13.3 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED POPULATION

The total forcibly displaced and stateless population 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.

32%, 26%, and 18% respectively.

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Main countries of origin

Main countries of asylum

Population trends

Regional bureau for West and Central Africa

Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Population

June 2023

Refugee population profile

Children

Women & Children

Refugees with specific needs

Legal & Physical Needs
Woman at Risk
Single Parent
Older Person at Risk
Persons with Disability
Serious Med. Condition

Refugees in camp

40%
9%

Refugees in urban area

Demographics

54%
13%
46%
Male
Female

Situation

Car situation

745,581 refugees and asylum-seekers

Far North Cameroon

26,584 refugees and asylum-seekers

1,327,553 total

3,177,547 total

474,822 internally displaced persons

36,276 internally displaced persons

428,247 stateless or at risk of statelessness

85,336 refugees with specific needs

12% 17%
6% 8%
2% 17%