

## CAMEROON

### OVER 2,600 NIGERIAN REFUGEES FORCEFULLY RETURNED

Cameroon has forcefully returned more than 2,600 Nigerian refugees since January, UNHCR reported on 21 March. Several groups of Nigerian refugees were also forced to return to conflict-hit north-east Nigeria last year. UNHCR urged Nigeria's neighbours to continue keeping their borders open to grant access and asylum to people fleeing the conflict. On 2 March, Cameroon and Nigeria together with UNHCR signed a tripartite agreement on the voluntary repatriation of Nigerian refugees in Cameroon.

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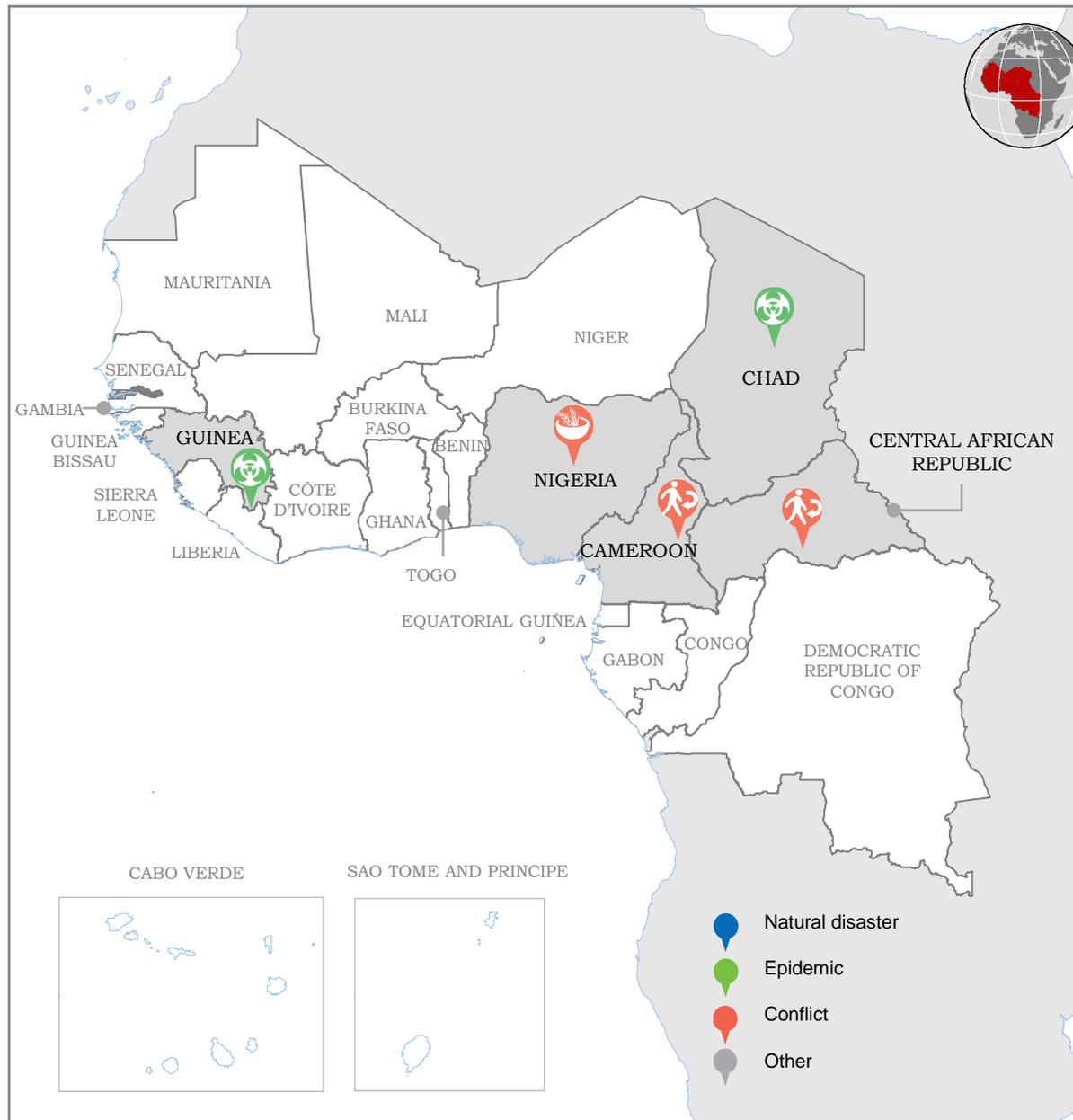
### POLIO VACCINATION TARGETS 4.2 MILLION CHILDREN

Since 25 March, the Ministry of Public Health, UNICEF and WHO are conducting a four-day national immunization campaign against polio targeting 4.2 million children under five. Between 2010 and 2016, 51 immunization drives against polio have been conducted, reaching an average of 4 million children under five. Chad has reported no polio cases since June 2012. However, new cases erupted last year in Borno state in neighbouring Nigeria. Due to population movements in the area and low immunization coverage of children, the risk of infection spread is high. The latest vaccination campaign is part of a synchronized campaign in 13 African countries targeting more than 116 million children under five in an attempt at definitively eradicating polio in the continent.

## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

### IDPs RELOCATE TO NEW SITE

In the northern Kaga-Bandoro town, a site set up to host displaced people who had sought refuge near the MINUSCA peacekeepers' base after the October 2016 violence is gradually filling up. As of 21 March, 2,750 people had relocated to the new site and about 8,000 others had returned to their neighbourhoods.



## GUINEA

### OVER 3,400 MEASLES CASES RECORDED SINCE JANUARY

More than 3,400 cases of measles and eight deaths have been reported since January. The outbreak has been reported in at least 17 health districts. As of 20 March, 148,133 children had been vaccinated in N'Zérékoré, prefecture in the country's south. Vaccinations in other regions are to be limited to children younger than five years due to lack of finances and vaccines. There are worries that older children could be dangerously exposed.

## NIGERIA

### MORE THAN 50,000 TO FACE FAMINE IN JUNE - AUGUST

More than 50,000 people risk famine in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states between June - August if no adequate measures are taken, according to the Cadre Harmonisé food security assessment released on 23 March. Overall, some 5.2 million people across the three states are projected to face severe food insecurity, one third of them at "emergency" levels. Ongoing conflict and attacks have prevented farmers from growing crops for over three consecutive years triggering severe food crisis in the largely agrarian region.

### SUICIDE ATTACKS HIT DISPLACEMENT SITES

Five suicide bombers on 22 March hit three locations at Muna Garage area in the north-eastern Maiduguri city, killing three people and injuring more than 20 others. Muna Garage hosts thousands of displaced people in informal settlements and also serves as assembly point for vehicles to be escorted outside the city. The area has been targeted repeatedly by suspected Boko Haram attackers.