



**Operational Highlights**

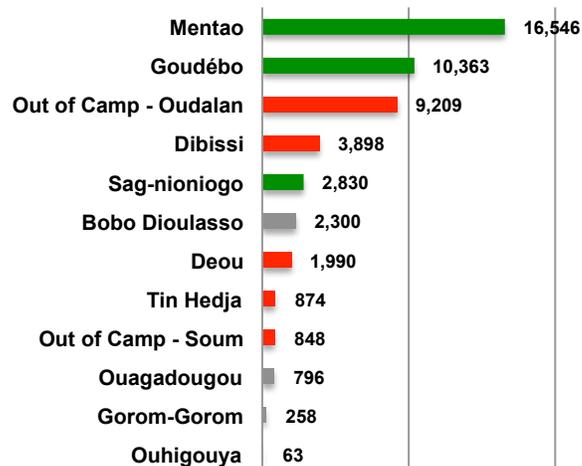
- The UN Refugee Agency has been providing **protection and multi-sectorial assistance** in coordination with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) along with UN Agencies and various NGOs to **49,975 Malian Refugees (13,577 households)**, which include 10,490 newly arrived refugees following 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) by blanket-feeding programs and community based prevention mechanisms.
- Biometric Registration:** UNHCR in Burkina Faso is currently preparing a campaign of biometric registration, which is planned to start in the month of August. With the use of biometric registration technology, UNHCR will be able to establish a better verification system of the registered refugees as well as provide individual ID cards for refugee adults.
- Malian Elections for Refugees in Burkina Faso:** On the first round of the Malian Elections, held on the 28 July, 2013 and organized in Burkina Faso by the Malian Embassy, 88 refugees were able to cast their vote. In order to facilitate the access of refugees to the vote and to ensure that security was guaranteed throughout the process UNHCR undertook the following actions: Provided logistical support to both the Malian Embassy and the refugees; Ensured the dialogue between the Malian Embassy and/or Authorities with the refugees; Sensitized the refugees on the electoral process together with CONAREF. A second round of elections will take place on the 11 August, 2013.

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

**Refugee Site Populations**

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



\*In Burkina Faso, UNHCR and the Government of Burkina Faso have decided to temporarily maintain 49,945 individuals – the registration figure as of 22 April 2013 – until the completion of biometric registration which has been planned to start in August 2013.

**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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>546</b>

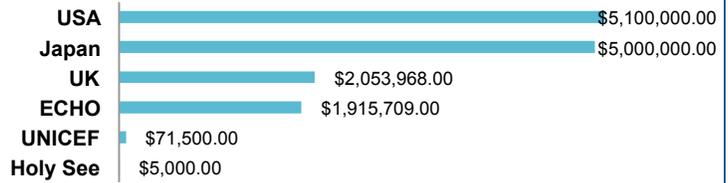
**Top 5 Asylum-Seekers' Countries of Origins in BKF**

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

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### ACHIEVEMENTS

- UNHCR Nutritional Response:** Sensitization sessions were organized by Save the Children for 363 women (250 breastfeeding mother, 94 non-breastfeeding mothers and 43 pregnant women) focusing on the importance of exclusive maternal breastfeeding until the baby's 6th month. There are currently, 1,087 children identified as being malnourished who are taking part of the blanket feeding programme by UNHCR partner Save the Children of which, 215 are new beneficiaries admitted during the month of July.
- Addressing of camp:** An addressing exercise has concluded in Goudoubo camp. This exercise will allow each refugee to know his or her exact address (for example Bloc A, Islet 1, Parcel 2, etc...). All in all, the addressing exercise resulted in 26 Blocks and 166 islets. The exercise, undertaken by UNHCR, CONAREF, HELP, IEDA-Relief and Oxfam has various advantages such as facilitates a better monitoring of persons with specific needs. The addressing exercise is currently taking place in Mentao camp, which will start on the 2 of August, lasting 15 days.
- Birth Registration:** From the 8 to 13 July, birth certification hearings were held for refugee children both in Goudoubo and Mentao camp. For Mentao camp, the UNHCR organized a mobile court for a total of 100 judgments and 44 cases of birth were processed. For the refugee children born in the camp of Gandafabou and relocated to Mentao, their case will be sent to the city of Deou for processing. For Goudoubo camp (Seno Province) CONAREF held a hearing to process 83 cases of new born children. Of those, 58 proxy judgments resulted, 20 declarations of births and 5 cases were put on hold due to lack of information. In total, the case of 84 children born in Oudalan Province (Gandafabou or Fererio camp) and later relocated towards Goudoubo (Seno Province) will be transferred to the City of Deou for processing. The challenge remains on how to register the birth of refugees born in spontaneous sites as these refugees are in constant movement.
- Income-Generating Activities:** On the 6 June 2013, TDH-Lausanne launched its IGA program for refugees in all locations of Burkina Faso. Beneficiaries of the IGA program, composed 237 women and 94 men in Goudoubo, Sag-nionogo and Bobo-Dioulasso were provided with grants ranging from XOF 40'000 to 100'000 depending on the activity. (See pictures in header of some examples of micro-projects implemented by the Refugees by: TDH).
- Psycho-social activities:** In Mentao camp, the French Red Cross started its psycho-social activities with the construction of three (3) hearing centers installed in the three health centers of Mentao. During the reporting period, 35 persons have attended the hearing centers. The French Red Cross also animated a group on the theme of Malaria and its prevention in Mentao Center and the village of Koubel (host community).
- Education:** Construction of Education Infra-structure: In Mentao camp the construction of four (4) pre-school buildings (known traditionally as bisoongo) by Plan Burkina have been finished in Mentao Center and Mentao South. The works are ongoing in Mentao North and Mentao East. In Mentao camp, the construction of an additional six (6) classrooms is ongoing in Mentao Center and Mentao South South.
- Peaceful Cohabitation:** HELP-Germany, has prepared the 60 hectares of land for pasture regeneration in villages next to refugee sites. In Oursi, 30,000 tree seedlings have been prepared for reforestation, which will be undertaken at the end of the rainy season, 1,159 households have benefited from seed distribution to promote food security in the host communities around the camps. HELP-Germany has also constructed 12 boreholes for the host population and has produced 21 radio broadcasts in the local language for the promotion of peaceful co-habitation between the refugees and their host communities.

- Ouagadougou (Branch Office)
- UNHCR Field Presence
- Permanent Refugee Camps
- Refugee Spontaneous Sites
- Rural Refugees
- Entry Points into Burkina Faso



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