



NIGER

FACTSHEET

December 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

20,000

Of the most vulnerable out-of-camp households in the Diffa region benefitted from the distribution of gas for domestic energy throughout 2016

616

Malian refugees in the hosting area of Intikane benefitted from a vaccination campaign in month of December 2016

2,500

Out of camp emergency shelters distributed to the most vulnerable households in Diffa town in the month of December 2016

20,000

Malian refugees and host population benefitting from water produced by solar energy in the refugee hosting area of Intikane

Population of concern

A total of **302,152** people of concern

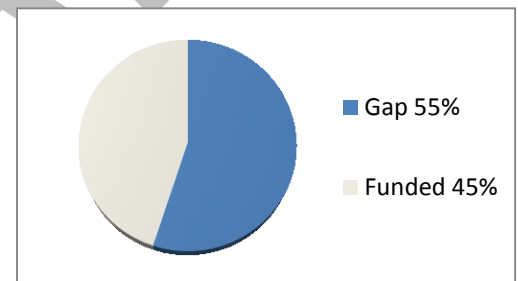
Country of Origin	Total PoC
Mali	60,154
Nigeria	120,169*
Niger	121,391**
Others	438
Total	

* This figure includes 105,491 Nigerian refugees and 14,678 returnees

** Internally Displaced Persons (IDP)

Funding

USD 51,188,166 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

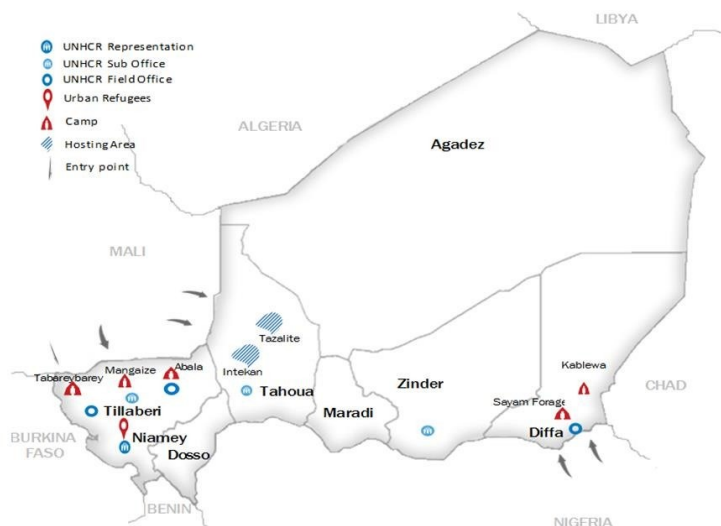
113 National staff

27 International staff

Offices:

07 offices located in:

Niamey, Tillabéri, Ouallam, Abala, Tahoua, Zinder, Diffa



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

Mali Situation:

- APBE: Camp management (Tillabery Camps)
- APBE: Health and nutrition (ZARs)
- Adkoul: Multi-sectorial management (ZARs)
- Handicap International: Assistance to Urban refugees
- CARE: Cash Based Initiatives

Nigeria Situation:

- ACTED / REACH: Data management
- APBE: Health / Emergency shelter / Camp management
- IRC: Protection and boarder monitoring
- COOPI: Education / Transitional shelter
- SFCG: Communication
- CISP: Urbanization
- CARE: logistics/CBI
- OXFAM: WASH

ACHIEVEMENTS

Protection

- **Nigeria situation:** From 10th to 12th December 2016, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Filippo Grandi, visited the UNHCR operation in Niger. He met with Malian urban refugees in Niamey, Nigerian refugees and IDP's in Diffa region, as well as with Niger authorities, including the President, Prime Minister, several other Ministers, and high level Regional authorities. His key message was gratitude to the people and Government of Niger, who set a strong example through their hospitality for people fleeing conflicts in Mali and Nigeria.
- **Mali situation:** On the 9th of December, the Government of Niger officially closed the ZAR (refugee hosting area) of Tazalit, due to security concerns following an attack against a security point in October 2016. UNHCR is working with the government of Niger to raise awareness amongst the population. A voluntary relocation process will begin in next month, whilst UNHCR and partners are preparing the ZAR of Intikane to receive the refugees from Tazalit during the month of January 2017.
- The BIMS (Biometric Identity Management System) process to verify the identities of refugees and asylum seekers in Niamey and to provide them with biometric identity cards ended on the 14th of December. A totla of 3,654 refugees were registered throughout the process. This process will scaled up to the camps and ZARs for Malian refugees in early 2017.

Energy

- **Nigeria situation:** In December 2016, an out of camp distribution of 1,000 domestic gas kits to vulnerable beneficiaries in Toumour, Bosso and Kablewa town took place. This brings the total number of households who have benefitted from gas distributions in 2016 to 23,054 or approximately 161,378 individuals.
- **Mali situation:** In the Malian refugee camp of Mangaize, training on the use of gas and prevention of fires was undertaken by UNHCR camp management partner. The group of trained refugees began to sensitize the population on the use of domestic gas which will be installed in the camp in early 2017. Following the gas distribution in Mangaize, the population of all sites hosting Malian refugees, will have access to gas for domestic energy.

Education

- **Nigeria situation:** In December 2016, solar panels were installed in the Distance Education centre in Maine Soroa to provide electricity to the center and to supply drinking water. Three emergency classrooms were built, including hand washing stations, and tablets for online courses were distributed to students. UNHCR and partners will carry out awareness raising sessions on school attendance for the coming year.

WASH

- **Mali situation:** UNHCR and partners finalized the construction of a solar energy system in the village of Eukinawane, close to the refugee hosting area of Intikane. The solar energy being produced is being used for the provision of drinkable water to over 20,000 refugee and host population in the semi-desert area.

Shelter

- **Nigeria situation:** UNHCR protection team, with partners IRC, APBE and Care completed a targeting exercise in Diffa town to identify vulnerable displaced and host population in need of emergency shelter and NFI distribution. UNHCR distributed over 2,500 emergency shelters to the most vulnerable populations, in close coordination with the Shelter/NFI Working Group.

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