



Operational Highlights

- The UN Refugee Agency provides **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.
- Launch of Biometric Registration:** UNHCR in Burkina Faso has launched biometric Level III registration on the 19 August. With the use of biometric registration technology, UNHCR will be able to update its database of special needs of refugees and thus improve its protection and assistance as well as to establish a more precise number of refugees. (see second page for more information)
- Launch of Food and Cash Transfers by UNHCR-WFP:** On the 21 and 22 of August in Sag-nioniogo camp, WFP in collaboration with UNHCR launched the first cash-transfers to refugees in Burkina Faso, starting with Sag-nioniogo camp, in an effort to adapt food assistance to the current needs of the refugee population. (see second page for more information)

Working With Partners

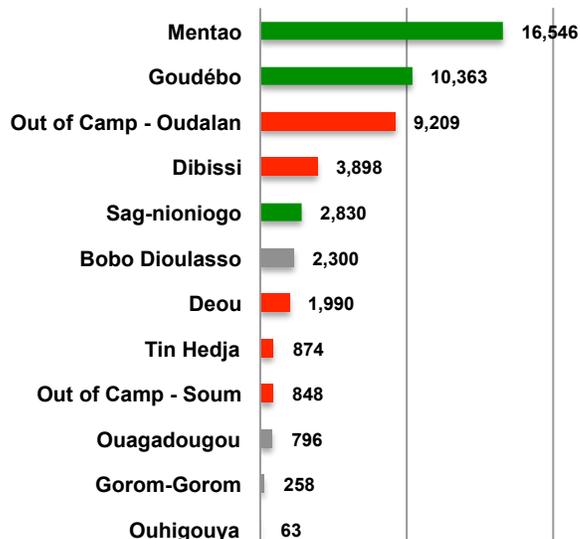
In order to ensure the **international protection** of refugees and **coordinate** their assistance, UNHCR works closely with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) and with partners.

Partnership with other UN agencies: **FAO** for Animal Health and Animal Husbandry | **UNFPA** for SGBV and Family Planning | **UNICEF** for Child Protection, WASH, 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 | **CSSI:** Health care in Bobo-dioulasso | **Tin-Hinane:** sensitization of the refugees | **Danish Refugee Council (DRC):** border monitoring and sensitization of host pop 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 | **Save the Children:** Nutrition in Goudoubo camp and secondary schooling in Mentao camp | **Terre des Hommes (TDH):** protection and awareness-raising | **Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF):** animal health and animal husbandry.

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 started on 19 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
TOTAL	546

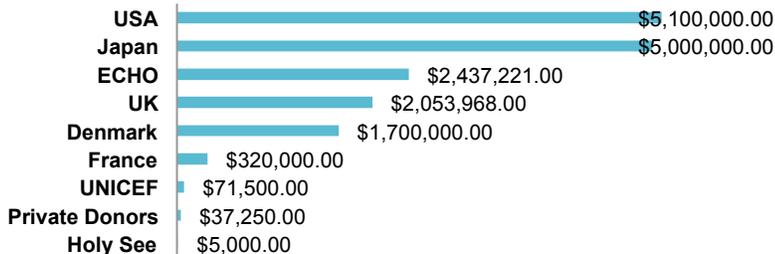
Top 5 Asylum-Seekers' Countries of Origins in BKF

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

Funding and Gap for UNHCR Burkina Faso



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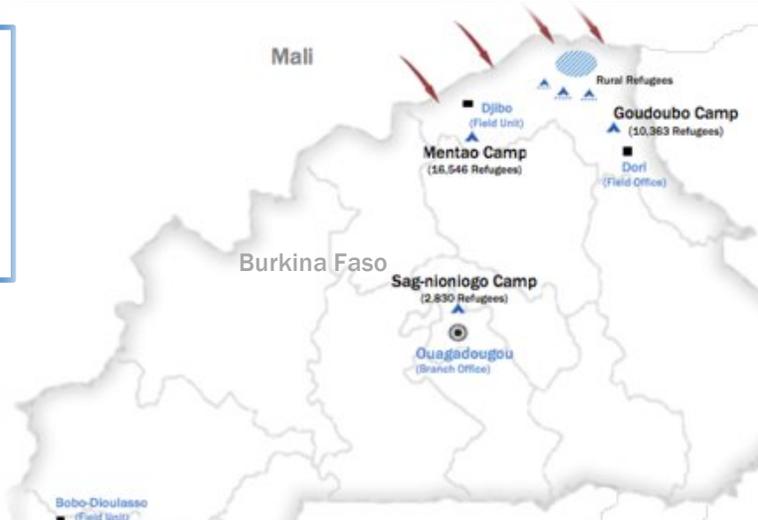


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- Launch Biometric Registration Level III:** On the 19 August 2013, UNHCR and the Government of Burkina Faso, launched the Biometric Registration Level III of Refugees residing in Burkina Faso at the Refugee Community Center of Ouagadougou. After completing the urban refugees of Ouagadougou, the registration team moved onto Sag-nioniogo camp on the 23 August in Sag-nioniogo camp and onto Bobo-Dioulasso on the 27 August. Next steps include Mentao Camp during the month of September and Goudoubo camp in the month of October. Partners participating in the Biometric Registration Exercise include: **CONAREF** with 20 registration agents who have received capacity building from **UNHCR**; **IEDA-Relief** and **Tin-Hinane**, which accompanies and identifies persons with specific needs; and Health Partners such as **CREDO**, **CSSI** and **French Red Cross** who has been accompanying and identifying persons with medical conditions. The process of Bio-metric registration includes: finger print verification, to ensure that refugees have not already been registered; protection interviews undertaken by Community Services in order to determine whether the refugee has a specific need; medical visit in order to determine whether refugee has a medical condition that needs to be checked up on; delivery of attestation cards among others. **(See picture on header)**
- Launch of Cash-Transfers by WFP-UNHCR:** On the 21 and 22 August 2013, **WFP** in collaboration with UNHCR launched the first cash-transfers and food distributions to refugees in Burkina Faso, starting with Sag-nioniogo camp. A cash feasibility study undertaken jointly by **UNHCR**, **WFP**, **CONAREF** as well as NGO partners during the month of April 2013 showed that the majority of refugees preferred receiving a combination of both cash and food and that a change towards mix food and cash distribution was possible and risk free. After a post-distribution monitoring assessment and a meeting on lessons learnt from the experience in Sag-nioniogo camp, the cash/food modality will be adapted, if necessary, and rolled out to the other camps in September/October 2013.
- Health:** During the month of August, UNHCR Health Staff together with the **CNLC (Centre National de Lutte contre la Cécité)** provided optamological consultations for 616 refugees (500 refugees from Mentao and 116 Host Population) as well as operated 85 persons (43 refugees and 32 host population).
- Refugee Committees:** From the 20 to 22 of August, a workshop was organized by UNHCR and **IEDA-Relief** for the newly elected refugee committees of Goudoubo in order to continue their capacity-building and ensure an effective community based management of camps. The committees established include the Executive Committee (10 members, 3 women); the Committee of Elders (8 members, 3 women); the Youth Committee (10 members, 5 women); the Distribution Committee (12 members, 4 women); the Health Committee (4 members, 2 women); the Nutrition and Food Security Committee (4 members, 2 women); the Hygiene and Sanitation Committee (6 members, 3 women); the Water Committee (6 members, no women); and the Shelter Committee (5 members, no women). Similar committees will soon be formed in Mentao and Sag-nioniogo.
- Birth Registration:** UNHCR and CONAREF have been organizing “mobile courts” to be able to register new borns in two camps located in the Sahel.
- 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).

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

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