The total forcibly displaced and stateless population to UNHCR in West and Central Africa (WCA) is 13.1 million, with the majority being Internally Displaced Persons in West and Central Africa. Central Sahel hosts the second largest population of forcibly displaced individuals, followed by Chad and the Lake Chad Basin. The Lake Chad Basin hosts 34% of forcibly displaced population in the region, with Chad, Cameroon, and Nigeria being the main countries of asylum for these populations.

### Internal Displacements

The number of internally displaced persons has increased significantly, reaching an estimated 7.8 million in March 2023. Nigeria hosts 45% of IDP population in the region, followed by Central African Republic and Cameroon.

### Refugee Population Profile

- **Refugees**: 1.6 million
- **Asylum-Seekers**: 0.1 million
- **Refugees and Asylum-Seekers**: 1.7 million
- **Refugees in Urban Area**: 0.9 million
- **Refugees in Camp**: 46%
- **Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Urban Area**: 9%
- **Children**: 53%
- **Women & Children**: 80%

### Situations

**Car Situation**: 742,834 refugees and asylum seekers from Central African Republic in neighboring countries.

**Far North Cameroon**: 28,256 refugees and asylum seekers from Central African Republic in neighboring countries.

** Sahel Situation**: 1,116,064 refugees and asylum seekers from Central African Republic in neighboring countries.

### Demographics

- **Children**: 53%
- **Women & Children**: 80%
- **Male**: 47%
- **Female**: 53%

**Refugees with Specific Needs**

- **Legal & Physical Needs**: 25%
- **Woman at Risk**: 10%
- **Single Parent**: 8%
- **Older Person at Risk**: 6%
- **Persons with Disability**: 10%
- **Serious Med. Condition**: 6%

**Refugees in WCA by Country**

- **Burkina Faso**: 88,770
- **Cameroon**: 491,017
- **Central African Republic**: 73,329
- **Mali**: 54,682
- **Nigeria**: 96,265
- **Chad**: 8,039,127

**Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in WCA**

- **Burkina Faso**: 702,907
- **Cameroon**: 37,606
- **Central African Republic**: 290

**Persons of Concern by Country**

- **Burkina Faso**: 366,845
- **Sudan**: 414,191
- **Nigeria**: 353,499
- **Cameroon**: 116,784
- **Mali**: 502,812
- **Burkina Faso**: 83,309
- **Mauritania**: 38,166

**Main Countries of Origin**

- **Burkina Faso**: 63%
- **Mali**: 26%
- **Cameroon**: 30%

**Main Countries of Asylum**

- **Chad**: 58,770
- **Cameroon**: 401,017
- **Nigeria**: 232,760
- **Mali**: 64,682
- **Burkina Faso**: 96,265
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**Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Population**

- **March 2023**: 1,600,000
- **April 2023**: 1,700,000
- **May 2023**: 1,730,000
- **June 2023**: 1,730,000
- **July 2023**: 1,800,000

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