



## HIGHLIGHTS

**13,539**

Mauritanian refugees located in Kayes and Bamako in 2015

**42,690**

Total number of returned refugees in 2013-2015 (according to Malian authorities)

**4,307**

Returned refugees benefited from cash based interventions for their reintegration in 2015

**529**

Refugee returnees benefited from projects in the areas of agriculture, livestock and micro-finance in 2015

## Population of concern

**563,900** people of concern in Mali

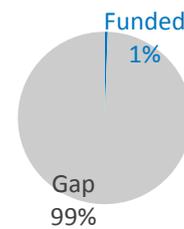
**144,677** Malians still in exile in the region

| Country                           | Total*         |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mauritanian Refugees              | 13,539         |
| Returned refugees (gov't figures) | 42,690         |
| Urban Refugees and Asylum Seekers | 2,449          |
| IDPs and Returnees                | 505,222        |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>563,900</b> |

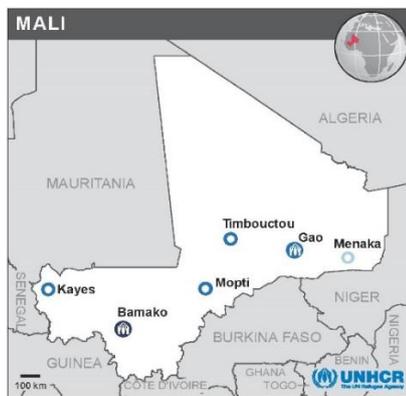
\*as of Feb 2016

## Funding

**USD 49.2 million** requested



## UNHCR Presence



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### Offices:

6 offices located in:  
Bamako, Gao, Kayes, Menaka, Mopti, and Timbuktu

### Staff:

97 national staff  
24 international staff

### 6 Implementing Partners:

- ACTED
- Luxembourg Red Cross
- Mercy Corps
- Ministry for Solidarity, Humanitarian Action and Reconstruction of the North
- National Commission for Refugees
- Stop Sahel

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR collaborates with the Ministry for Solidarity, Humanitarian Action and Reconstruction of the North and the National Commission for Refugees to support the coordination of protection and assistance to returnees, refugees and asylum seekers in Mali. In addition, UNHCR works closely with national and international NGOs and UN agencies to implement activities. As the cluster lead agency for both protection and shelter/NFI, UNHCR is responsible for assuring a coordinated humanitarian response in these sectors by supporting service delivery, informing strategic decision-making, planning and implementing sectoral strategies, monitoring and evaluating performance, building national capacity, and supporting advocacy. At the same time, UNHCR acts as a provider of last resort, with the aim of streamlining communication and collaboration to enhance accountability to affected people.

## 2016 ACTIVITIES FOR MAURITANIAN REFUGEES

### Protection

- Strengthen the registration and issuance of civil status documents to refugees by national institutions in order to assure their protection and prevent cases of statelessness.
- Advocate for the registration of births and the issuance of birth certificates to assure the protection of refugee children and prevent statelessness. Moreover, such activities are critical to help children gain access to public services such as health and education.

### Education

- Provide 600 refugee children with adequate school supplies to help them return back to school.
- Support literacy centres in 10 sites in the region of Kayes to help members of the refugee and host community gain basic skills to support their economic activities, as well as to promote peaceful co-existence.

### Health

- Provide 600 refugees with access to health insurance to reduce health care costs and improve access to medical services.

### Water and Sanitation

- Build two water points to improve access to potable water for 2,500 people and 4,000 animals while reducing risks linked to illnesses and violence against women and children in refugee sites.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Promote the self-reliance of refugees by providing training, support and equipment for productive activities such as raising livestock, improving agriculture production, growing vegetable gardens and pursuing other entrepreneurial activities.
- Train 100 community mobilizers from refugee and local communities on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) to facilitate the sensitization and participation of the refugee community against all forms of violence against women and children.
- Provide 20 refugee survivors of SGBV with psychosocial and medical support to reduce their suffering and stigmatization.

## 2016 ACTIVITIES FOR REFUGEE RETURNEES/IDPS

### Protection

- Improve the quality of registration and profiling of returned refugees in order to support their reintegration into communities with dignity.
- Support the civil registration of 16,000 returned refugees in the regions of Ségou, Mopti, Timbuktu, Gao, Kidal and Bamako.

- Train and build the capacities of government agents in order to improve the implementation and management of registration activities for persons of concern to UNHCR.
- Strengthen implementation of protection monitoring to improve collection, analysis, advocacy and information sharing of human rights violations, conflicts and vulnerabilities of conflict-affected refugees, returnees, IDPs and local communities.

### Shelter and NFIs

- Provide 850 refugee returnee households in the region of Gao, Mopti and Timbuktu with adequate and durable shelter to support their reintegration into communities by rehabilitating and constructing 450 durable shelters, as well as providing 400 kits for the construction of traditional homes adapted to nomadic and semi-nomadic lifestyles.



### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Promote peaceful coexistence between refugee returnees and local communities by setting up 15 shelter committees to inform and actively engage members of the community in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of their homes in Gao and Mopti regions. In the process, build the capacity of six community mobilizers in the shelter sector.
- Support cash-based interventions to 6,000 refugee returnees in Gao, Mopti and Timbuktu regions to meet their reintegration basic needs.
- Support refugee returnees, IDPs and vulnerable local communities in Gao, Mopti and Timbuktu to increase and diversify their revenue generating opportunities and better adapt to stresses related to forced displacement. Activities will include support to herders from the poorest communities to increase their production capacity; training and financial support for entrepreneurial activities; training and resources to help vulnerable women raise goats; and support for 60 village-level savings and credit associations to help vulnerable households gain access to finance.
- Provide training and financial support to 200 IDPs in Bamako to build capacities to manage small enterprises to meet their basic needs.

## 2016 ACTIVITIES FOR URBAN REFUGEES/ASYLUM SEEKERS



### Protection

- Improve the quality of registration and profiling activities of all refugees and asylum seekers ensuring that all receive identity documents.
- Expand and improve access to the refugee status determination processes for asylum seekers.
- Improve statistical collection by supporting the civil registration of urban refugees and asylum seekers into a secure database.
- Advocate for the Malian Government's adherence to ratified statelessness conventions and support its adoption into national legislation.



### Education

- Provide access to primary education to 300 urban refugee children and access to secondary education to 100 urban refugee children by assisting them in the payment of school fees.
- Provide support to 16 urban refugee youths to complete professional diploma programs.



### Health

- Improve health care access for 33 refugees in the Faragouaran commune of the Sikasso region by supporting greater access to medical centers.
- Provide care to 434 refugees by supporting their subscription to health insurance plans.



### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Train 25 urban refugees on the prevention of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and complete the creation of three community groups in urban areas to promote the prevention of SGBV.

- Provide timely support to refugees with special needs including psychosocial and moral support as well as financial support to 119 refugees including unaccompanied children and persons living with HIV.
- Strengthen and intensify community mobilization ensuring that refugees are involved in all aspects of sensitization activities on the themes of sanitation and society.
- Implement revenue generating activities to support the economic independence of refugees while providing professional training and support for start-up costs to 15 young urban refugees.

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