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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Nigeria accounts for 3% of the world's 120 million forcibly displaced persons, including those displaced within the country and Nigerian refugees abroad. Conflict, insurgency, and communal violence have forced millions from their homes, with the North-East bearing the heaviest displacement. In Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa (BAY) States, many IDPs remain in overcrowded camps or overstretched host communities, while Adamawa has also received an influx of Cameroonian refugees since mid-2022.

Beyond its borders, hundreds of thousands of Nigerians have sought refuge in neighboring countries, primarily in Cameroon, Niger, and Chad. Meanwhile, within Nigeria, displacement continues to rise due to ongoing violence and insecurity.

KEY FIGURES

127,161

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS REGISTERED IN NIGERIA

3,448,011

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

There are significant numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs) across Nigeria due to various conflicts. In the North East, 2,255,595 individuals are displaced, with 92% attributed to insurgency and 6% to communal clashes. In the North West, 640,111 individuals are displaced, while are 552,305 displaced in the North Central region

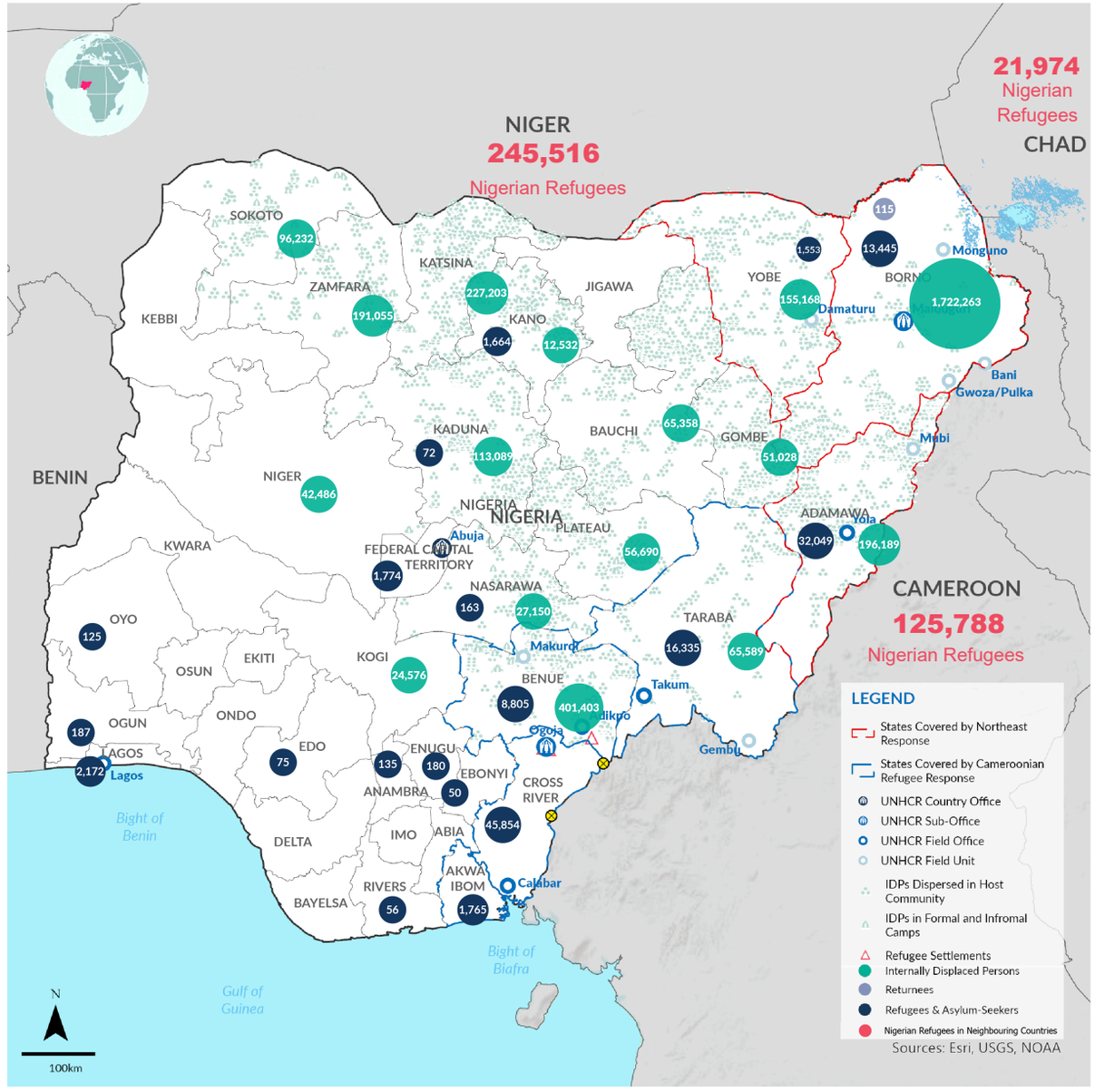
115

REFUGEE RETURNEES

Since the beginning of 2025 UNHCR has registered 115 spontaneous refugee returns from Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Sudan. In addition, 5.575 refugees returned through voluntary repatriation from Cameroon since the beginning of 2021 under the tripartite framework.

393,278

NIGERIAN REFUGEES REGISTERED IN CAMEROON, CHAD, AND NIGER



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