UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency | Nigeria

Forcibly Displaced Populations

1 May 2025

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- *Nigerians make up 3% of the world's 122 million forcibly displaced persons, including both internally displaced individuals and Nigerian refugees, primarily in the Lake Chad Basin.*
- *Conflict, insurgency, and communal violence have displaced millions, with the North-East experiencing the highest displacement.*

KEY FIGURES

138,154

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN NIGERIA

- *Nigeria hosts refugees & asylum-seekers from over 45 countries, with majority from Cameroon*
- *Most refugees are concentrated in border states across the North East (Borno, Adamawa, Yobe), North Central (Benue), and South South (Cross River) regions of Nigeria.*
- *32,746 individuals are awaiting registration.*

3,575,114

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

- *2,252,348 individuals displaced in the North East, primarily due to insurgency (92%) and communal clashes (6%).*
- *In the North West, 718,126 individuals are displaced, while the North Central region has 604,640, driven by various conflict dynamics.*

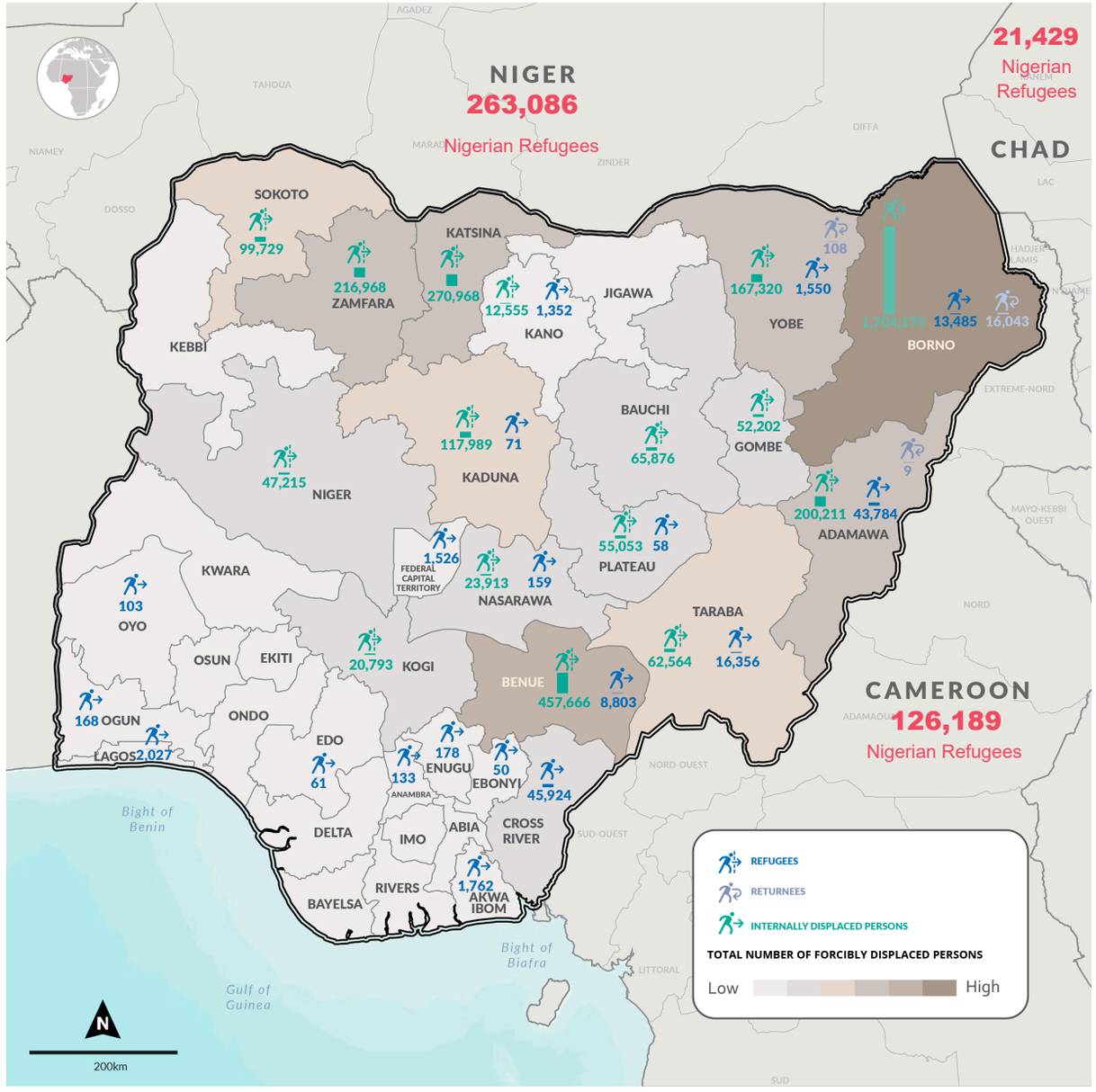
16,215

REFUGEE RETURNEES

Since the beginning of 2025, 1,395 refugees returned spontaneously from Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Sudan. Additionally, 14,820 refugees were repatriated bilaterally by the Nigerian Government from Chad (Feb 2025) and Niger (Apr 2025)

410,704

NIGERIAN REFUGEES REGISTERED IN CAMEROON, CHAD, AND NIGER



Disclaimer: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Published: May 2025 **Source:** UNHCR, IOM DTM R49, IOM DTM R16, NIS, NCFRMI **Feedback:** nigabim@unhcr.org **Website:** unhcr.org/ng