Overall situation in the country

The humanitarian and security crisis in Mali continues to displace Malians into Mauritania, particularly into the south-eastern border region of Hodh Chargui, where Mbera refugee camp is located. This influx is exacerbating the strain on services and natural resources in a region with high levels of multi-dimensional poverty (approx. 78%) and acutely vulnerable to climate-related shocks. As the camp is saturated, the majority of new arrivals are choosing to settle in neighboring villages, requiring UNHCR to adapt its response both to needs within the camp (**see below**) and out of the camp (**see page 2**).

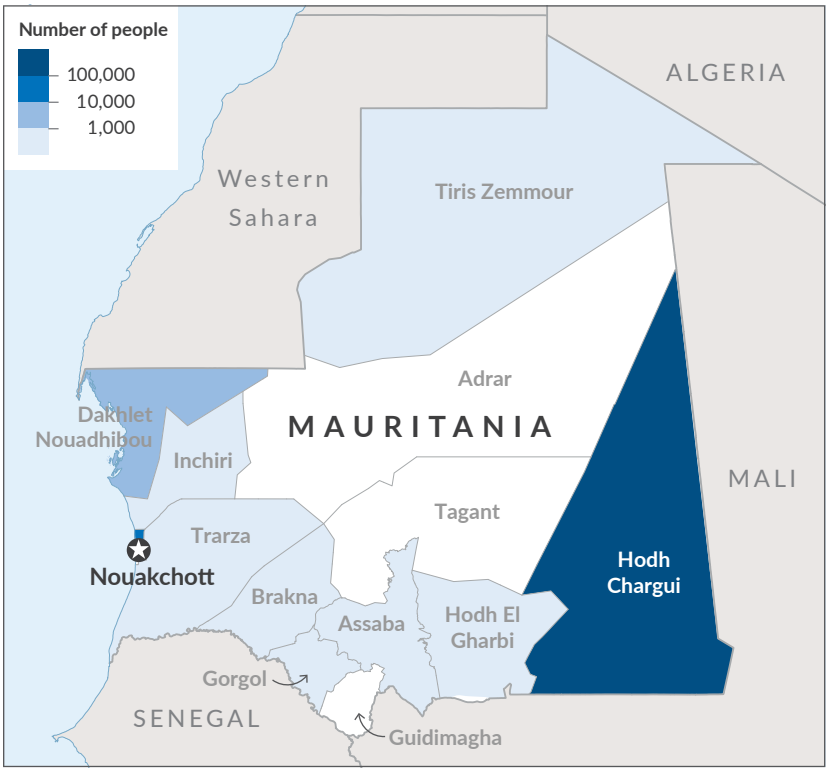
270,238
total refugees and asylum seekers

146,378
registered refugees and asylum seekers

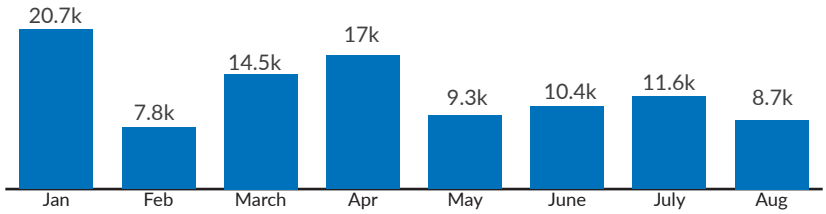
34,812
registered women (>18)

79,068
registered boys and girls

Total refugees and asylum seekers by region



Estimated new refugee arrivals in Hodh Chargui in 2024



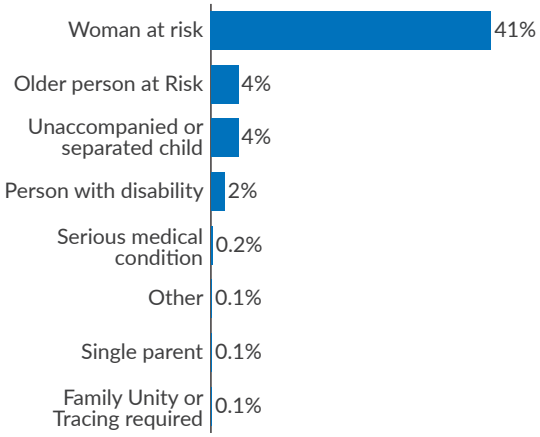
Situation in Mbera Camp

111,472
registered refugees

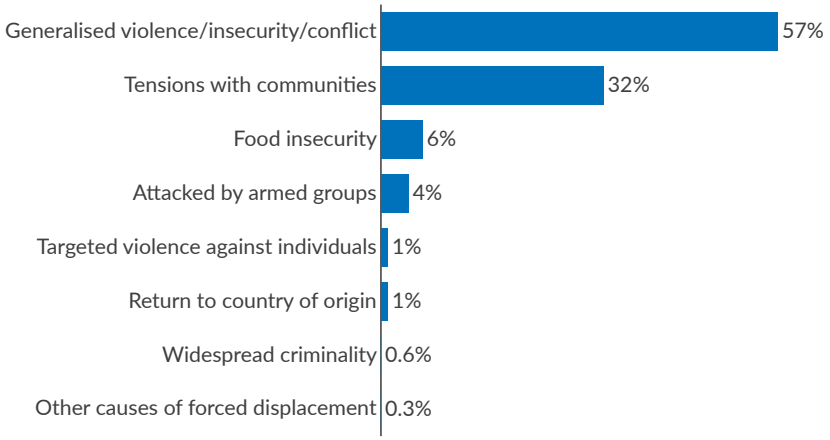
83%
registered women and children

1,662
new arrivals in August

Specific needs declared by new arrivals



Reasons for fleeing Mali



Out-of-camp situation in Hodh Chargui region

The out-of-camp response is part of the emergency humanitarian response for Malian refugees crossing into Hodh Chargui region. Focusing on refugees opting to settle outside Mbera refugee camp, which is already saturated, the objective is to deliver vital assistance to vulnerable displaced populations and host communities through an area-based approach. With refugees scattered across a wide geographical area, UNHCR is collecting monthly data on new arrivals through its Population Flow Monitoring in 70 villages and, with its partners and the local authorities, aims to scale up the provision of basic assistance such as food, shelter, healthcare, and WASH services.

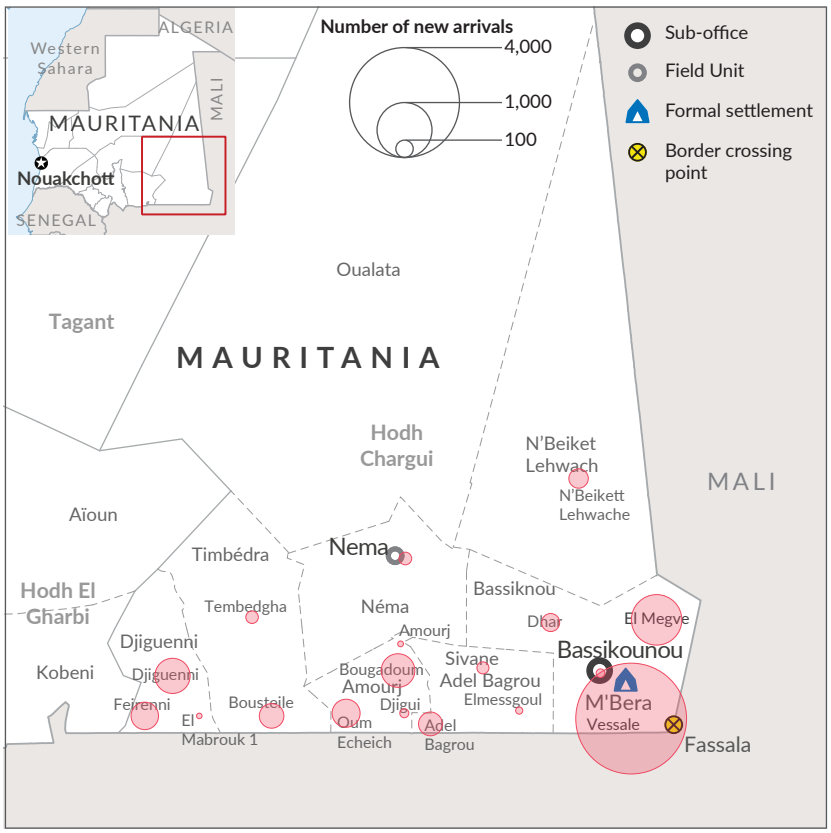
138,447
total Malian refugees

14,587
registered Malian refugees

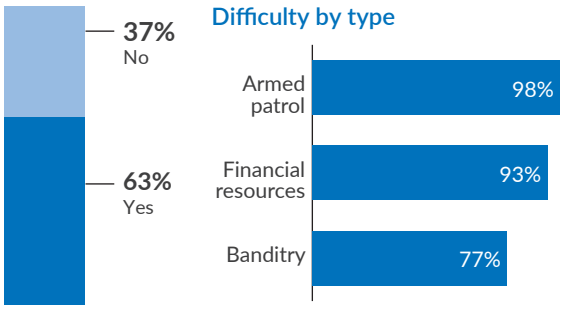
7,068
new arrivals in August

86%
women and children among new arrivals

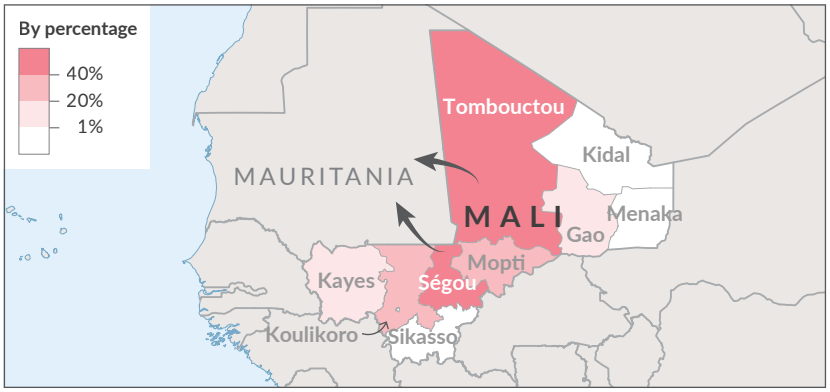
New arrivals in July by host commune



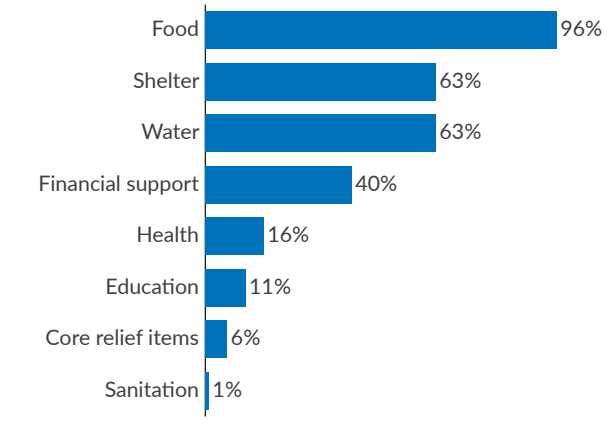
Difficulty along the journey to reach Mauritania



Region of origin (as identified by key informants)



Main needs in host villages



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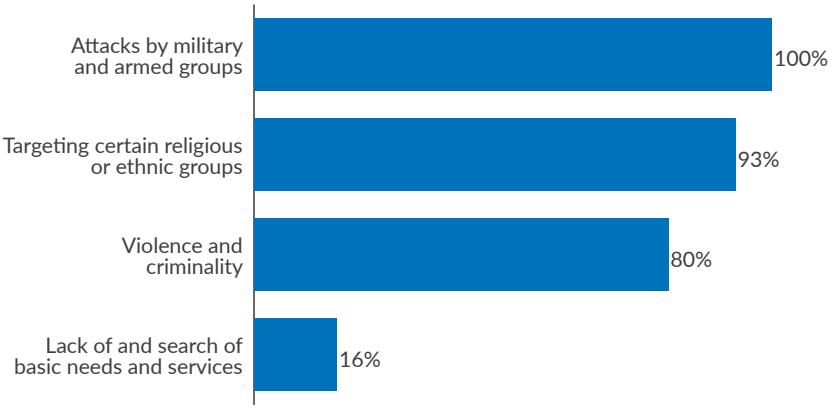

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