

HIGHLIGHTS

September 2018

More than three years after the signing of the 2015 Peace and Reconciliation Accord, Mali is still facing major security and political challenges to implement it.

The volatile security environment in northern and central Mali as well as in the border areas continues to trigger forced displacements inside Mali and into neighbouring countries. This situation is affecting the overall protection environment and limiting the humanitarian access, as well as the access to basic needs and essential services such as health, documentation, shelter, water, education and food, and security.

KEY INDICATORS

- ✓ **911 people on the move** identified within the migration flows.
- ✓ **578 birth certificates** issued since the start of the year.
- ✓ **396 persons** (242 women and 154 men) **sensitized** about SGBV Prevention and Response.

PRIORITIES

- ✓ Support voluntary repatriation of refugees in protracted situations;
- ✓ Continue the process of naturalisation for Mauritanian refugees who have indicated their desire for local integration;
- ✓ Support and advocate for the functioning of the Appeals Board as well as expedite the granting of refugee status to eligible applicants;
- ✓ Strengthen protection to PoCs through socio-economic activities and access to basic rights;
- ✓ Strengthen advocacy for the domestication of the Kampala Convention for IDPs;
- ✓ Approach other UN Agencies to encourage them to intervene through projects to strengthen basic social structures ("delivering as one" context).

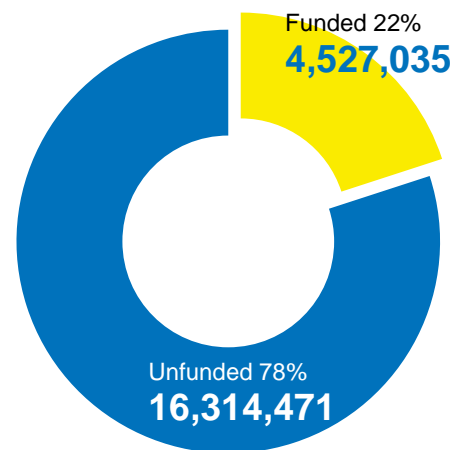


On 12 September 2018, UNHCR, in collaboration with leaders of the Ivorian refugee community, held information and awareness sessions in Bamako to inform refugees about the conditions of return to their country of origin and the return package. ©UNHCR/Mali/A.Konate

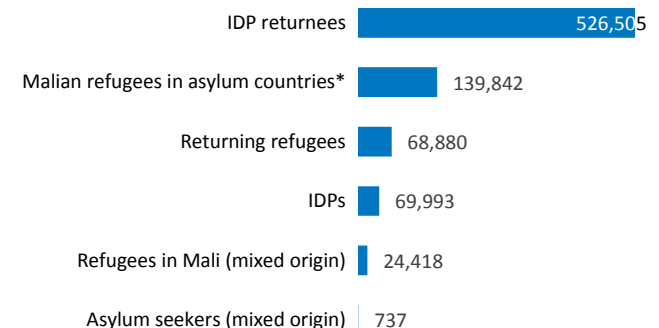
FUNDING (AS OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2018)

USD 20,841,507

Requested for Mali



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Figures as of 31st August 2018.

* Source: UNHCR. All other figures are sourced from the Government of Mali.

Update on Achievements

Operational Context

- Following the presidential elections, Mali published the list of the new government on Sunday, 9th of September 2018 containing 32 names as against 36 in the former government of which 11 women. Two Ministers of UNHCR's main line ministries of Solidarity and Humanitarian Action and the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, remain unchanged.
- On 24th September 2018, the Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta paid tribute to the late Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, during the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit held in the Great Plenary Hall of the General Assembly of the United Nations headquarters in New York. IBK's participation falls within the scope of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, where he expressed his concern regarding the G5 Sahel joint force by stating that it was struggling to become "operational" and called on all financial contributors to "honor their commitments."
- The Malian Prime Minister, Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga, received at his office a delegation of Malian refugees settled in Mauritania. The delegation of twenty refugees came upon the invitation from the Malian Government, to participate to the commemoration of the 58th anniversary of the Malian Independence. The delegation expressed the wish of all Malian refugees, settled in Mauritania, to return to Mali as soon as security conditions permit.
- Mali celebrated its 58th Independence Anniversary on 22nd September, 2018. Nine Heads of States including six Heads of Government were present at the colourful ceremony which took place in Bamako. The President of Niger noted that progress is being made in relation to peace but more needs to be done in order to implement the Algiers Peace Agreement.
- As schools reopen in Mali on October 1, 2018, it is worth noting that in the central and northern regions of Kidal, Gao, Timbuktu, Mopti and Segou, educational equipment and resources are the target of frequent attacks. More than 700 schools were closed at the end of the 2017-2018 school year and nearly 2 million out-of-school children are aggravating factors in the low enrollment rate of girls and boys from very poor families.
- As part of the visit of the Under Secretary General, Head of the Department of Peacekeeping Operation (DPKO), a MINUSMA/UNCT retreat was organized. UNHCR's presentation concerned a topic on "Footprint of MINUSMA and the UNCT", balancing and optimizing MINUSMA's presence according to priorities of UN SRC 2423 (2018) including through an enhanced capacity to protect UN personnel.
- UNHCR continues to participate in the finalization of the UN-EU Spotlight Initiative country programme document on the elimination of violence against women and girls. UNHCR will co-lead along with UN Women pillar 1 on the Legislative and Policy Frameworks but will also contribute to the outcome of pillars 4 on the Delivery of Quality, Essential Services and 5 on Data Availability and Capacities.
- UNHCR Mali took part in the 8th meeting of the Tripartite Commission UNHCR/Burkina Faso/Mali in Ouagadougou on the 14th of September, 2019 upon the invitation of the

Government of Burkina Faso. The next meeting is scheduled on 13 December 2018 in Bamako.

- Through regular follow-ups by UNHCR, WFP proceeded with the distribution of food vouchers to 42 repatriated households in Menaka region whose voluntary return was facilitated on 19th of July from Abala Camp in Niger. This assistance covers the months August and September 2018. On the other hand, 3 Ivorian refugee households expressed their wish to return home after a series of sensitization campaigns carried by UNHCR on voluntary repatriation in Bamako for refugees living in Mali.
- On September 25, 2018, UNHCR met with representatives of the United Nations Foundation based in Washington DC. The UN Foundation advocates for UN activities with US institutions and it is preparing a visit of the American Congress to Mali in November 2018. They expressed interest in UNHCR work in Gao as the delegation will visit the city.
- On September 26, 2018, the Nigerien authorities sent a correspondence to their Malian homologues and UNHCR to suggest 15 and 16 November as dates for the 12th meeting of the Niger-Mali-UNHCR Tripartite Commission for the Voluntary Repatriation of Malian Refugees in Niger.
- On September 26, 2018, the RSD Commission, met to discuss the claims of 154 asylum seekers (and dependents) at the office of the National Commission for Refugees in Bamako. The commission recognized the refugee status of 152 applicants, rejected one claim and will seek additional information for another claim. The commission's decisions will be sent to the Ministry of Territorial Administration for final confirmation and signature.

Achievements

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PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Protection Cluster

- The support mission of the Global Protection Cluster through the Senior Protection Adviser (ProCap) to the Mali Protection Cluster was accomplished. The purpose of this mission was to support the protection analysis and to elaborate the protection strategy of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT). National consultations with HCT, substantial services of MINUSMA, donors and NGOs and authorities were organized. These working sessions allowed for joint analyzes of the humanitarian context and identified the challenges of protecting the civilian population in Mali. The consultant initiated a draft of recommendations.
- Protection and Shelter Clusters prepared and participated in the 2018 national humanitarian needs analysis workshop on 19-20 September. Guidance on Needs Projection and Humanitarian Response Planning for 2019 was also discussed.

During this workshop, the clusters' coordinators presented the analysis of the humanitarian needs and the gap in the protection and assistance of the targeted populations in 2018. Thus, for the Protection Cluster, out of the 995 000 targeted persons for protection response, only 61,060 received direct assistance by 30 June 2018. In addition, about 1,000 people, including protection actors, state actors and the community, benefited from capacity-building sessions and / or protection awareness sessions for the civilian population. Thus, the needs of more than 900,000-targeted persons are not yet directly covered. As of August 31, only 12% of the funds required for protection were received. The funding gap represents 88%. The main challenges raised include low coverage of conflict-affected areas in monitoring and protection assessments, weak protection analysis and protection risks, poor protection response and accessibility to essential services by target groups . These analyzes will guide the overview of humanitarian needs for 2019 and the planning of related responses.

- On September 12, the Protection Cluster held its monthly meeting. The analysis of the protection situation in August, reported 76 protection incidents collected and documented by the protection monitoring in the northern and central regions. As of August 31, 2018, 69,993 persons were counted as IDPs in Mali compared to 38,800 in December 2017. This reflects 43,000 new IDPs (from January to August 2018) in the regions of Gao, Menaka, Timbuktu, Mopti and Kolikoro.
- The national consultant in charge of drafting the Malian draft law on protection and assistance to IDPs continued the working sessions with State and humanitarian actors in collaboration with the Protection Cluster coordination. These sessions helped to advance the first draft that will be submitted to an internal review before its submission for comments.
- On 26 September, the Protection Cluster issued the protection matrix for the months of July-August 2018. The recommendations of this matrix allowed to introduce advocacy to members of the civil-military coordination, humanitarian actors and authorities to protect the civilian population in localities and areas identified as at risk of protection, particularly in the regions of Mopti, Gao and Timbuktu.

Mixed Movements

- **Monitoring:**

As part of the monitoring carried out by UNHCR's partner, AMSS, 911 people on the move (128 in Mopti/Bamako, 362 in Gao and 421 in Timbuktu) were identified, including 9 women of Ivorian and Guinean nationalities. Of these, 662 were identified in the outflows, in contrast to 249 in the inflows, of which 154 evicted from Algeria and 95 returned from Algeria. These persons are from Guinea, Mali, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Gambia, Nigeria, Liberia, Mauritania, Ghana, Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Bissau and Comoros Islands. In September, 37 unaccompanied and / or separated

children (Timbuktu 31 and Mopti 6) were identified in the migration flows. They are from Guinea, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Mali, Senegal, Burkina-Faso, Guinea-Bissau and Nigeria. In addition, within the framework of the Cross Regional Coordination platform set up on the initiative of the Office of the Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation, 2 teleconferences with the offices of Algeria, MENA bureau, Niger and Mali were organized to monitor the evictions from Algeria. It needs to be noted that no evictions from Algeria to Mali have been recorded in September.

■ **Awareness:**

37 sensitization sessions (20 in Mopti, 5 in Timbuktu and 12 Gao) were organized reaching at least 471 people in transit movements (inflows and outflows), including 427 men and 44 women. In total, 277 persons were reached in Mopti (257 men and 20 women), 95 in Timbuktu (87 men and 8 women) and 99 in Gao (83 men and 16 women). The purpose of these sensitizations is to raise awareness on the "consequences of irregular migration and statelessness", "the issues of mixed movements", "the consequences of mixed movements", "human rights' violations and risks related to mixed movements" and "the importance of documentation".

■ **Case tracking:**

As part of the follow-up on the cases, the protection conducted interviews and monitored identified cases (old and new) of persons of concern to UNHCR, following evictions from Algeria and referrals by IOM.

With the facilitation and assistance of IOM and UNHCR (Mali and Nigeria), on 26 September, an individual case of Ivorian nationality was evicted from Algeria. He was later on readmitted to his first country of asylum, Nigeria, where he returned safely.

A Malian asylum seeker sought resettlement in a third country other than Algeria and did not wish to remain in his country of origin because of reprisals from his parents. According to an interview with him conducted by Protection and exchanges with UNHCR Algiers, UNHCR Algiers closed his case. His case was referred to IOM for his socio-economic reintegration.

■ **Mixed Movements trainings:**

The Mixed Movements assisted in developing a training that took place in Gao on Wednesday 26th of September. The training covered RSD fundamentals, as well as technical modules on how to use identification and reporting tools. The training was targeting 5 newly appointed CNCR focal points who are to be shortly deployed in Gao, Timbuktu and Moti regions. UNHCR Gao facilitated the training.

Upon an invitation from the West Africa Democracy Radio to UNHCR, the latter participated and facilitated a training of 10 radio journalists on irregular migration, organized on 28th and 29th September.

Documentation

- In September, 7 birth certificates were issued and distributed among the Mauritanian refugees in Kayes. As of the end of the month, a total number of 578 birth certificates

out of 812 planned for this year, have been distributed to since February 2018. This brings the distribution rate to 71%.

- 100 additional judgments were transcribed in birth certificates to the Samé-Diongoma Town Hall. This brings the total number to 400 additional judgments established on an annual target of 500, representing an achievement rate of 80%.

Reception and orientation

- In September, UNHCR received and oriented 11 refugees and asylum seekers. This brings the total number to 173 individuals (72 women and 101 men) since the beginning of 2018 on annual target of 150, and representing a reception and orientation rate of 115%. The major needs expressed by these refugees are medical and documentation assistance.

Voluntary Returns

- Following the announcement of a voluntary return facilitation on 30th August by UNHCR in Burkina Faso for a group of Malian refugees living in Mentao and Goudoubo camps, DNDS and AMSS protection and monitoring officers of the communes of Gossi, Rharous, Inadiatafane and Bambara Maoude, carried-out assessments regarding the presence of returnees in these respective areas. This evaluation confirmed the presence of 5 households (14 people) including 4 households (11 individuals) in the site of Tintahatene and 1 household (3 people) in the site of Tinanou. According to the assessments' reports, the immediate needs of these people are shelter, food and mosquito nets.

Furthermore, UNHCR in Mopti received a returnee from Djibo / Burkina Faso, announcing the arrival of 16 households of 81 individuals in Boulekessi locality, Mopti region. After exchanges, he the returnee was directed to the service of social development for his registration.

- UNHCR participated in the launch of the information and outreach Campaign for the Voluntary Repatriation of Ivorian Refugees Living in Mali. This meeting was held on September 1, 2018 and reached 45 households (60 persons) from the different communes of the Bamako district. The information campaign will continue Bamako following the schedule established in agreement with the leaders of the Ivorian refugee community.
- On 12 and 13 September 2018, UNHCR in collaboration with the leaders of the Ivorian refugee community, held information and sensitization sessions in the 6 communes of Bamako district. The aim of these outreach sessions was to provide refugees with information on voluntary return conditions in Ivory Coast and the return package. During this two-day sensitization activity, 87 Ivorian refugee households were directly reached. Accordingly, 3 households indicated their intention to return to their country of origin.

SGBV

- Sensitization sessions on the fight against SGBV keep on being held in several sites. Furthermore, in September 396 persons (242 women and 154 men) from refugees and local populations, benefitted from these sessions.
- Radio messages keep on being broadcasted within the framework of the fight against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), early marriage and other types of SGBV. This brings the total number to 103 messages broadcasted out of an annual target of 160.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Preparations for the start of the 2018-2019 academic year took place and appropriate measures were taken to support the creation of three community boarding schools in three host villages.

Bamako

- As part of the promotion of the education of urban refugees, 2 new graduates have benefitted from UNHCR's support as part of their pre-enrolment online at universities of Bamako.
- On Friday, September 14, 2018, the 5th edition of dialogue with refugees under the lead of UNHCR's governmental partner CNCR, was held at the youth center in collaboration with UNHCR and its partner STOP SAHEL. The exchanges focused on education, protection, health, income-generating activities and vocational training.
- As part of the promotion of refugee education, 825 school records were received in preparations of educational assistance for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- An exchange was held with the schooling section of the Rectorate of the University of Economics of Bamako, as part of the facilitation of a Central African refugee.

DAFI Programme (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative)

- As part of the implementation of the DAFI programme, UNHCR shared with DAFI information regarding a free medical consultation day. The day was held on September 22nd, 2018 at the World Institute for Women Empowerment (IMAF).
- A refugee beneficiary of the DAFI programme who has completed his studies in Law and International Relations is currently having an internship at Africable Television.

Kayes

- As a prelude to the start of the school year 2018-2019, sensitization sessions on education and its importance were held in twenty one (21) sites and villages. These sessions targeted Mauritanian refugees and host communities. A total number of 208 persons including 137 refugees (39 women and 98 men) and 71 persons from the host communities (31 women and 40 men) benefitted from this activity.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- Since the beginning of the year, 34 households (123 individuals) have adhered to the health insurance scheme.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- In Gao, 2 hand pump boreholes were constructed on an annual objective of 2.
- In Mopti, the rehabilitation of 5 out of 5 boreholes is progressing to reinforce the existing 21, bringing the implementation rate to 75%.
- In Timbuktu region, the planned 3 water points have been rehabilitated in the communes of Soumpi, Ber and Hamzakoma with an implementation rate of 100%.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Gao

- 80 mud shelters have been rehabilitated, including 20 in Gao, 20 in Ansongo, 20 in Menaka, 20 in Aderanboukane, bringing the implementation rate to 98%.

Mopti

- The rehabilitation of 40 mud shelters and the construction of 40 traditional shelters were completed, bringing the implementation rate to 100%.

Timbuktu

- 32 mud shelters and 144 traditional shelters were rehabilitated. This brings the implementation rate to 65.18% (an annual objective of 270 rehabilitated shelters).



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

- As part of the support to social integration and refugee empowerment in urban areas, the income-generating activities panel met on 26 September 2018 and proceeded with the selection of 4 remaining IGA candidates. Accordingly, 20 beneficiaries were funded according to the annual target.
- With respect to the formulation of durable solutions to irregular migration, self-reliance and livelihoods targeting persons under UNHCR's mandate and host communities continue to be implemented and monitored. Thus, in Mopti, UNHCR's partner Stop-Sahel equipped 08 associations / groups and continued the monitoring of 38 fund beneficiaries (28 old and 10 new) for their income-generating activities.
- In Gao, 15 associations (market gardening, fattening, welding, processing / packaging of agricultural products) benefited from technical training in their respective fields.
- In Timbuktu, a joint monitoring activity (UNHCR-ADES) was made with the association Nafa Haya (30 members) who received last June a complete kit for dyeing. Thanks to this support, the activity of the association, which was pending for months for lack of financial means, has resumed normally. In two months, the association managed to generate income by which it renovated the premises, paid the members and its old debts. The association also expressed the need to be supported to diversify its activities by adding soap.
- In addition, regarding the capacity building of the beneficiaries, a training was organized through the partner ADES for the members of the Baba-Hou Nafa Women's Association of Goundam and the Souba- Youth Association. Nafa de Goundam who

was assisted in small business respectively in 2017 and 2018. The training focused on "entrepreneurship oriented self-care" and was marked by the participation of 39 members (35 women and 4 men).

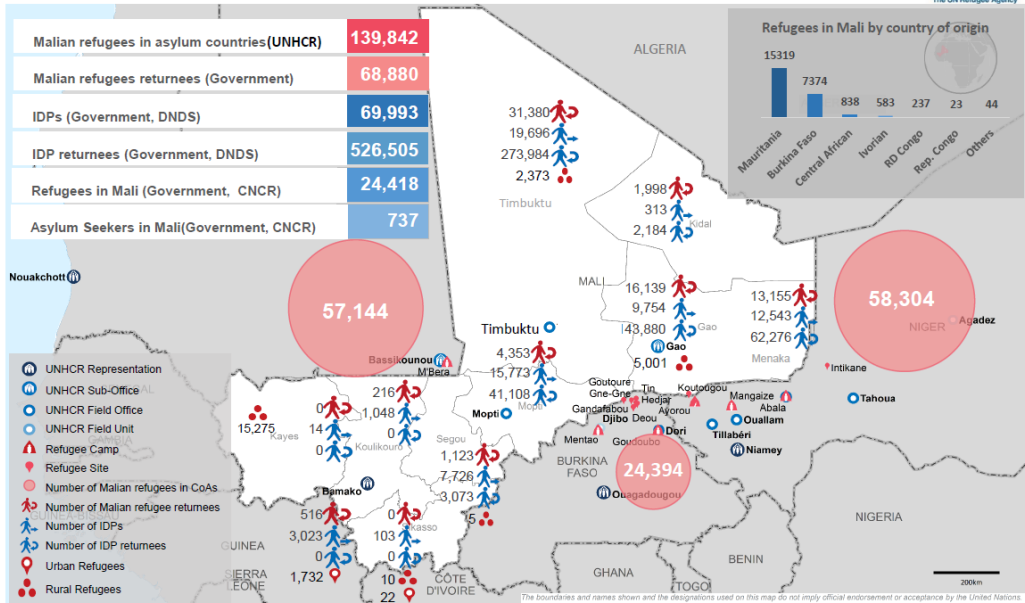
Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 75% of applications for IGA funding remains to be met for refugees.
- 12% of school-age children in urban areas are not covered.
- 25% of the refugee population did not join the health scheme
- 200 refugee identity cards need be produced for urban refugees while 8,854 Mauritanian refugees are waiting for theirs.
- 51% of Malian returnees do not have civil status documents, mainly children.
- 00% Mauritanian refugees naturalized. The required funds represent the cost of the package accompanying the naturalization of 3,000 Mauritanian refugees).
- The Burkinabe situation in Gossi and N'tilit remains unfunded notably the lack of adequate shelters as a major challenge. Since their arrival, these refugees have been living in improvised tents made of random materials. They are therefore exposed to unfavourable weather, notably the persons with special needs, including children, women, elderly and people with serious medical conditions.
- Many Burkinabe refugees suffer from serious or chronic diseases. Due to resource constraints, it is not possible to assist all of them. A targeted support is provided to the most vulnerable only, leaving others relying on their own resources.
- The situation of asylum seekers from Niger currently present in Ménaka is also worth mentioning. While their registration is being planned, they are also facing urgent and critical needs especially in the area of shelter since they were also affected by the recent heavy rains.

Statistical Overview & Infographics

MALI SITUATION

Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Returnees
as of 31 August 2018



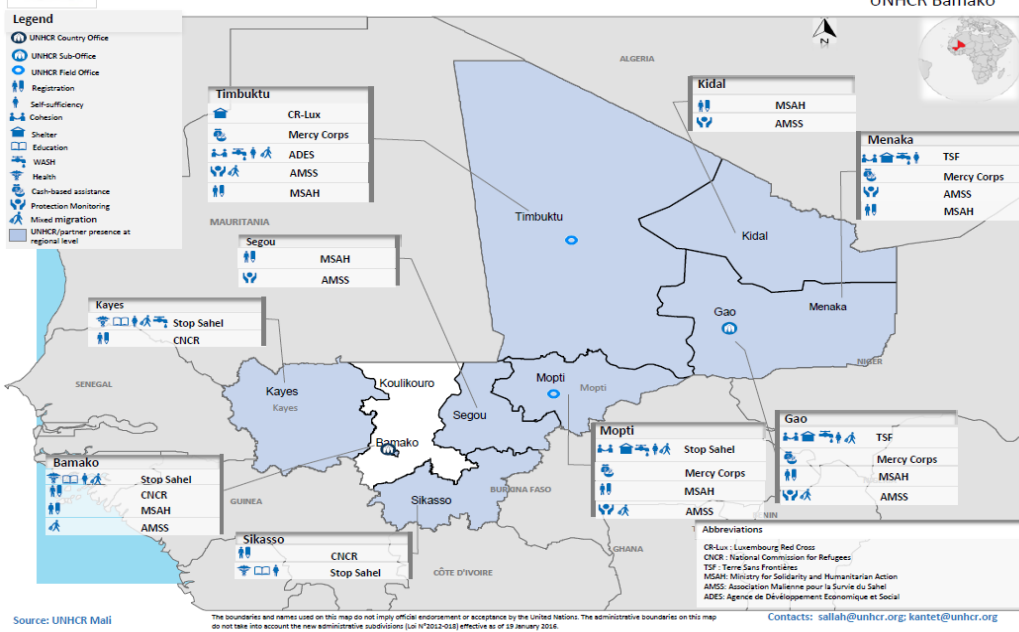
Sources: Malian Refugee Returnees and IDPS - Government of Mali, DNDS, Refugees in Mali - CNCR, Malian refugees - UNHCR.
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Working in partnership



Mali : Partner presence
2018

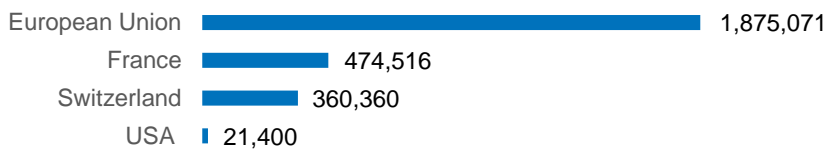


Financial Information

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Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 4,527,035** million, including **US\$ 15,677,406** million for the Mali situation.

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