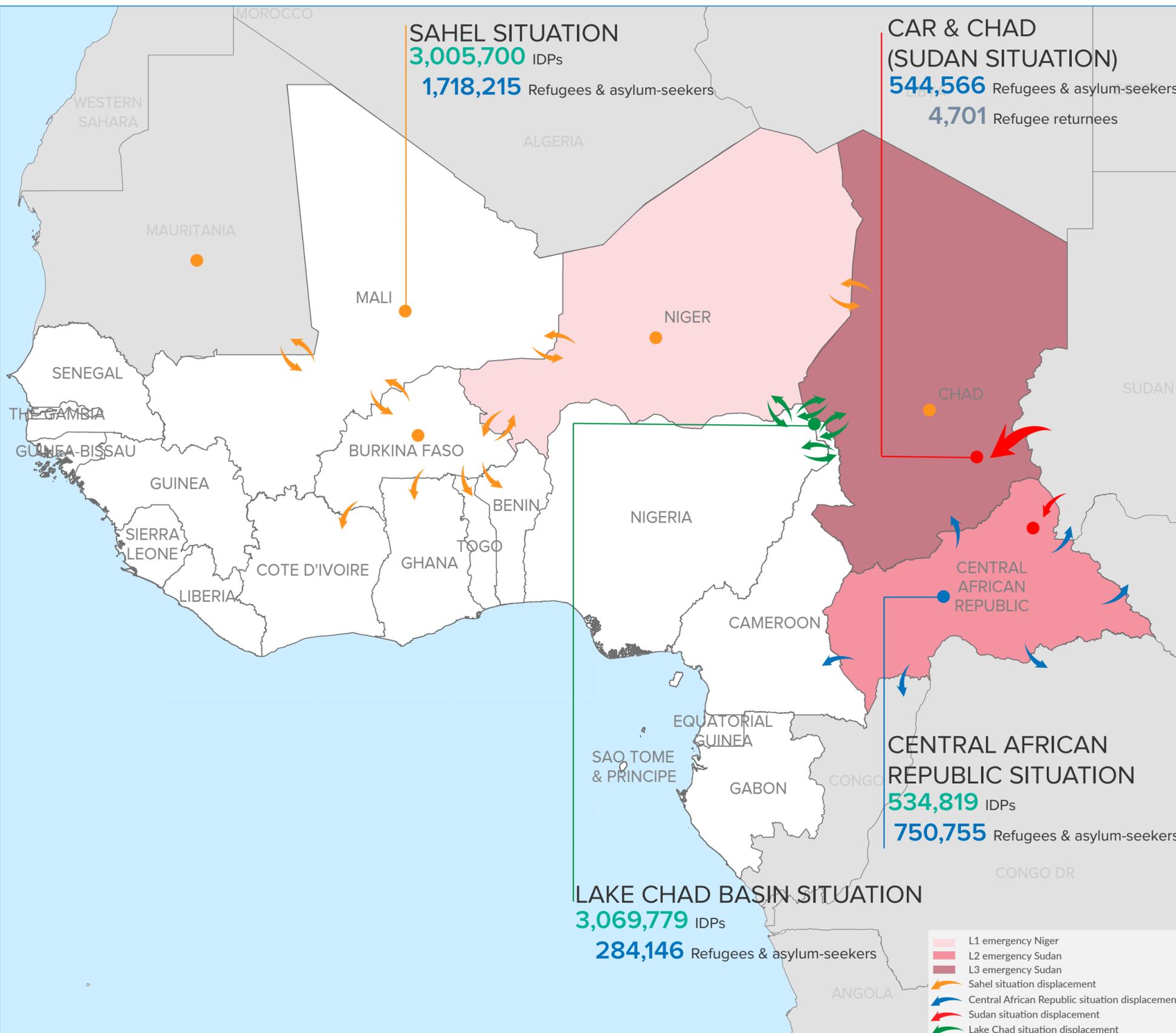
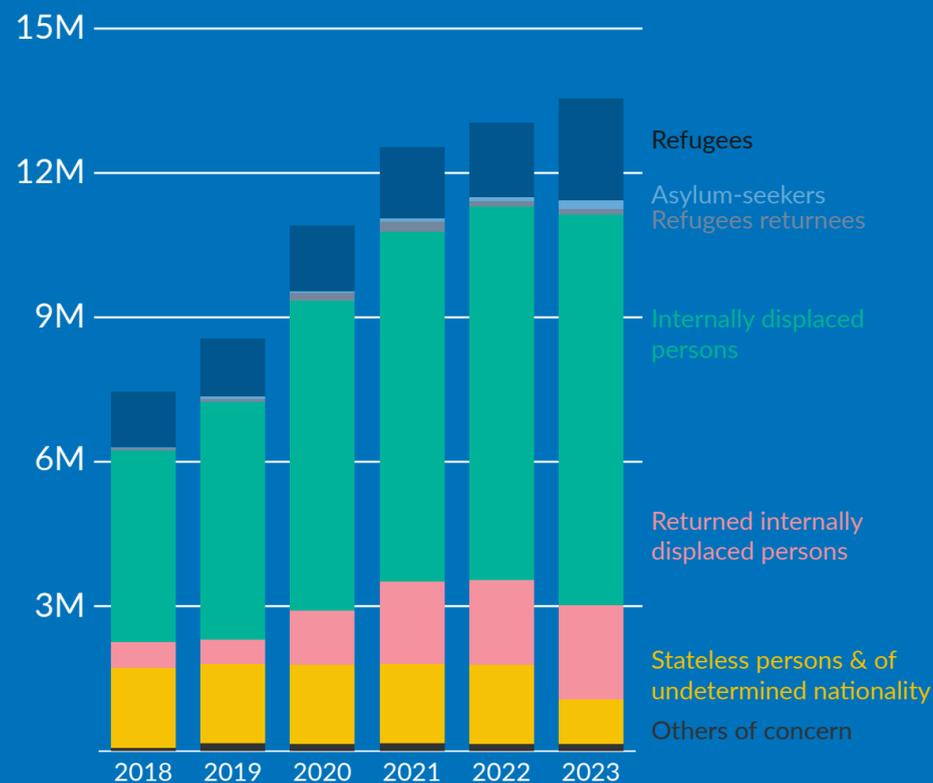


13.5 MILLION

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS



Populations trends 2018 - 2023



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UNHCR protects and assists forcibly displaced and stateless persons across the West and Central African region, including refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugee and IDP returnees, stateless and of undetermined nationality persons. Protection and assistance are extended to additional groups, based on humanitarian and other special grounds.

- 2.3** MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS
- 0.1** MILLION REFUGEES RETURNEES
- 8.1** MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS
- 1.9** MILLION RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED
- 0.9** MILLION STATELESS & OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY
- 0.1** MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN

The current number of 2.3 million refugees and asylum seekers represents a significant increase of 41% increase from the number reported at the end of 2022, mainly as a result of the ongoing crisis in Sudan and the deteriorating security situation in the Sahel, which has led thousands of persons to leave their country in search for safety and protection.

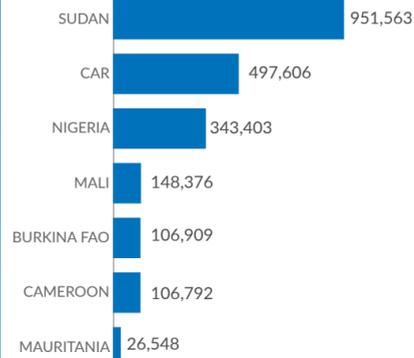
The largest hosting refugee country in the region is Chad with 48% of the total population, followed by Cameroon with 21%. Sudan, the Central African Republic (CAR), and Nigeria are the main countries of origin, together accounting for 78% of the region's refugee population.

As the registration process is ongoing, there are currently 55,421 asylum seekers pending registration.

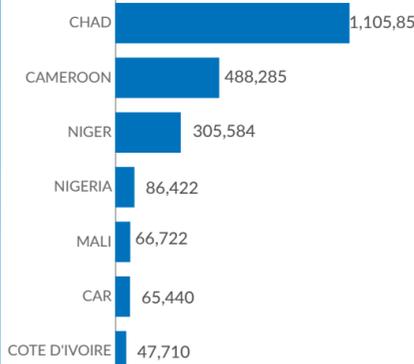
Internally displaced persons represent the vast majority of the forcibly displaced population in the West and Central Africa region. Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Cameroon respectively host 43%, 25% and 13% of the total IDP population.

West Africa hosts over 931,156 persons who are stateless or of undetermined nationality, reported mainly in Côte d'Ivoire and Cabo Verde. Millions of people are reported to be at risk of statelessness across the region.

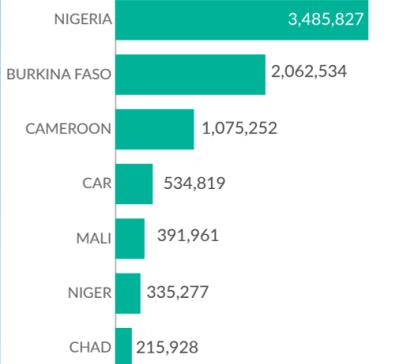
MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM



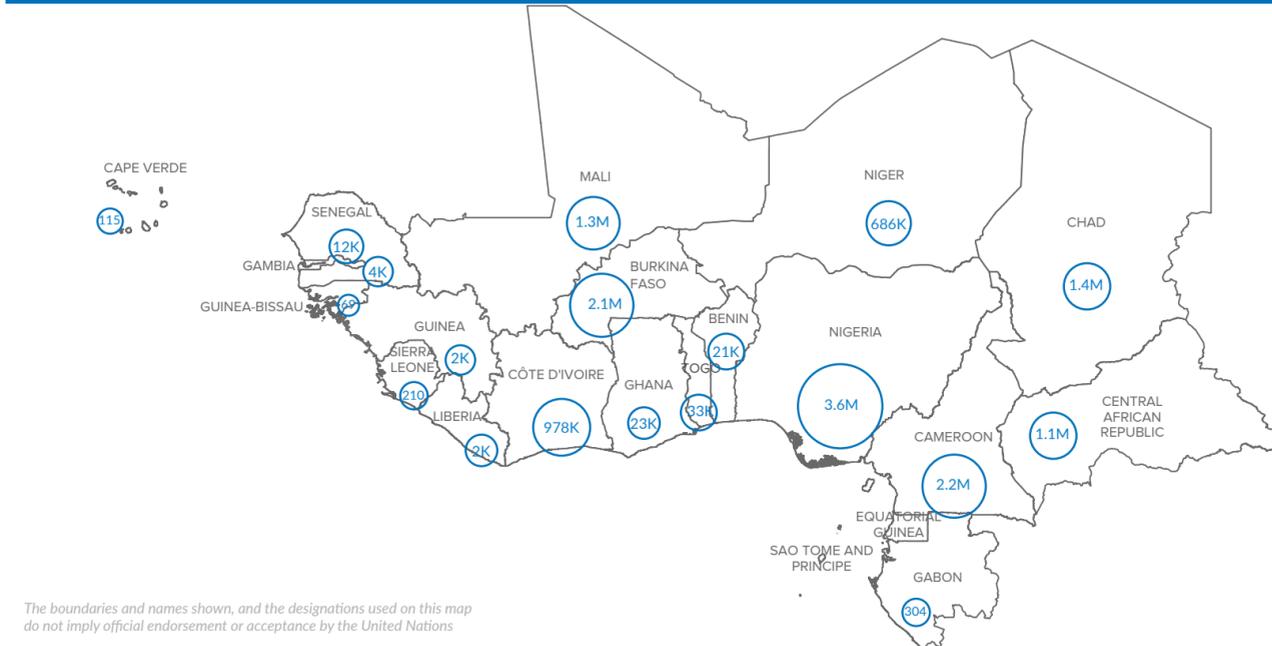
INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT



POPULATION TRENDS (last 6 months)



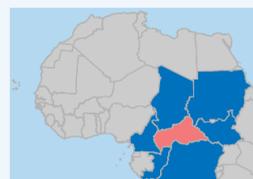
FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS BY COUNTRY



	REFUGEES	ASYLUM SEEKERS	REF. RETURNEES	IDPs	RETURNED IDP	STATELESS	OTHERS	TOTAL
BENIN	2,759	10,232		8,785				21,776
BURKINA FASO	37,738	1,146		2,062,534				2,101,418
CAMEROON	477,975	10,310		1,075,252	658,548			2,222,085
CAPE VERDE						115		115
CAR	32,927	32,513	31,662	534,819	499,430			1,131,351
CHAD	1,100,927	4,924		215,928			100,543	1,422,322
COTE D'IVOIRE	2,282	45,428				931,041	94	978,845
GABON	210	94						304
GAMBIA	3,789	455						4,244
GHANA	7,063	15,887						22,950
GUINEA	2,195	57						2,252
GUINEA BISSAU	32	37						69
LIBERIA	1,167	617						1,784
MALI	66,443	279	85,484	391,961	785,725			1,329,892
NIGER	270,000	35,584		335,277			45,410	686,271
NIGERIA	69,860	16,562	1,319	3,485,827				3,573,568
SENEGAL	11,862	772						12,634
SIERRA LEONE							210	210
TOGO	28,259	4,417						32,676
GRAND TOTAL	2,115,488	179,314	118,465	8,110,383	1,943,703	931,156	146,257	13,544,766

MAJOR AREAS OF DISPLACEMENT

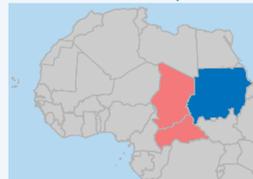
CAR SITUATION



750,755 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
534,819 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The figures reported reflect the number of refugees from the Central African Republic in neighbouring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, and South Sudan) and of the IDPs within the Central African Republic.

CAR & CHAD (SUDAN SITUATION)



544,566 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
4,701 REFUGEE RETURNEES

The figures reported reflect the number of Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers that arrived in the CAR and in Chad since the beginning of the current crisis in Sudan, in April 2023.

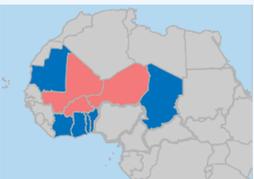
LAKE CHAD BASIN



284,146 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
3,069,779 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The figures reported reflect the total number of IDPs and refugees in the Lake Chad Basin area, across Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria.

SAHEL SITUATION



1,718,215 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS
3,005,700 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The figures reported reflect the number of IDPs in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali and Niger, as well as refugees dispersed throughout the Sahel region. They also include the number of refugees from the Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger) and in the neighbouring coastal countries of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Togo.

REFUGEE & ASYLUM-SEEKERS POPULATION PROFILE

