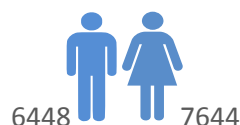


Refugee Population

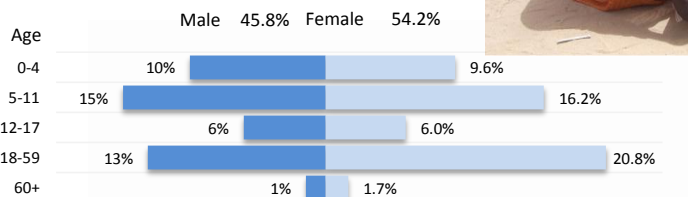
14,092 people
2,958 families



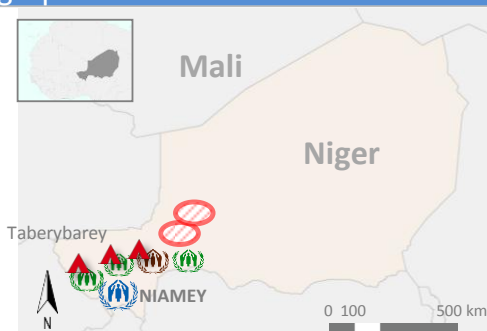
Other persons of concern

Niger Nationals previously living in Mali

515 people
89 families



Geographic Information



Coordinates (Lat/Long)	N: 14°54'28,6" E: 003°25'13,3
Region/Department	Tillabéri/Abala
Commune	Abala
Area	1,870,634 m2
Number of houses/shelters	2600
Distance from international border	78 km
Hours from the border by road	1 hour
Hours from Niamey by road	4 hour

Context

History

In March 2012, Abala camp received refugees who were moved from spontaneous sites (Chinegodrar, Miel, Tigizefan, Kizamwe and others who settled in Abala town) situated at the Malian border. The camp has a capacity to host 10,000 people. In April 2013, UNHCR Niger launched the Gas project, to provide alternative domestic energy to refugee households.

Areas of Origin

- Anderboukane: 72%
- Menaka: 23%

Cultural Background

- 85% Tuareg,
- 09 % Hausa,
- 05% Songhai
- 01 % Arab

Main Occupations

- Pastoralists (livestock herding: goats, cows, sheep and donkeys)

Protection Issues

Refugee women are under-represented in the community structures

Lack of birth certificates for newborns

Low enrolment rate of girls in school

Incidence of sexual violence

Ethnic tension in camps

Conflict over resources with host communities

Forced and early marriages

Protection Responses

Women platform was formed to encourage their participation in community structures

A mobile court was introduced to issue birth certificates

Involvement of the of marabouts and communities leaders as key actors

Prevention and response mechanisms with SOPs are established

Co-existence and peace-building programmes are introduced

Host communities are included in the water and health assistance

Targetted awareness campaigns for men, adolescents and families were introduced

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Ratio of students attending school in Mali and refugee camp **1:1.26**

Percentage of refugees with water queuing time less than ten minutes **97.7**

Percentage of refugee families with animals of their own **32.4**

Percentage of refugees willing to return in a year **66**

