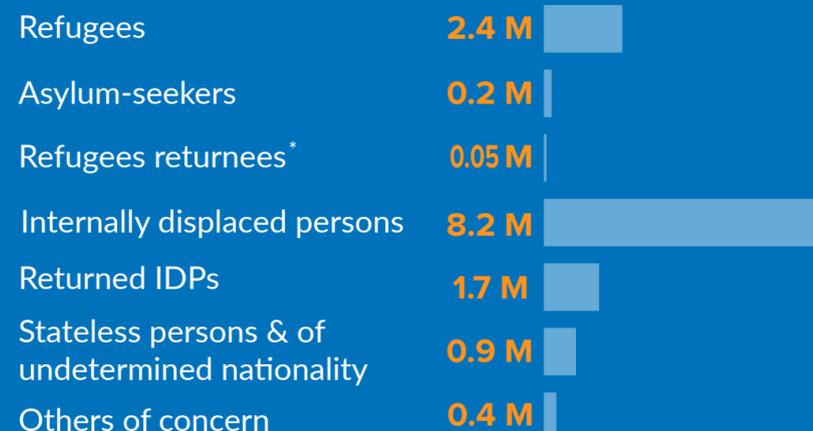
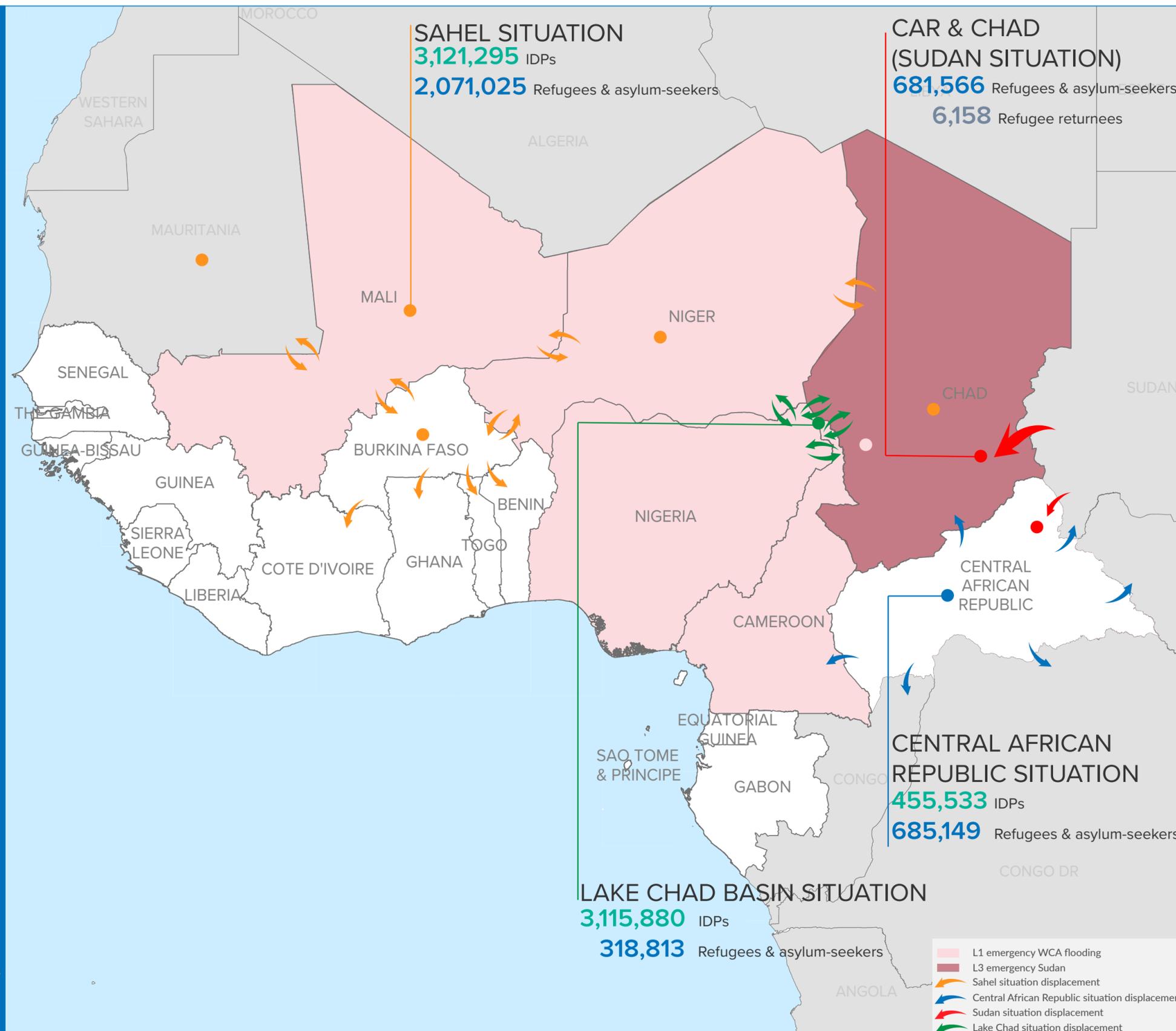
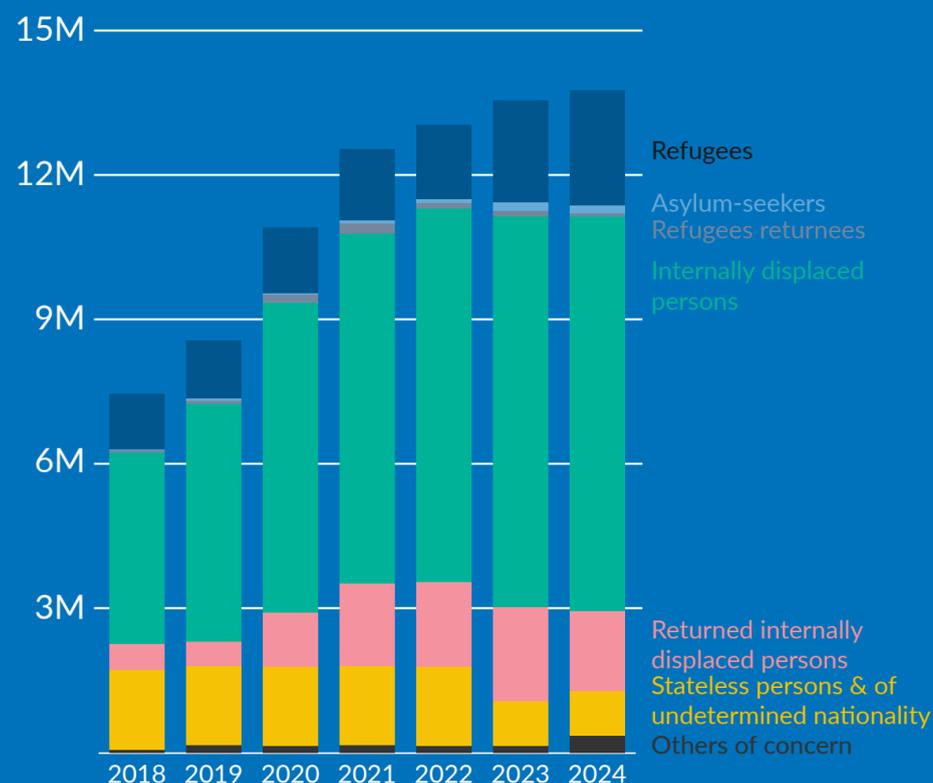


# 13.8 MILLION

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS



## Populations trends 2018 - 2024



Source : Geographic data: UNCS. Population statistics: UNHCR Monthly Statistical Reports or latest available, IDP statistics from OCHA, IOM.  
\* The number of refugees returnees is cumulative from January 2024 to current month

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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.

**2.6 MILLION** REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS

**0.05 MILLION** REFUGEES RETURNEES in 2024

**8.2 MILLION** INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

**1.7 MILLION** RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED

**0.9 MILLION** STATELESS & OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY

**0.4 MILLION** OTHERS OF CONCERN

The current number of 2.6 million refugees and asylum seekers represents a significant increase of 18% increase from the number reported at the same period in 2023, 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 decrease in Cameroon is due to the ongoing deactivation of those absent from verification.

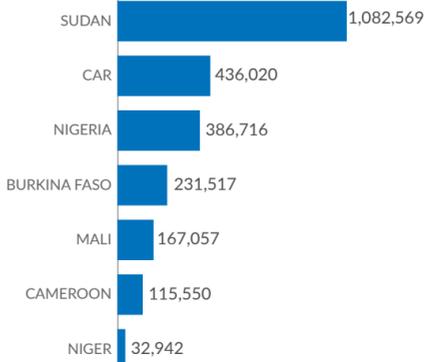
The largest hosting refugee country in the region is Chad with 48% of the total population, followed by Cameroon with 17%. Sudan, the Central African Republic (CAR), and Nigeria are the main countries of origin, together accounting for 74% of the region's refugee population.

The estimated population is 150,277 refugees and asylum-seekers (35% are asylum-seekers) in the region.

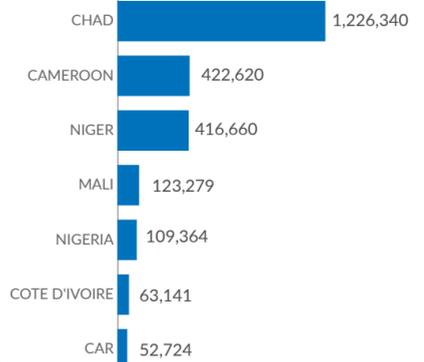
Internally displaced persons represent the vast majority of the forcibly displaced population in the West and Central Africa region. Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Cameroon respectively host 44%, 25% and 13% of the total IDP population.

West Africa hosts over 931,073 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.

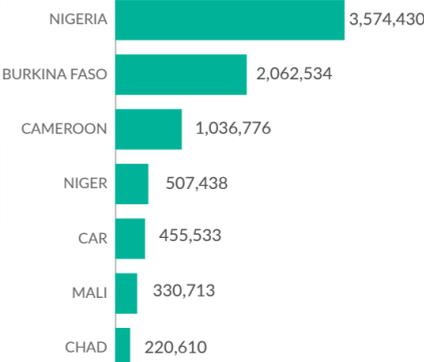
## MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



## MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM



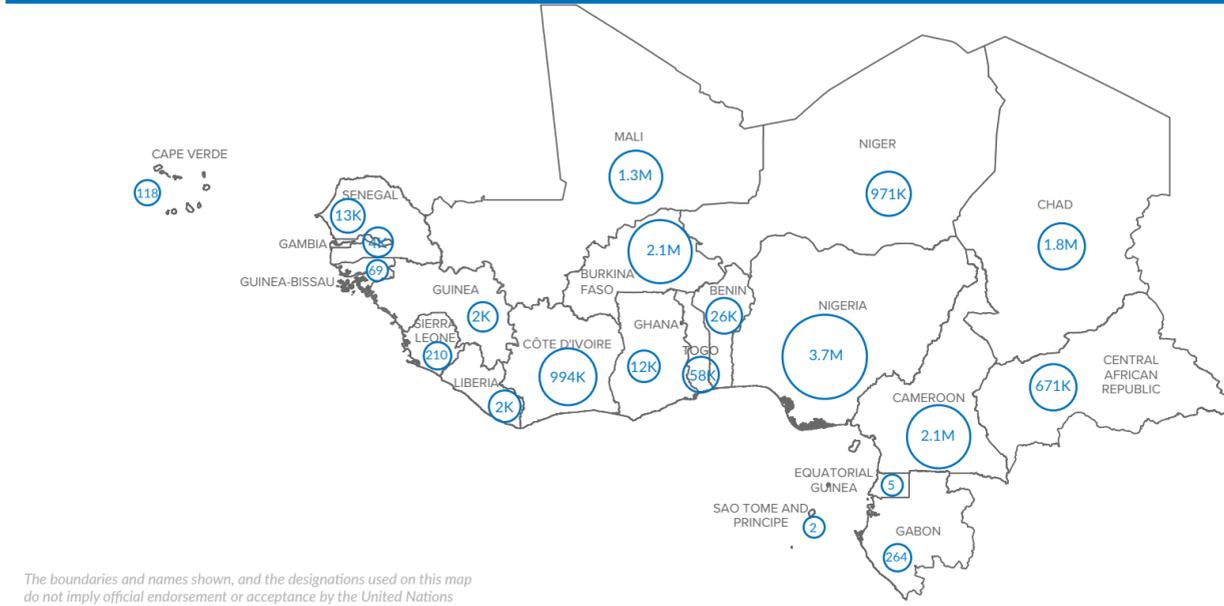
## INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT



## POPULATION TRENDS (last 6 months)



## FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS BY COUNTRY



	REFUGEES	ASYLUM SEEKERS	REF. RETURNEES	IDPs	RETURNED IDP	STATELESS	OTHERS	TOTAL
BENIN	16,141	981		8,785				25,907
BURKINA FASO	38,859	2,007		2,062,534				2,103,400
CAMEROON	408,469	14,151	4	1,036,776	658,544		854	2,118,798
CAPE VERDE		3				115		118
CAR	44,467	8,257	15,228	455,533	147,219**			670,704
CHAD	1,217,203	9,137		220,610			307,875***	1,754,825
COTE D'IVOIRE	2,359	60,782				930,958	94	994,193
GABON	178	77					9	264
GAMBIA	3,916	447						4,363
GHANA	7,090	5,053						12,143
GUINEA	2,187	57						2,244
GUINEA BISSAU	32	37						69
GUINEA EQUATORIAL	4	1						5
LIBERIA	1,169	675						1,844
MALI	122,992	287	2,068	330,713	848,866			1,304,926
NIGER	366,680	49,980		507,438			46,555	970,653
NIGERIA	77,872	31,492	33,625	3,574,430				3,717,419
SAO TOME & PRINCIPE		2						2
SENEGAL	11,852	1,126						12,978
SIERRA LEONE							210	210
TOGO	46,995	1,647		9,680				58,322
GRAND TOTAL	2,368,465	186,199	50,925	8,206,499	1,654,629	931,073	355,597	13,753,387

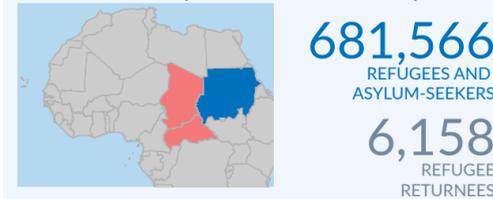
## MAJOR AREAS OF DISPLACEMENT

### CAR SITUATION



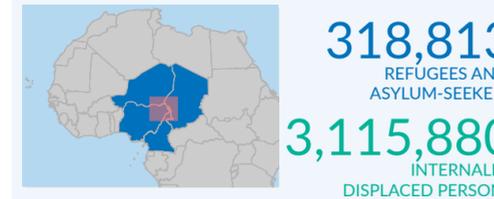
The figures reported reflect the number of refugees from the Central African Republic in neighbouring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, and South Sudan) and of the IDPs within the Central African Republic.

### CAR & CHAD (SUDAN SITUATION)



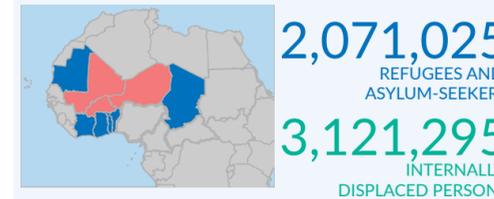
The figures reported reflect the number of Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers that arrived in the CAR and in Chad since the beginning of the current crisis in Sudan, in April 2023.

### LAKE CHAD BASIN



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

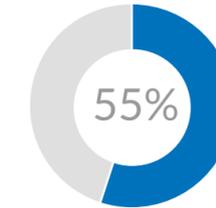
### SAHEL SITUATION



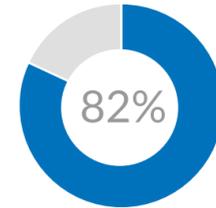
The figures reported reflect the number of IDPs in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali and Niger, as well as refugees dispersed throughout the Sahel region. They also include the number of refugees from the Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger) and in the neighbouring coastal countries of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire,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

## REFUGEE & ASYLUM-SEEKERS POPULATION PROFILE

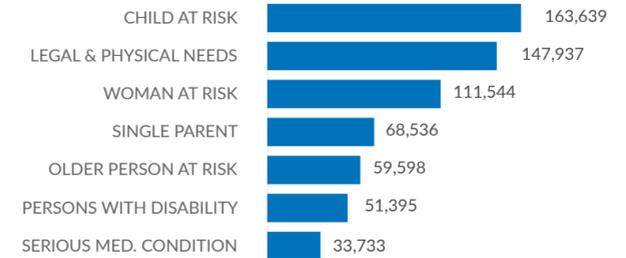
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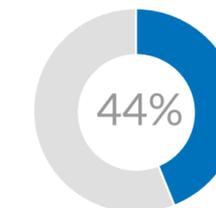
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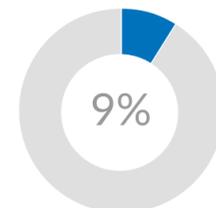
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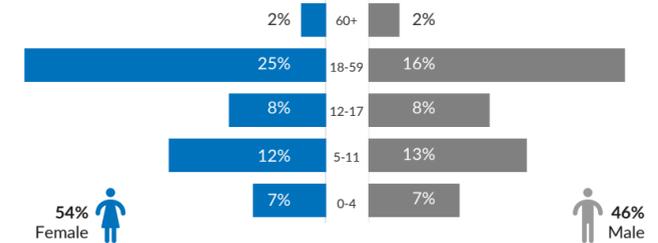
### REFUGEES IN CAMPS



### REFUGEES IN MAIN URBAN AREAS



### DEMOGRAPHICS



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\*\*\* The number of Others of concern in CHAD is the returned from abroad (Niger, CAR and Sudan), at risk of statelessness