

12.9 MILLION PERSONS OF CONCERN

The total population of concern (PoC) to UNHCR in West and Central Africa (WCA) relates to the people UNHCR is mandated to protect and assist. It includes those who have been forcibly displaced; those who have returned home within recent years; those who are stateless or at risk of statelessness; and other groups to whom UNHCR has extended its protection or assisted on a humanitarian basis.

1.6 MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS

7.6 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

1.6 MILLION STATELESS & AT RISK OF STATELESSNESS

1.7 MILLION RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED

0.1 MILLION REFUGEES RETURNEES

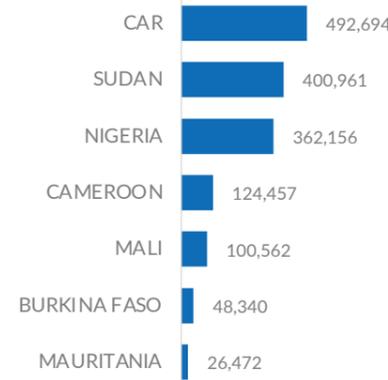
0.1 MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN

The total of 1.6 million refugees in WCA represents an increase of 8% from October 2021. Chad is the largest refugee-hosting country in the region with 36%. Cameroon hosts the second largest number with 31%. 77% of refugees originate from CAR, Sudan, and Nigeria with 30%, 25%, 22% respectively.

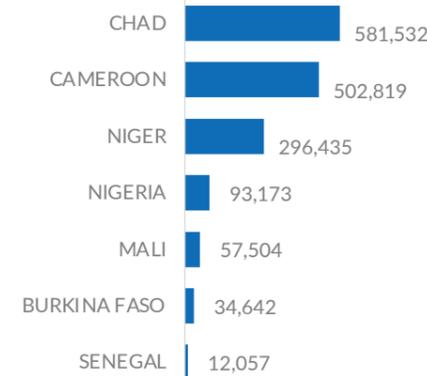
The number of IDP rose to an estimated 7.6 million with 42% of them hosted in Nigeria and 23% in Burkina Faso.

37% of forcibly displaced population in West and Central Africa are in the Lake Chad Basin. Central Sahel hosts the second largest number (32%) with the majority being Internally Displaced Persons in Burkina Faso (60%).

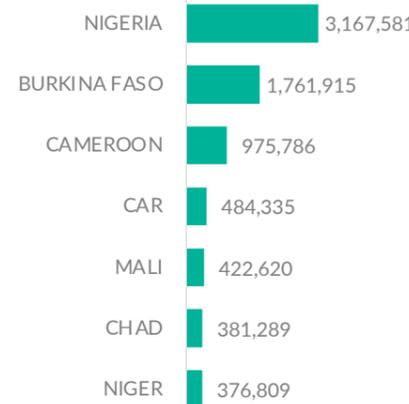
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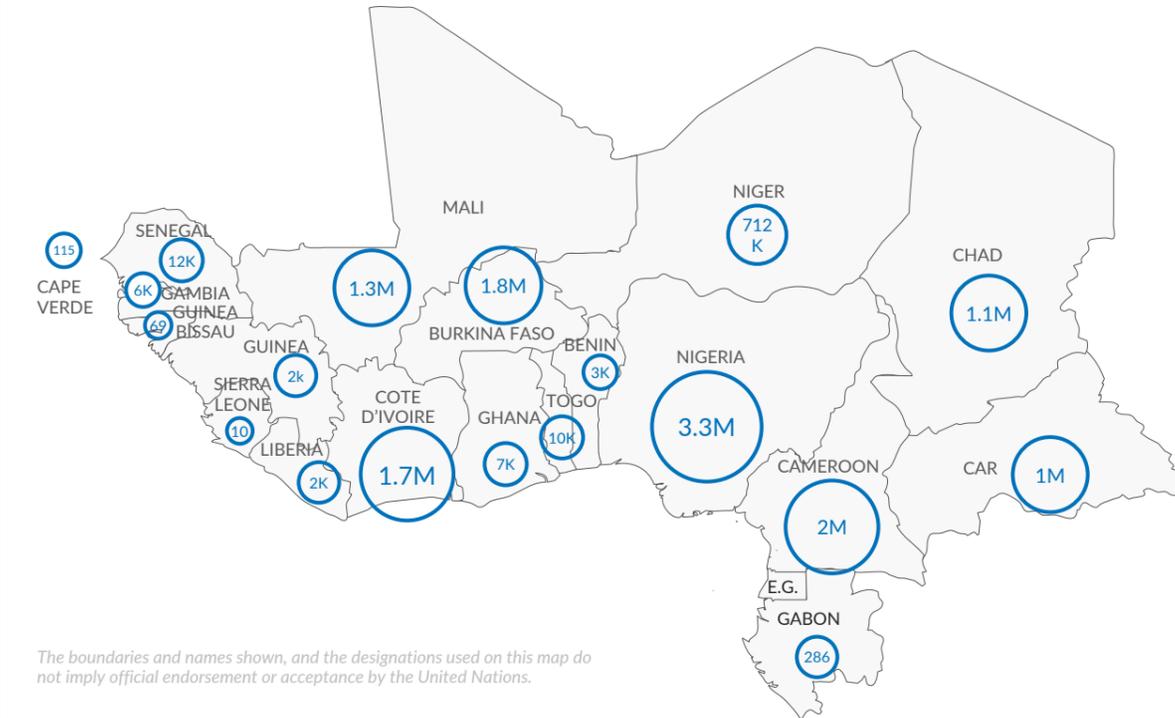
MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM



INTERNAL DISPLACEMENTS



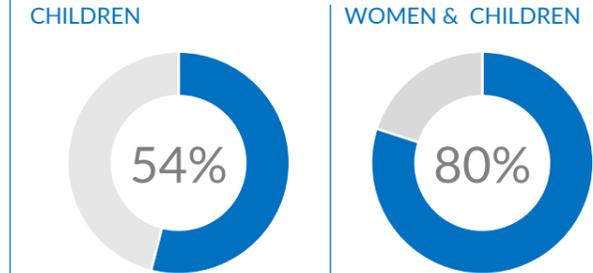
PERSONS OF CONCERN BY COUNTRY



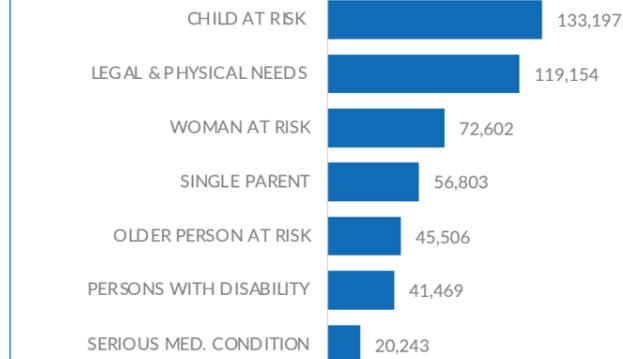
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	REFUGEES	ASYLUM SEEKERS	REFUGEES RETURNEES	IDPs	RETURNED IDP	STATELESS	OTHERS	TOTAL
BENIN	1,825	1,354						3,179
BURKINA FASO	34,064	578		1,761,915				1,796,557
CAMEROON	493,972	8,847		975,786	548,206			2,026,811
CAPE VERDE						115		115
CAR	11,164	417	31,657	484,335	499,430			1,027,003
CHAD	576,645	4,887		381,289			101,551	1,064,372
COTE D'IVOIRE	5,589	171				1,656,330		1,662,090
GABON	223	63						286
GAMBIA	4,636	1,025						5,661
GHANA	6,066	851						6,917
GUINEA	2,217	269						2,486
GUINEA BISSAU	32	37						69
LIBERIA	1,663	848						2,511
MALI	56,603	901	84,806	422,620	695,598			1,260,528
NIGER	254,186	42,249		376,809			38,956	712,200
NIGERIA	91,595	1,578	3,880	3,167,581				3,264,634
SENEGAL	11,790	267						12,057
SIERRA LEONE	10							10
TOGO	9,126	750						9,876
GRAND TOTAL	1,561,406	65,092	120,343	7,570,335	1,743,234	1,656,445	140,507	12,857,362

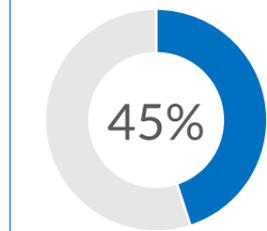
REFUGEE POPULATION PROFILE



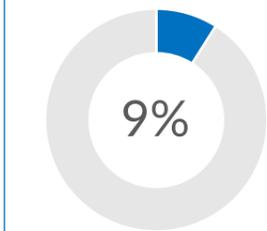
REFUGEES WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS



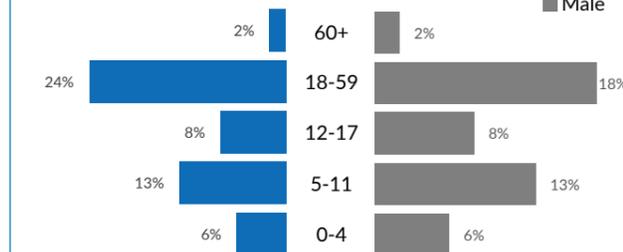
REFUGEES IN CAMPS



REFUGEES IN URBAN AREA



DEMOGRAPHICS

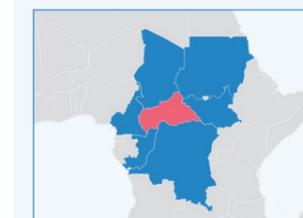


POPULATION TRENDS



SITUATIONS

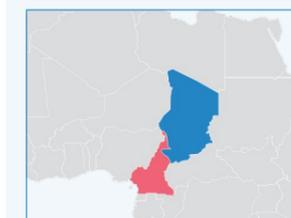
CAR SITUATION



746,000 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
484,335 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

These figures represent refugees from Central African Republic in neighboring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan) and IDP in Central African Republic.

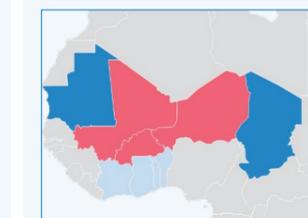
FAR NORTH CAMEROON



35,907 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
36,276 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

These figures represent Cameroonian refugees in Chad and forcibly displaced people following the outbreak of violence in the Far North region of Cameroon in December 2021.

SAHEL SITUATION



1,078,734 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
2,942,633 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

These figures represent all refugees and IDPs in Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger), Chad and Mauritania. Refugees from Central Sahel in neighboring coastal countries (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo) are also included.