

## Situation overview

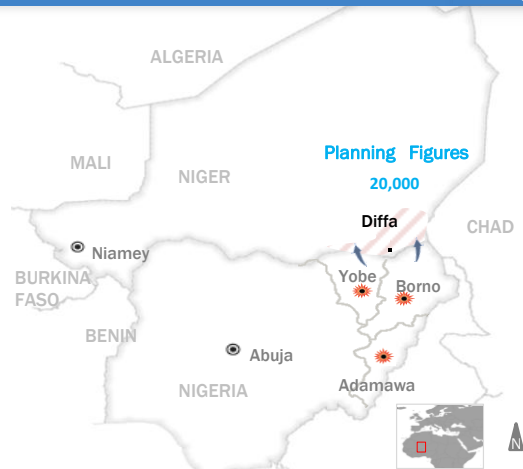
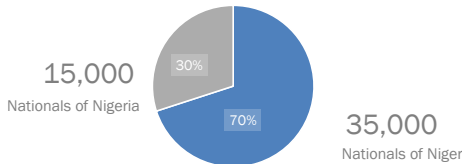
Since May 2013, southeastern Niger (Diffa region) has witnessed an influx of an estimated 50,000 displaced persons from Northern Nigeria following the declaration of the state of emergency in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States in Nigeria on 14 May 2013. The displaced population is seeking shelter in the families and villages of Niger.

### Estimated Figures\*



**50,000**  
Affected people

\* Figures based on Government census of 37,353 displaced conducted in September 2013 and estimated arrivals thereafter.



The boundaries and names used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Under State of emergency Affected areas

## Key developments

- On 4 December 2013, the Niger Government issued a decree to grant protection to Nigerian asylum seekers from the states of Yobe, Adamawa and Borno who have entered Niger since 14 May 2013.
- On 10 February 2014, the Govt/UNHCR/Unicef launched the civil documentation campaign in Diffa.
- UNHCR assisted in 2013 some 14,000 persons mainly with NFIs, and 8,000 with shelter support, while some community-based WASH/shelter projects are on-going
- So far, in 2014, there has been more than 12,000 new arrivals. Assistance in NFIs is on-going by UNHCR and its partner IRC

### Strategic priorities for 2014

- 1) Registration/Documentation
- 2) Protection monitoring (including border monitoring)
- 3) Community-based shelter and WASH assistance
- 4) Health and education

## Affected Area Baseline

Surface	: 156,906 km <sup>2</sup>
Distance from Niamey:	: 1,350 Km
Inhabitants	: 591,788
Accessibility	: Difficult
% pop. living less than \$1.25 per day	: 43.20%
Under-five mortality rate	: 0.66/10,000
Under-five global acute malnutrition rate	: 16.70%
% of pop. without sustainable access to an improved drinking water	: 48%



## Responses

### Protection Monitoring

The main objective is to ensure the full respect of fundamental rights of people fleeing from Nigeria, in accordance with letter and spirit of human rights, refugees and international humanitarian law.

Main activities are: border monitoring , the principle of non-refoulement , potential detention monitoring , population registration and profiling , population movement tracking , child protection

### Shelter

UNHCR assisted some 8,000 persons with shelter support, while some shelter projects are on-going. (rehabilitation or upgrade of shelter and infrastructure support for the Local committees).

### Core Relief Items

In response to the influx of population and to support efforts of host families, UNHCR has pre-positioned NFIs in affected localities in Diffa region: Blankets Mats , Jerrycan , Soap , Kitchen set , Mosquito Net

### Wash

Some community-based WASH/shelter projects are on-going (rehabilitation/upgrade of water systems in some villages and health centers, and infrastructure support for the Local committees).

### Community Approach

Government and humanitarian actors implement a strategy that does not only aim at safeguarding the institution of asylum but will also increase the absorption capacity of host populations affected by this influx.

This approach will help to create the conditions for peaceful coexistence between refugees, returnees and the host population.

The needs of the whole community will be targeted, with minimal distinction between refugees, returnees and local populations.

### Strategic Activities

#### 1. Reception

Initial reception at the village level by the "Comité d'Actions Communautaires " (CAC).

#### 2. Pre-registration

Pre-registration that allows the establishment of statistics, counting of broad categories, and the distribution of assistance

#### 3. Registration

Registration and documentation according to need and status, i.e. for refugees by Government (CNE)/UNHCR; for returnees by IOM; and host families by the Safety Net Cell.

**Partners: IOM, OCHA, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, WHO, IRC, ACTED, Croix Rouge , Search for Common Ground**

## Key Events

### 14 May 2013

Nigeria President Goodluck Jonathan declared a state of emergency in the states of Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa

### 1st June 2013

1st Joint Assessment Mission in Diffa by Niger Govt, UN agencies, NGOs, Red Crescent

### 12 November 2013

Nigerian Senate voted the extended State of emergency for another six months

### 04 December 2013

The Niger Government issued a decree to grant protection to Nigerian asylum seekers

### 10 February 2014

The launch of the civil documentation campaign in Diffa.