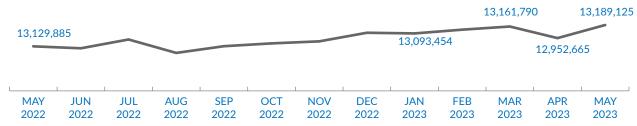








## **POPULATION TRENDS**



### SITUATION

**CAR SITUATION** 

**GHANA** 

**GUINEA** 

LIBERIA

MALI

**NIGER** 

**NIGERIA** 

SENEGAL

**TOGO** 

SIERRA LEONE

GRAND TOTAL

**GUINEA BISSAU** 

5,912

2,203

1,158

63,990

249,256

92,178

11,819

8,990

1,662,754

32

4,177

57

37

638

909

49,642

3,522

286

18,845

113,894

These figures represent refugees from Central African Republic in neighboring countries (Cameroon,

Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan) and IDP in Central African

488,861

FAR NORTH CAMEROON

26,522 **REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS** 36,276 INTERNALLY

**DISPLACED PERSONS** 

# SAHEL SITUATION

INTERNALLY

These figures represent all refugees and IDPs in Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger), Chad and Mauritania. Refugees from Central Sahel in neighboring coastal countries (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo) are also included.

REFÚGEES AND INTERNALLY **DISPLACED PERSONS** 

> These figures represent Cameroonian refugees in Chad and forcibly displaces people following the outbreak of violence in the Far North region of Cameroon in December 2021.