OVERVIEW - FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS

SUDAN SITUATION
- 3,037,175 IDPs
- 1,997,810 Refugees & asylum-seekers

LAKE CHAD BASIN SITUATION
- 751,298 Refugees & asylum-seekers

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC SITUATION
- 520,060 IDPs
- 303,265 Refugees & asylum-seekers

SAHEL SITUATION
- 595,101 Refugees & asylum-seekers
- 6,158 Refugee returnees

CAR & CHAD
- 3,130,226 IDPs

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS
- 13.8 Million
  - Refugees: 2.4 M
  - Asylum-seekers: 0.2 M
  - Refugees returnees: 0.1 M
  - Internally displaced persons: 8.0 M
  - Returned IDPs: 2.0 M
  - Stateless persons & of undetermined nationality: 0.9 M
  - Others of concern: 0.1 M

Populations trends 2018 - 2024

Source: Geographic data: UNCS. Population statistics: UNHCR Monthly Statistical Reports or latest available. IDP statistics from OCHA, IDM.
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.

The current number of 2.6 million refugees and asylum seekers represents a significant increase of 56% from the number reported at the same period in 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 figures reported reflect the total number of IDPs and refugees in the Lake Chad Basin area, across Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria. They also include the number of refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) and in Chad since the CAR & CHAD (SUDAN SITUATION) SAHEL SITUATION LAKE CHAD BASIN

The major areas of displacement are:

- **CAR SITUATION**: 751,298
- **CAR & CHAD (SUDAN SITUATION)**: 595,101
- **LAKE CHAD BASIN**: 303,265
- **SAHEL SITUATION**: 1,997,810

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.

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 African Republic (in Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali) and in the neighbouring coastal countries of Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana and Togo.

The demographic graph indicates:

- **Children**: 54%
- **Women & Children**: 81%

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**REGIONAL BUREAU FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA**

**OVERVIEW - FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS**

**MARCH 2024**

**13.8 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED & STATELESS PERSONS**

**2.6 MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS**

**0.1 MILLION REFUGEES RETURNS**

**8.0 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS**

**2.0 MILLION RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED**

**0.9 MILLION STATELESS & OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY**

**0.1 MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN**

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**MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN**

- **SUDAN**: 1,077,383
- **CAMEROON**: 91,825
- **NIGERIA**: 61,297
- **MALI**: 71,605
- **CÔTE D’IVOIRE**: 1,222,719

**MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM**

- **CHAD**: 1,222,719
- **CAMEROON**: 466,406
- **NIGER**: 61,164
- **MAI**: 37,554
- **BURKINA FASO**: 27,834

**INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT**

- **NIGER**: 1,379,551
- **CAMEROON**: 2,062,534
- **BURKINA FASO**: 520,060
- **NIGERIA**: 403,974
- **MAI**: 254,739
- **CÔTE D’IVOIRE**: 215,938

**POPULATION TRENDS**

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