UNHCR protects and assists around *(as of 6/30/2025)* **12.8M forcibly displaced and stateless people across the West and Central African region**, including **refugees and asylum-seekers** (**26%**), **internally displaced persons (IDPs)** (**62%**), **refugee and IDP returnees** (**2%**), and **stateless people and individuals of undetermined nationality** (**7%**). Protection and assistance are extended to additional groups based on the humanitarian context in each operation.

West Africa hosts over **931,073** persons who are stateless or of undetermined nationality, reported mainly in Côte d'Ivoire and Cabo Verde.

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12.8M

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PEOPLE

2,785,920
Refugees

212,028
Asylum-seekers

28,652
Refugees returnees

8,160,040
Internally displaced persons

263,047
Returned internally displaced persons

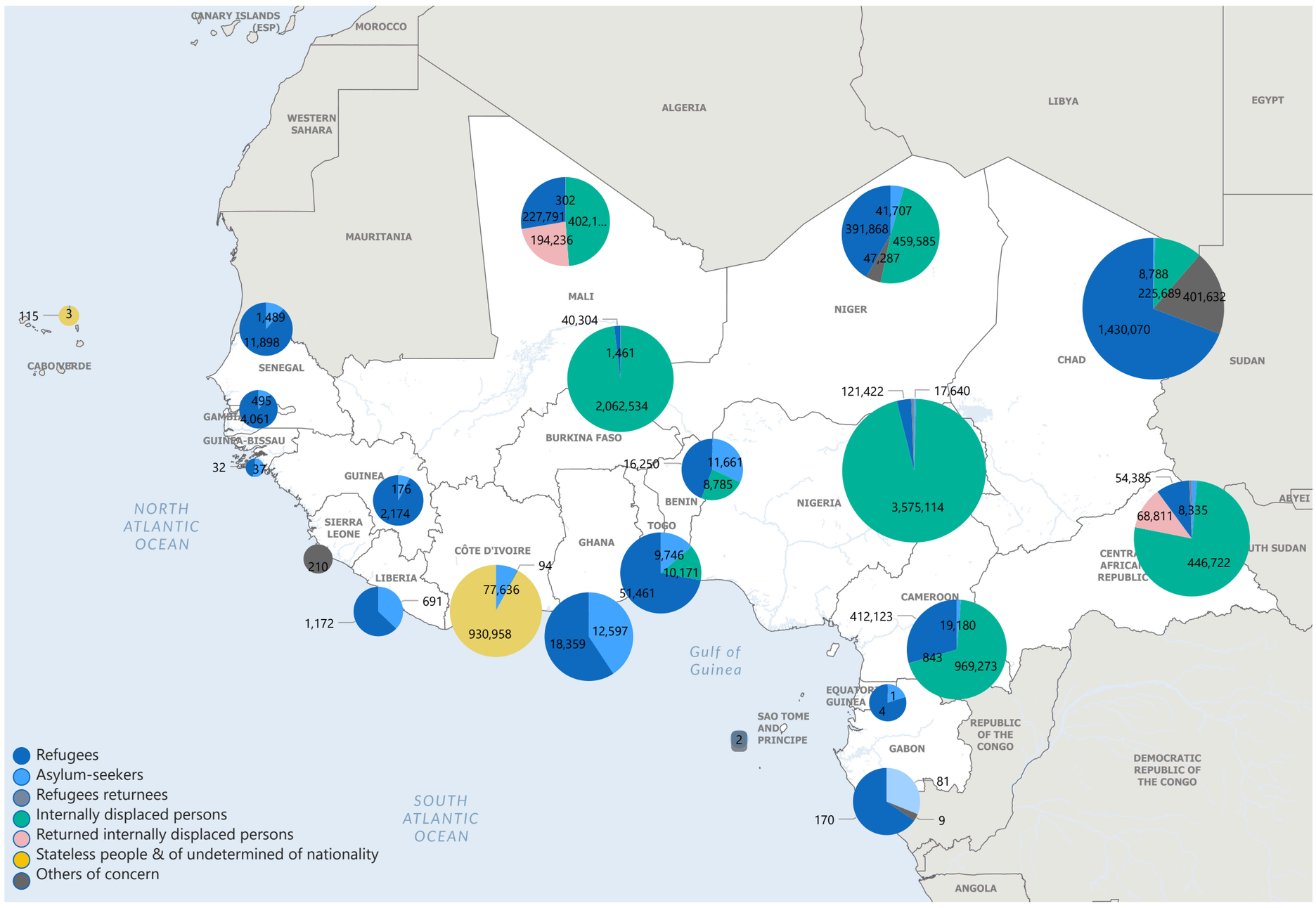
931,073
Stateless people and of undetermined nationality

450,075
Others of concern

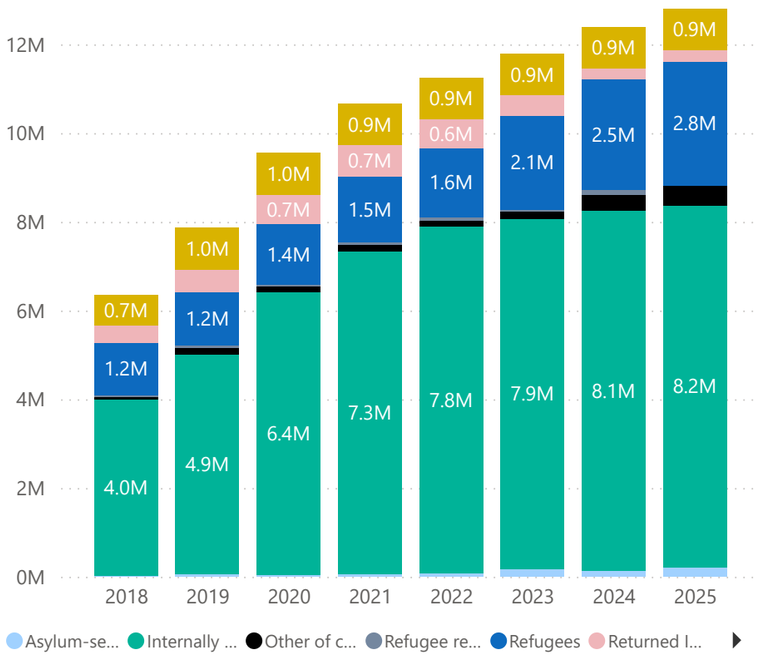
2,297,016
Refugees & asylum-seekers are individually registered

700,932
Refugees & asylum-seekers are not registered

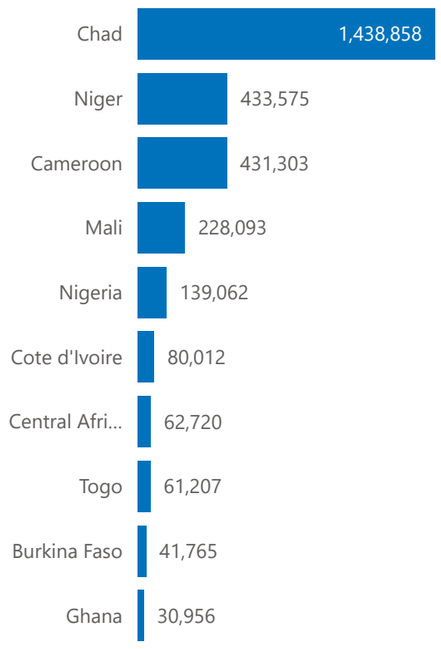
Are considered as not-registered the population (survey, census, estimated and pre-registered)



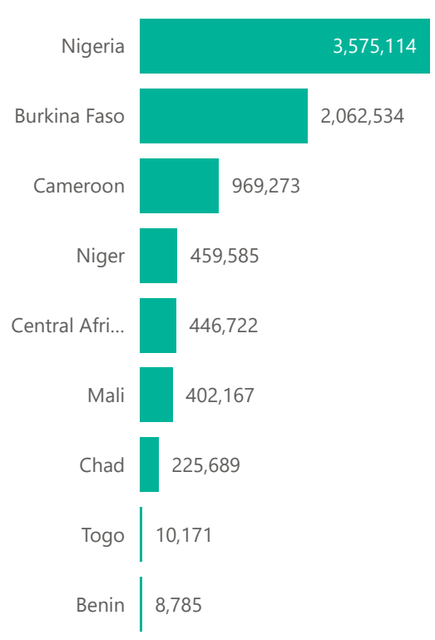
Population trends (2018-2025)



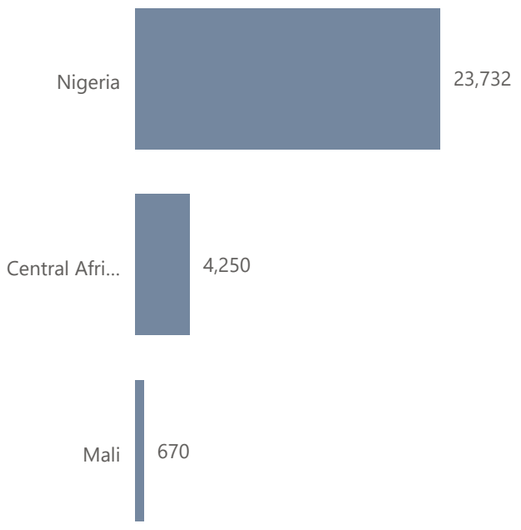
Main country of asylum (Top10)



Internal displacement

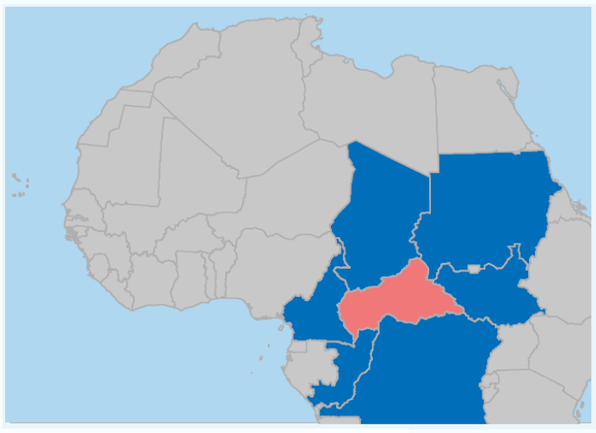


Refugees returnees in 2025



Major areas of displacement

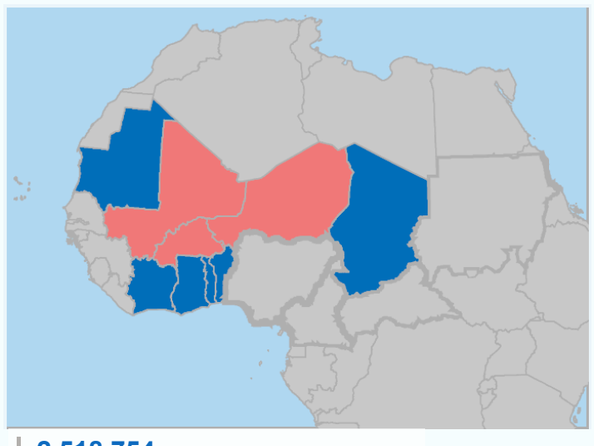
CAR situation



691,508
Refugees & asylum-seekers

446,722
Internally displaced persons

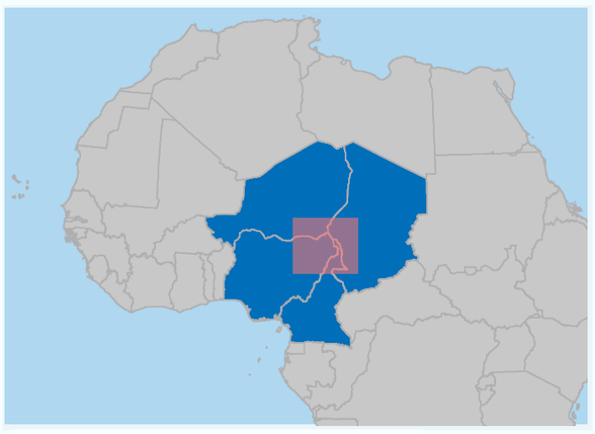
Sahel situation



2,518,754
Refugees & asylum-seekers

3,149,975
Internally displaced persons

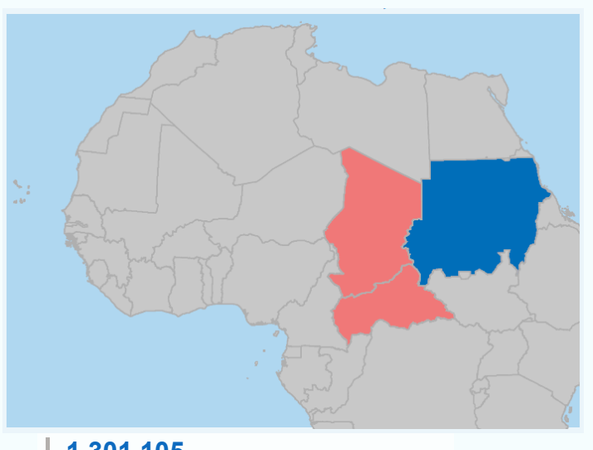
Lake Chad basin



224,373
Refugees & asylum-seekers

3,102,022
Internally displaced persons

Impact of Sudan situation (CAR & Chad)



1,301,105
Refugees & asylum-seekers

Population trends

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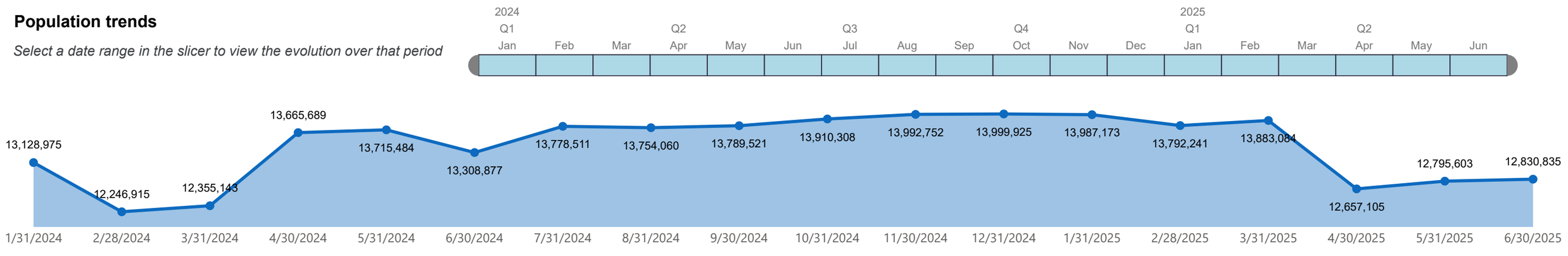

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