



August 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

2,249

Nigerian refugees relocated from sites on the RN1 to the camp of Sayam Forge between July and August 2016.

8,896

Malian refugee households received e-voucher magnetic cards for assistance in Mangaize refugee camp

1,000

Nigerian refugee children received birth certificates in Sayam Forge refugee camp, Diffa

11,700

Vulnerable displaced and host families received gas bottles for domestic energy in the Diffa region in 2016.

Population of concern

A total of **302,542** people of concern
69,674 newly displaced not yet included. New figures TBC for Diffa situation.

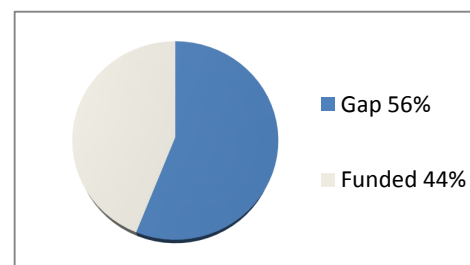
Country of Origin	Total PoC
Mali	60,792
Nigeria	114,048*
Niger	127,208**
Others	494
Total	

* This figure includes 82,524 Nigerian refugees and 31,524 returnees

** Internally Displaced Persons (IDP)

Funding

USD 51,188,166 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

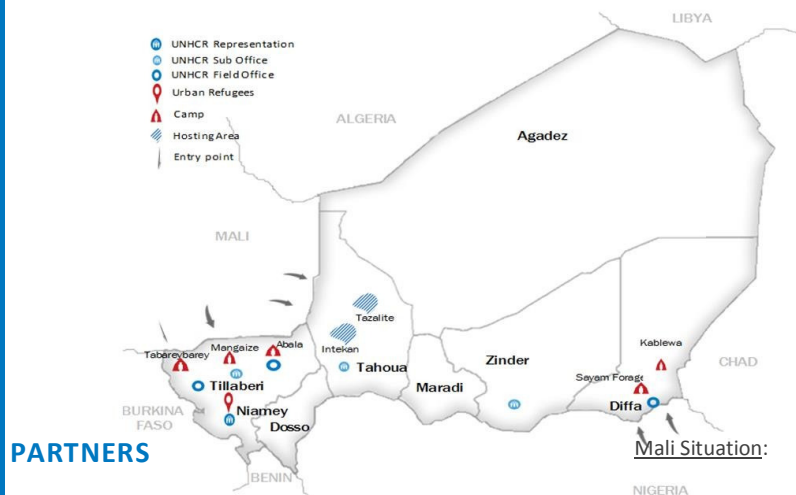
105 national staff

35 international staff

Offices:

07 offices located in:

Niamey, Tillabéri, Ouallam, Abala, Tahoua, Zinder, Diffa



PARTNERS

- APBE: Camp management (Tillabery Camps)
- APBE: Health and nutrition (ZARs)
- Adkoul: Multi-sectorial management (ZARs)
- DICKO: Protection and boarder monitoring
- Qatari Red Crescent and DRSP: Health (Tillabery Camps)
- Handicap International: Assistance to Urban refugees
- Plan Niger: Livelihood
- CARE: Cash Based Initiatives

Nigeria Situation:

- ACTED / REACH: Data management
- APBE: Health / Emergency shelter / Camp management
- IRC: Protection and boarder monitoring
- COOPI: Education / Transitional shelter
- SFCG: Communication
- CISP: Urbanization
- CARE: logistics/CBI
- OXFAM: WASH

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- **Mali situation:** Between May and July, there was a notable increase in interest in voluntary repatriation to Mali by Malian refugees in Niger. In 2016, UNHCR have assisted a total of 2,194 refugees to repatriate to Mali. However, the month of August saw the arrival of new refugees to Niger and a decline in interest in repatriation due to increasing inter-communal tensions and conflict in parts of Northern Mali. UNHCR are providing an emergency response in terms of shelter, NFI, protection and basic services to new arrivals in Abala refugee camp.
- **Nigeria situation:** On the 30th of August, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Niger Bar Association and UNHCR Niger. This MoU ensures the provision of legal assistance for refugees in custody in Niger, mainly on suspicion of association with terrorist groups.

Durable Solutions

- **Mali situation:** The first phase of the urbanization project in the town of Ayorou is in the final stages. 400 beneficiary Malian refugee families have been selected to receive land plots to settle outside the camp of Tabareybarey. This is part of UNHCR's overall orientation towards integration into national systems for Malian refugees who do not wish to return to Mali due to the continuing insecurity. This is the first step for Malian refugees in terms of urbanization, whilst 7 communes in the Diffa region have also been urbanized, while the project is ongoing.

Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- **Mali situation:** In the camp of Tabareybarey and the ZAR of Intikane, UNHCR and WFP have begun to shift from general assistance to targeted assistance based on household needs. 75 surveyors and local guides began an exhaustive door-to-door data collection to record the socio-economic characteristics of each household. After the data collection, UNHCR and WFP will provide a first classification of households to be vetted by the beneficiaries.

Camp Management and Coordination

- **Nigeria situation:** An Agreement has been signed between the Humanitarian Coordination Cell (Prime Minister Cabinet) and UNHCR regarding the management of the spontaneous sites in the Diffa region. UNHCR are supporting the institutional resilience of the Government counterparts in their management of the displacement crisis in the region, and increasing capacities in terms of coordination and information management.

Energy

- **Nigeria situation:** Distributions of gas bottles to vulnerable households outside of the camps are on-going. Of the 20,000 households targeted in 2016, 11,700 have already been reached (approximately 81,900 persons). From the 24th to the 26th of August, a joint mission was organized by UNHCR with the Regional Directorates of Energy, Trade, Environment, and the Promotion of Woman and Protection of Children. In all the sites visited, local authorities and beneficiaries expressed a high level of satisfaction with this intervention and asked the UNHCR to extend it to more households. This project has shown positive results in the areas of livelihoods – increasing household income, protection – in particular reducing the risk of SGBV incidents, and in the preservation of the environment and natural resources.

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