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Forcibly Displaced Populations

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

- *Nigerians make up 3% of the world's 122 million forcibly displaced persons, including both internally displaced individuals and Nigerian refugees abroad.*
- *Conflict, insurgency, and communal violence have displaced millions, with the North-East experiencing the highest displacement.*

KEY FIGURES

127,176

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN NIGERIA

- *Nigeria hosts refugees & asylum-seekers from over 45 countries, this includes 20,997 individuals awaiting registration.*
- *Most refugees are concentrated in border states across the North East (Borno, Adamawa, Yobe), North Central (Benue), and South South (Cross River) regions of Nigeria.*

3,575,114

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

- *2,252,348 individuals displaced in the North East, primarily due to insurgency (92%) and communal clashes (6%).*
- *In the North West, 718,126 individuals are displaced, while the North Central region has 604,640, driven by various conflict dynamics.*

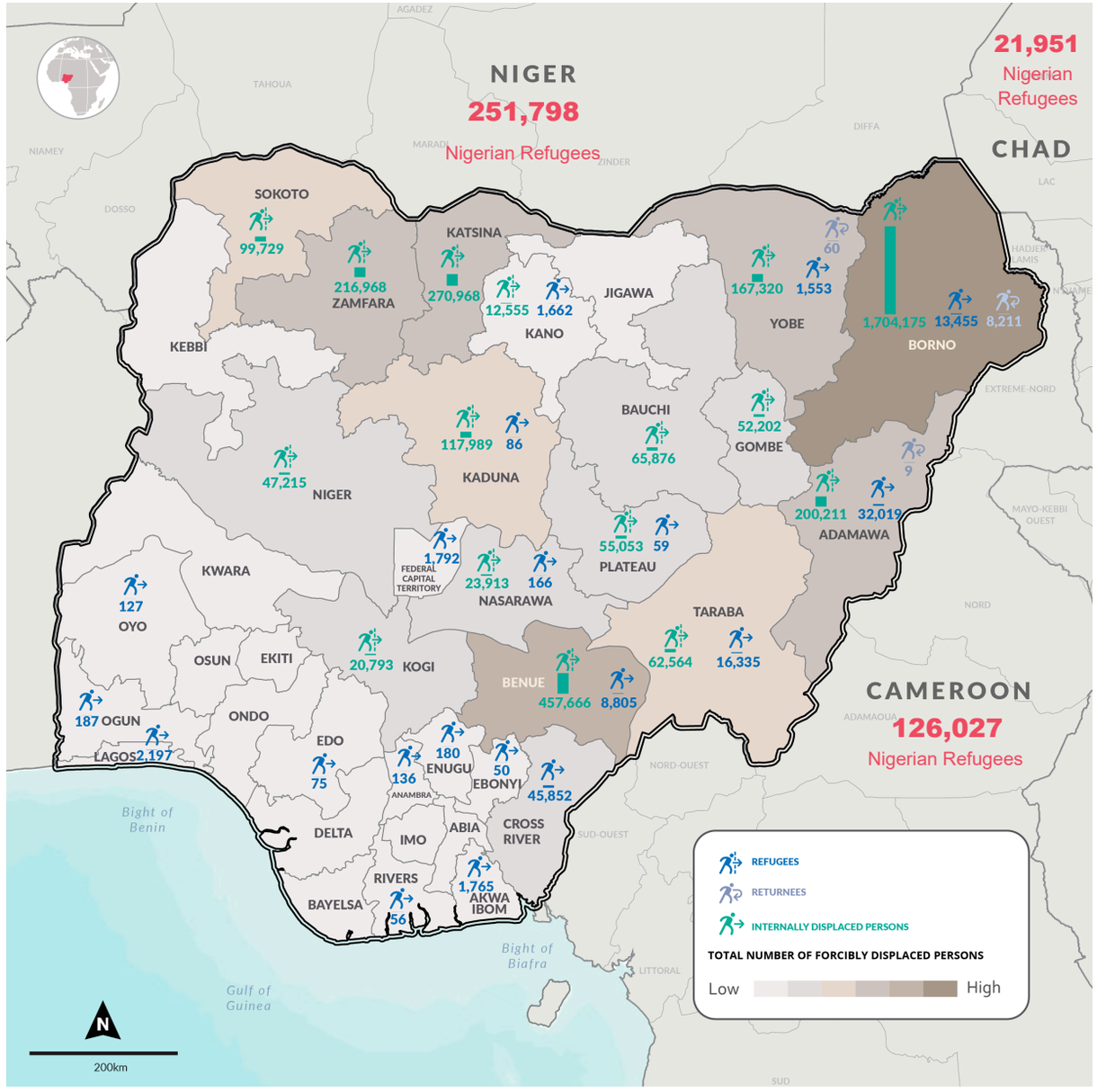
8,313

REFUGEE RETURNEES

- *Since the beginning of 2025, 1,027 refugees returned spontaneously from Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Sudan. Additionally, 7,286 refugees were repatriated bilaterally by the Nigerian Government from Chad.*

399,776

NIGERIAN REFUGEES REGISTERED IN CAMEROON, CHAD, AND NIGER



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