



Operational Highlights

- The UN Refugee Agency has been providing **protection and multi-sectorial assistance** in coordination with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) along with UN Agencies and various NGOs to **49,975 Malian Refugees (13,577 households)**, which include 10,490 newly arrived refugees following the military offensive of 11 January.
- Coordination:** UNHCR has signed sub-agreements with 17 NGOs and has operational partnerships with a variety of distinguished NGOs, providing quality services in sectors ranging from protection, health, education, shelter, communal infrastructures, animal health and husbandry, environment preservation, food security, nutrition and WASH, to partnerships that exist exclusively for the benefit of host communities.
- Consolidation of Camps:** UNHCR has consolidated **3 official camps** (Goudoubo, Mentao and Sag-nioniogo) in order to improve UNHCR's ability to deliver assistance as well as relocating the refugees at a safer distance from the border. Since mid-October 2012, over 11,300 refugees have been relocated from camps and spontaneous site located near the border.
- Nutritional Intervention:** UNHCR is currently responding to the high rates of anemia (average 66.6 in all camps) and acute malnutrition in Goudoubo camp (24.5 % GAM). Individual screening of all children under 5 years of age is completed and treatment of malnutrition cases is ongoing. Other joint response actions with partners includes: blanket feeding programmes, fortified cereals and micro-nutrient powder for children under 5 years, supplements or fortified blended food for all pregnant and lactating women. Emergency referrals of MAM, MAS and anemia cases; vaccination campaigns of Vitamin A as well as providing nutrition education.
- Biometric Registration:** UNHCR in Burkina Faso is currently preparing a campaign of biometric registration, which is planned to start on the 10th of June. With the use of biometric registration technology, UNHCR will be able to establish a better verification system of the registered refugees.
- Regional Meetings:** In May, UNHCR Burkina Faso hosted a meeting of the Representative of the Mali Situation (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger) as well as the Mali Situation Protection meetings.

Working With Partners

In order to ensure the international protection of refugees and **coordinate** their assistance, UNHCR works closely with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) and with partners.

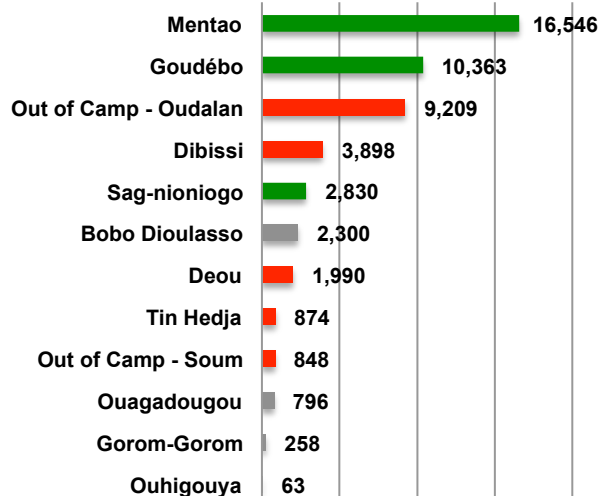
Partnership with other UN agencies: **FAO** for Animal Health and Animal Husbandry | **UNFPA** for SGBV and Family Planning | **UNICEF** for Child Protection, Nutrition and Education | **WFP** for supply of food commodities | **WHO** for Health.

UNHCR current implementing Partners: **AIRD**: warehouse management and logistics | **Christian Relief and Dev. Org (CREDO)**: urban refugees | **CONAREF**: camp admin., protection, registration and civil/humanitarian character of refugees camps | **Croix Rouge du Burkina Faso**: WASH, shelter, distribution of food and non-food items (NFIs) | **Croix-Rouge Française**: health-care in Sag-nioniogo | **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)**: border monitoring and sensitization of host communities for peaceful co-existence with host population | **HELP-Germany**: co-existence projects for refugees and host population | **Int. Emergency and Dev. Aid (IEDA)**: Camp management and community services generally | **Medecins du Monde (MDM)-France**: Health and nutrition (Soum) | **Medecins du Monde (MDM)-Spain**: Health and nutrition (Goudoubo) | **Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)**: shelter strategy | **OCADES Caritas Burkina**: Firewood distribution and collection among, environment preservation | **Oxfam**: Water and Sanitation in Sahel Camps | **Plan Burkina**: education | **Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF)**: animal health and animal husbandry | **Terre des Hommes (TDH)**: protection and awareness-raising | **CSSI**: Health care in Bobo-dioulasso.

UNHCR current Operational Partners: **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** | **Spanish Red Cross** | **Ordre de Malte** | **Croix-Rouge de Monaco** | **Croix-Rouge du Luxembourg** | **Tin-Hinane** | **MSF-France** | **International Organization for Migration (OIM)**

Refugee Site Populations

Total Malian Refugee Population BKF
49,975 (13,577 Households)



Other Refugees in Burkina Faso

Top 5 Refugee Countries of Origins in BKF

1) Chad	184
2) Congo Brazza	96
3) Rwanda	79
4) Burundi	62
5) Dem. Rep. Congo	46
OTHERS	79
TOTAL	546

Top 5 Asylum- Seekers' Countries of Origins in BKF

1) Cote d'Ivoire	223
2) Chad	81
3) Congo Brazza	78
4) Togo	72
5) Dem. Rep. Congo	48
OTHERS	163
TOTAL	665

Total Budget: USD 32,7 Mi

Entity	Amount
Japan	\$5,000,000.00
USA	\$2,500,000.00
UK	\$2,053,968.00
ECHO	\$1,915,709.00
UNICEF	\$71,500.00
Holy See	\$5,000.00

- **UNHCR Medical Response:** As a response to the high prevalence of anemia in all camps and the high levels of Global Acute Malnutrition rate (GAM), at 24.5% (WHO standards - 15% or more is a critical situation) in Goudoubo, UNHCR has just finished the training of 42 community relay agents to act in our nutrition intervention in the camp of Goudoubo. Their training was organized by UNHCR, **IEDA** and **MDM-Spain**. On the 7th Mai, **Save the Children** undertook cooking demonstrations of the Super Cereal Powder distributed to refugees in Goudoubo camp. Blanket feedings have been ongoing targeting all children who have been identified with MAM and SAM.
- **Joint-Assessment Mission:** UNHCR and **WFP** have completed their Joint-Assessment Mission, which stated April 2013. The objective of the JAM is to identify obstacles that exist for the refugees' self-sufficiency as well as to review the quality of the intervention that are being implemented. A report on the current needs of terms of assistance in food security as well as a joint plan of action is expected. The JAM was conducted in Sag-nioniogo, in Bobo-Dioulasso and in the camps in the Sahel. Additionally, **WFP** together with UNHCR undertook a feasibility study of cash transfers with refugee populations, host communities and with key informants. The study is on going and should be published soon.
- **Education:** In Goudoubo camp, pre-school enrollment rate has increased dramatically (to 82%) thanks to efforts of UNHCR and partners such as **Plan Burkina** to encourage enrollment of their children. In Mentao camp, pre-school activities started in May with 202 children enrolled thus far. Also in Mentao, **Plan Burkina** has started the construction of six classrooms in Mentao South-South to facilitate access to children recently re-located from Damba. As part of the efforts to reduce absenteeism, **Save the Children** will organize sports and recreational activities between classes. Primary school enrollment rate in Goudoubo camp as well as for urban refugees in Bobo-Dioulasso are the highest with 63% and 81% respectively. Overall enrollment remains at 32% when considering all sites.
- **WASH:** In Goudoubo camp, thanks to three new standpipes constructed by the **Office National de l'Eau et de l'Assainissement (ONEA)**, the water supply increased from 17.5 Ltrs to 20.4 Ltrs (person/day). In Sag-nioniogo, the water network project with tank constructed by the **Luxembourg Red Cross** is 60% completed. Once finish, this will increase the current water provision, which is at 8.5 Ltrs (person/day).
- **Border Monitoring:** The **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)**, operational partner, have begun its operations in the Sahel Region (Seno, Soum and Oudalan Provinces) having as a base Dori and Djibo. At the field level, some DRC advanced posts are based in Gorom-Gorom, Tin-Akof, Deou and Markoye for Oudalan. In the Soum Province, DRC undertakes monitoring visits to Damba, Ouahigouya and Koungousi.
- **Camp Security:** In Goudoubo and Mentao Camps, UNHCR FSA trained 40 *Gendarmes* in community policing in order to enhance security in the camps.
- **Environment:** UNHCR, through its partners **OCADES** has trained 331 refugees and 84 women from the host population on the construction of Improved Cooking Stoves. The training on the use of 15 solar cookers is ongoing in all three camps with refugees starting to appreciate this new technology.
- **Shelter:** As a result of the storms that hit Mentao in the end of April, the **Norwegian Refugee Council** has rehabilitated 498 shelters that have been destroyed. In mid-May, heavy rains had destroyed eight shelters in Sag-nioniogo camp. With the support of the **Croix-Rouge Burkinabè**, shelter partner for this camp, those shelters have already been re-habilitated.

The map displays Burkina Faso with its neighboring countries, Mali to the north and Nigeria to the east. Key locations and features include:

- Legend:**
 - Ouagadougou (Branch Office)
 - UNHCR Field Presence
 - ▲ Permanent Refugee Camps
 - ▲... Refugee Spontaneous Sites
 - /// Rural Refugees
 - Red arrow: Entry Points into Burkina Faso
- Refugee Camps and Sites:**
 - Mentao Camp:** 16,546 Refugees
 - Goudoubo Camp:** 10,363 Refugees
 - Sag-nionlogo Camp:** 2,830 Refugees
 - Djibo:** Field Unit
 - Dori:** Field Office
 - Bobo-Dioulasso:** Field Unit
 - Ouagadougou:** Branch Office
- Other Features:**
 - Red arrows indicate entry points into Burkina Faso from Mali and Nigeria.
 - A blue hatched area near Goudoubo Camp represents Rural Refugees.
- Inset Map:** A small map of Africa in the bottom right corner highlights Burkina Faso in red.

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