MAURITANIA

Refugee Population Overview

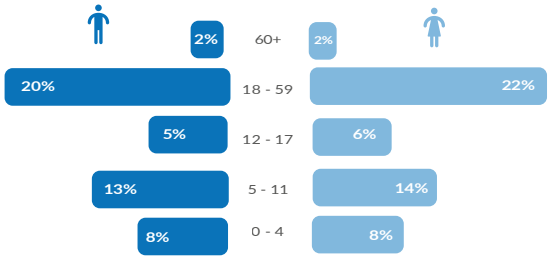
(as of 31 July 2026)

Overall Situation

In 2026, the humanitarian and security crisis in Mali continues to displace thousands of Malians into Mauritania, particularly into the south-eastern border region of Hodh Chargui, where more than 290,000 Malian refugees are currently hosted. It is estimated that around 115,000 of them live in out-of-camp settlements, in more than 76 localities, and 120,227 live in Mbera refugee camp. Continued instability in Mali close to the Mauritanian border has led to the arrival of more than 7,000 new refugees in Hodh Chargui since January 2026, further exacerbating the strain on services and natural resources in a region highly vulnerable to climate-related shocks, and where the level of multi-dimensional poverty stands at 78%. Additionally, Mauritania hosts more than 13,000 registered refugees and asylum seekers settled in the coastal cities of Nouakchott and Nouadhibou.

305,000

Total Estimated Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Mauritania

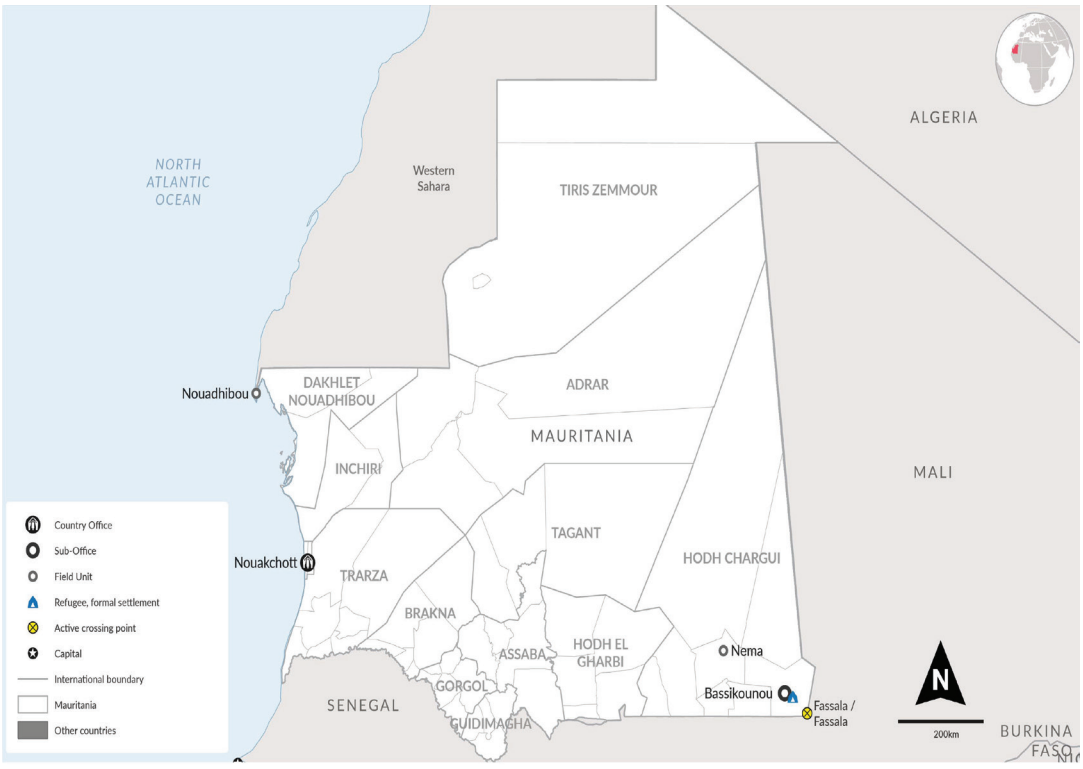


176,287
Population Registered by UNHCR and the Government in Hodh Chargui

13,804
Registered Population in Urban Areas

115,000
Estimated Refugees Awaiting Registration In Hodh Chargui

9.4%
Persons with Specific Needs



98.2%
Of Refugees in Mauritania are Malian

7,370
Estimated New Arrivals Since January 2026

56,060
Current Refugee Population In Out of Camp Areas Of Hodh Chargui

120,227
Current Refugee Population in Mbera Camp

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