



UNHCR Operation in Niger

Fact Sheet - October 2012

Operational highlights

- Niger currently hosts an estimated **61 880** Malian refugees. The crisis has also led to the return of **3 132** nationals of Niger previously living in the Gao area in Mali. These displacements have occurred in a difficult period for Niger already facing a food crisis and devastating floodings which severely hit the country during the month of August.
- During the month of September itself, Niger sheltered 2986 new Malian refugees.
- The operation focus on the following areas of action : guarantee **the security and physical integrity**; ensure that all refugees **are duly registered**; secure access to **basic necessities and livelihood**; ensure an **active participation and close involvement of refugees in programmes and activities** that affect their lives; bolster **coordination and cooperation with all other stakeholders**.

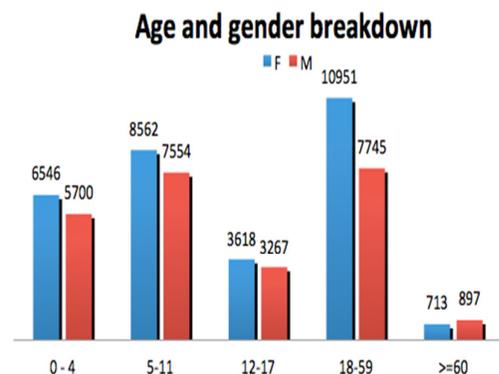
Refugees in Country (refugees in rural areas by country of origin and gender)

GENDER	TOTAL NUMBER	MALIANS	NIGERIANS RETURNEES
MALE	26 505	25 163	1342
FEMALE	32 180	30 390	1790
Total	58 685	55 553	3132

Asylum location

POPULATION	Individuals
Rural areas	58 685
Urban (Niamey)	6327
Total	65 012

Individuals by age and gender



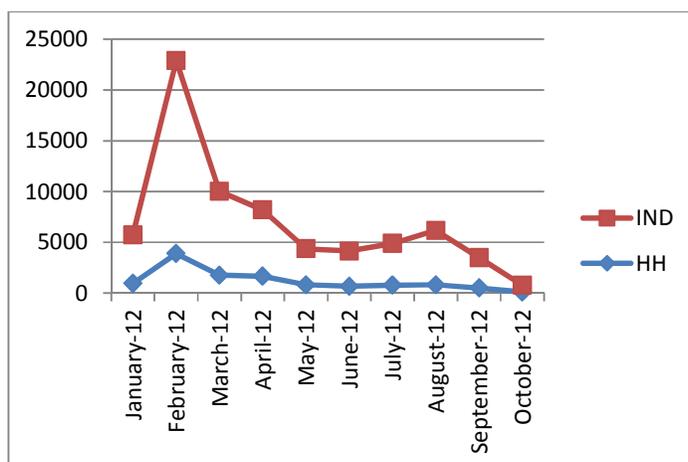
Working with partners

UNHCR coordinates humanitarian assistance with various implementation partners :

- Cadev: registration
- Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement (ACTED) in Abala Camp
- Islamic Relief in Mangaize Camp
- Akaras in Tillia sites
- Commission Nationale d'Eligibilité (CNE) : escorts
- International Organization of Migrations : refugees transportation
- Plan Niger in Tabareybarey camp

Operational partners are : Oxfam, Red Cross, MSF, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, IOM.

The arrival of refugees since January 2012 (by individuals and households)



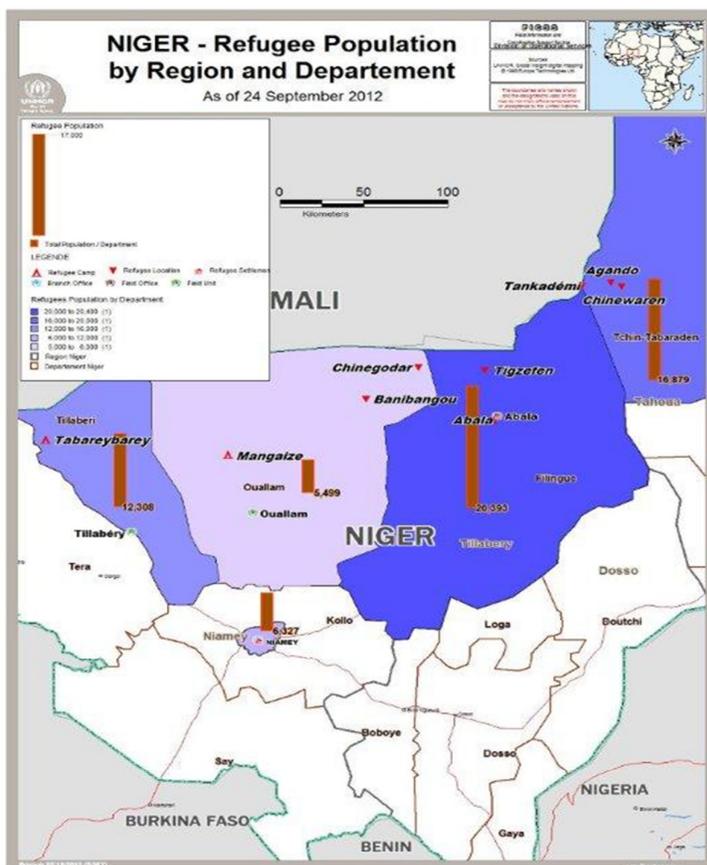
Refugees in rural areas by site and location

Axe	Camp/Site	TOTAL
AYOROU	Gaoudel	1745
	Intadabdab	315
	Mbeidoun	963
	Tabareybarey	9189
	Tidirgalene	105
	Tinfagate	675
Total		12992
FILINGUE	Abala	261
	Camp Abala	18573
	Kizamou	139
	Miel	1368
	Tigzefan	2547
Total		22888
OUALLAM	Banibangou	121
	Chinegodrar	148
	Mangaize	4964
Total		5549
TILLIA	Agando	14427
	Chinwaren	2560
Total		16987
GrandTotal		58 685



Latest developments

- **Registration:** Preparations are underway for level 2 Registration schedule to start by mid-November.
- **Water and Sanitation:** UNHCR with the collaboration of the RECA (regional emergency cluster advisor) held a workshop with all WASH partners supporting refugees to develop a strategic operational framework. Oxfam GB, has been identified to take over sanitation and hygiene activities in the refugees' camps.
- **Shelter:** In the camp of Mangaize, infrastructures such as a distribution center and offices for partners are under constructions.
- **Education:** From the 25th July to September 25th 2012, catch up classes for primary school students were organized in the two camps Tabaraybarey (Ayorou) and Mangaize for 1263 children. 47 per cent girls participated. The courses were implemented by Plan Niger.
- **Health and nutrition:** Following the high prevalence of Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) and Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) from the result of a nutrition survey organized in Ayorou, Abala and Mangaize in August, UNHCR and partners to reduce malnutrition rates. In health centers passive screening is conducted on a daily basis and in Ayorou blanket feeding was organized for children of 6 to 23 months
- **SVBG:** UNHCR is working with partners on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SVBG) prevention and response in the camps. Mass awareness campaigns on SVBG are being conducted regularly in the camps with the active participation of refugees.
- **Food distribution:** Food assistance to refugees is covered by WFP who is providing rice, oil and CSB (Super Cereals).
- **NFI distribution:** Energy-efficient stoves financed by the French Embassy are being distributed to refugees and host communities. A total of 6 700 stoves have been planned for distribution to both communities in Abala.



UNHCR operation in Niger in 2012 (in million USD)

BUDGET	
Total Budget CNA	52,263,841

UNHCR staff

Staff comprise: 27 national staff, 21 international staff, including 3 United Nations Volunteers.

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UNHCR Niger major donors in 2012

Earmarked Contributions (Niger)
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

Mali situation donors

Austria, Canada, Denmark, European Commission, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United States of America.