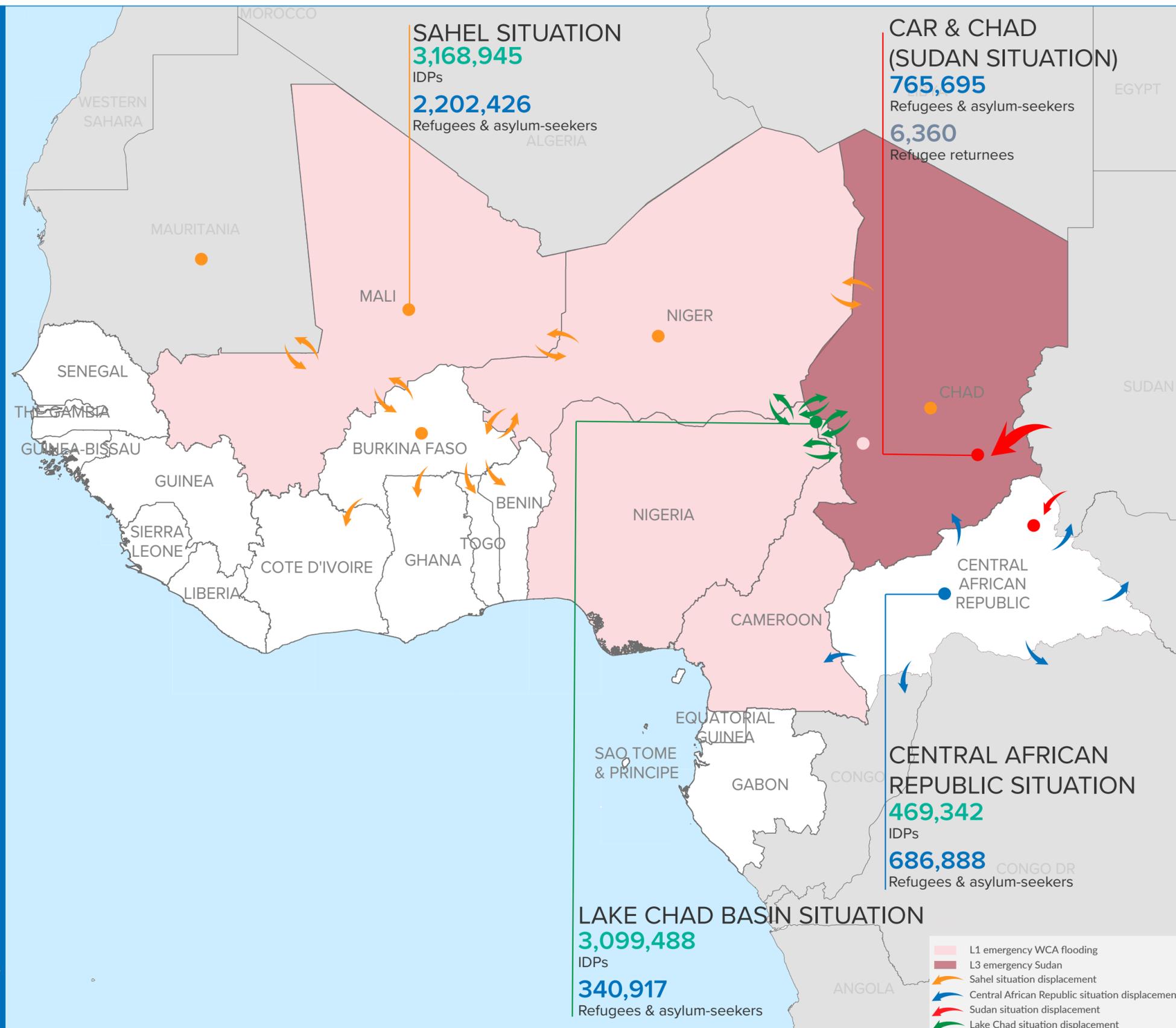
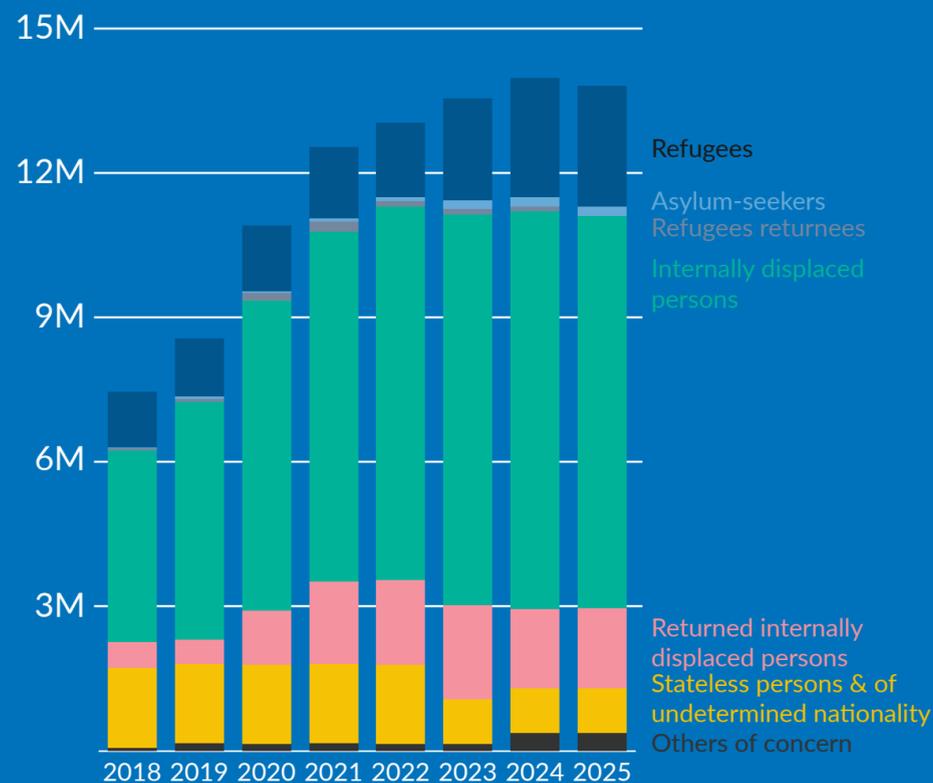


13.8 MILLION

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS



Populations trends 2018 - 2025



Source : Geographic data: UNCS. Population statistics: UNHCR Monthly Statistical Reports or latest available, IDP statistics from OCHA, IOM.
* The number of refugees returnees is cumulative from January 2025 to current month

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UNHCR protects and assists forcibly displaced and stateless persons across the West and Central African region, including refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugee and IDP returnees, stateless and of undetermined nationality persons. Protection and assistance are extended to additional groups, based on humanitarian and other special grounds.

2.7 MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS

299 REFUGEES RETURNED in 2025

8.1 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

1.7 MILLION RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED

0.9 MILLION STATELESS & OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY

0.4 MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN

The current number of 2.7 million refugees and asylum seekers represents a significant increase of 17% increase from the number reported at the same period in 2024, mainly as a result of the ongoing crisis in Sudan and the deteriorating security situation in the Sahel, which has led thousands of persons to leave their country in search for safety and protection.

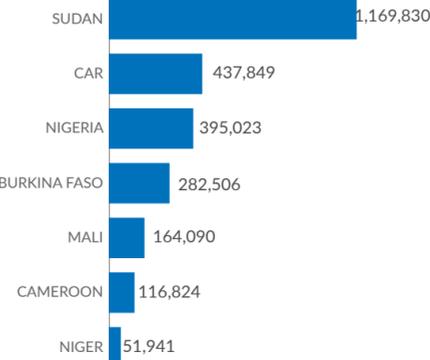
The largest hosting refugee country in the region is Chad with 49% of the total population, followed by Cameroon with 16%. Sudan, the Central African Republic (CAR), and Nigeria are the main countries of origin, together accounting for 74% of the region's refugee population.

The estimated population is around 42,987 refugees and asylum-seekers in the region.

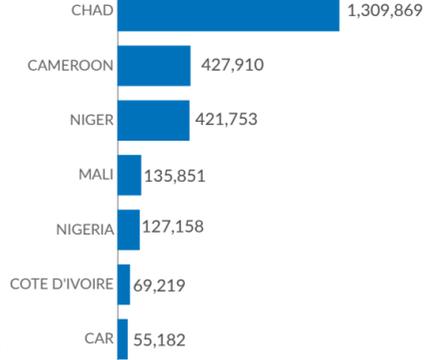
Internally displaced persons represent the vast majority of the forcibly displaced population in the West and Central Africa region. Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Cameroon respectively host 42%, 25% and 13% of the total IDP population.

West Africa hosts over 931,073 persons who are stateless or of undetermined nationality, reported mainly in Côte d'Ivoire and Cabo Verde. Millions of people are reported to be at risk of statelessness across the region.

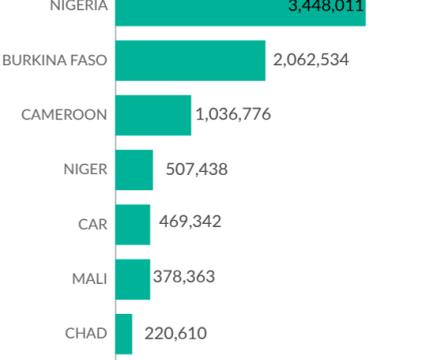
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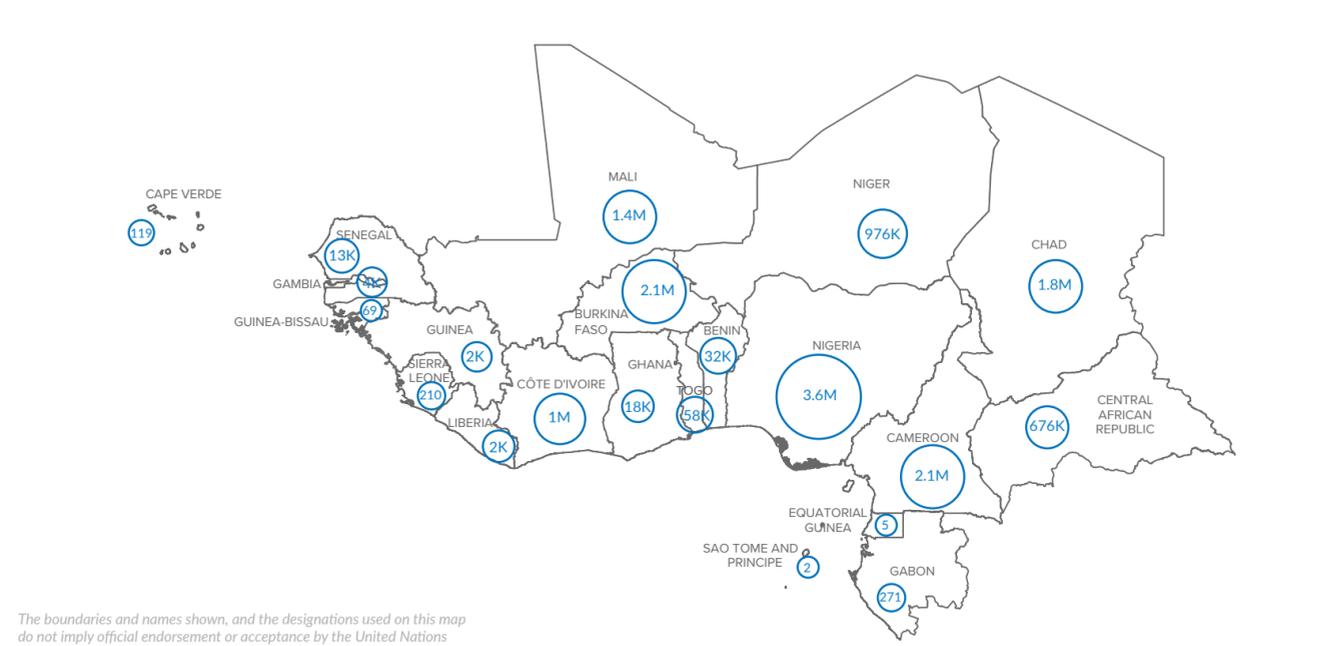
MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM



INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT



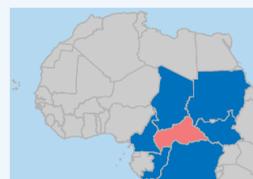
POPULATION TRENDS (last 6 months)



	REFUGEES	ASYLUM SEEKERS	REF. RETURNEES	IDPs	RETURNED IDP	STATELESS	OTHERS	TOTAL
BENIN	16,243	7,057		8,785				32,085
BURKINA FASO	39,931	1,469		2,062,534				2,103,934
CAMEROON	411,000	16,910		1,036,776	658,544		850	2,124,080
CAPE VERDE		4				115		119
CAR	46,900	8,282		469,342	151,765**			676,289
CHAD	1,302,180	7,689		220,610			317,279***	1,847,758
COTE D'IVOIRE	2,369	66,850				930,958	94	1,000,271
GABON	184	78					9	271
GAMBIA	3,974	465						4,439
GHANA	17,112	451						17,563
GUINEA	2,178	120						2,298
GUINEA BISSAU	32	37						69
GUINEA EQUATORIAL	4	1						5
LIBERIA	1,172	691						1,863
MALI	135,551	300	184	378,363	854,956			1,369,354
NIGER	369,785	51,968		507,438			46,590	975,781
NIGERIA	96,404	30,754	115	3,448,011				3,575,284
SAO TOME & PRINCIPE		2						2
SENEGAL	11,843	1,313						13,156
SIERRA LEONE							210	210
TOGO	47,502	1,268		9,680				58,450
GRAND TOTAL	2,504,364	195,709	299	8,141,539	1,665,265	931,073	365,032	13,803,281

MAJOR AREAS OF DISPLACEMENT

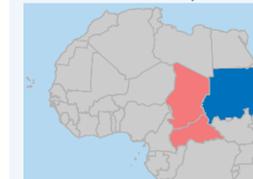
CAR SITUATION



686,888 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
469,342 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The figures reported reflect the number of refugees from the Central African Republic in neighbouring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, and South Sudan) and of the IDPs within the Central African Republic.

CAR & CHAD (SUDAN SITUATION)



765,695 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
6,360 REFUGEE RETURNEES

The figures reported reflect the number of Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers that arrived in the CAR and in Chad since the beginning of the current crisis in Sudan, in April 2023.

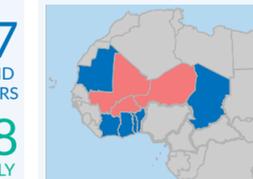
LAKE CHAD BASIN



340,917 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
3,099,488 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The figures reported reflect the total number of IDPs and refugees in the Lake Chad Basin area, across Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria.

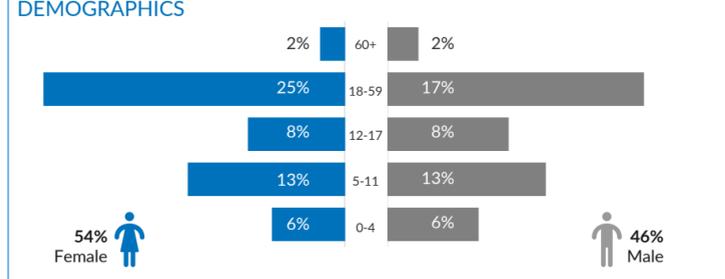
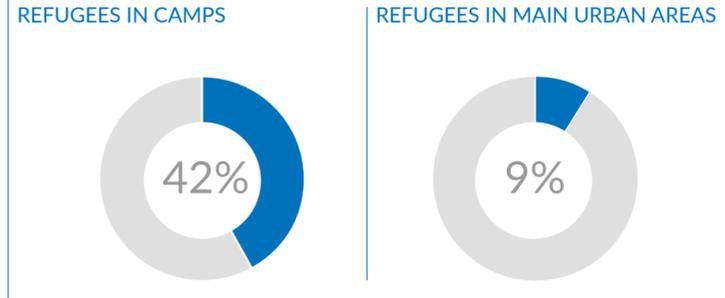
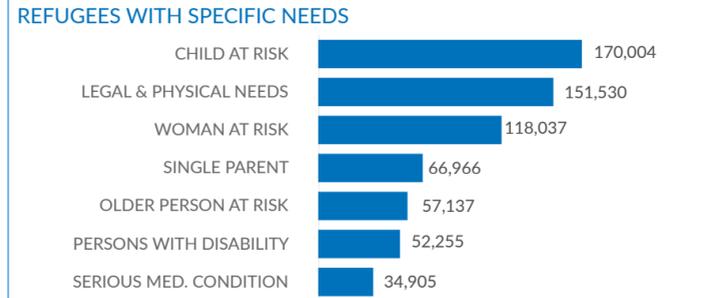
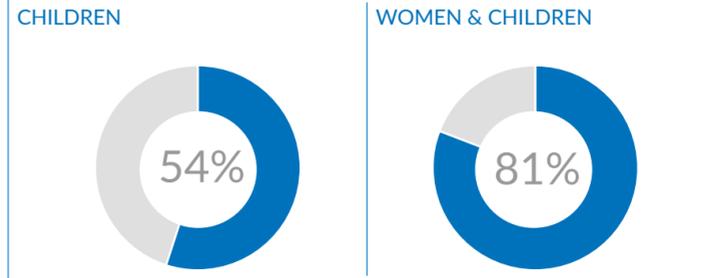
SAHEL SITUATION



2,202,426 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
3,168,945 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The figures reported reflect the number of IDPs in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali and Niger, as well as refugees dispersed throughout the Sahel region. They also include the number of refugees from the Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger) and in the neighbouring coastal countries of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Togo.

REFUGEE & ASYLUM-SEEKERS POPULATION PROFILE



* The number of refugees returnees is cumulative from January 2025 to current month
** The number of returned IDP from CAR is cumulative from January 2024 to December 2024
*** The number of Others of concern in CHAD is the returned from abroad (Niger, CAR and Sudan), at risk of statelessness